

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD
IN UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

MINUTES of a **WORK & STUDY** Meeting of the Board of
Education Held on Tuesday, February 13, 2018

A **WORK & STUDY** Meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Plainfield was held this day in the Plainfield High School conference room. Notice had been provided to Board members and to the Courier-News, Star Ledger, Public Library, City Clerk, Plainfield Police Department, and posted in all Plainfield Public Schools and the District's website. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Mrs. Yolanda Koon, Acting Board Secretary, and the following action took place:

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. WELCOME

WELCOME to a Work & Study Meeting of the Plainfield Board of Education. Members hope you will find the meeting interesting and informative. We thank you for taking the time to attend. Please be advised that this and all meetings of the Board are open to the media and public, consistent with the Open Public Meetings Act (Ch. 231, Laws of 1975), and that the advance notice required therein has been provided to the Courier News and the Star Ledger on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 to be advertised on Saturday, February 10, 2018.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mr. Richard Wyatt, President
Mr. Cameron E. Cox, Vice President
Ms. Lynn B. Anderson
Mr. John C. Campbell
Mr. Terence J. Johnson
Mrs. Emily E. Morgan
Ms. Carmencita T. Pile
Dr. Avonia A. Richardson-Miller

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Caryn D. Cooper, Acting Superintendent
Mr. Philip Stern, Esq.
Mrs. Yolanda Koon

Mr. Dorien Hurtt, absent

The following resolution was moved by Ms. Pile seconded by Mr. Cox and unanimously approved by the Board:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A.10:4-11, permits the Board of Education to meet in closed session to discuss certain matters, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Education adjourns to closed session to discuss:

- Personnel
- Legal

and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the minutes of this closed session be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

The Board of Education adjourned into its Executive Session at 6:36 p.m.

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of its Work & Study Meeting at 8:30 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Mr. Wyatt welcomed all and noted that they were very passionate about the business at hand.

V. REMARKS FROM THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Bolandi stated he had the opportunity to visit all the schools and in a month, he will be able to come back to the Board and community on what his findings and strong recommendations will be.

Pillar College representatives presented some offerings to Plainfield.

VI. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

C&I and Finance agendas were moved to the business agenda.

A board member wanted to explore the forensic audit of the student activities accounts.

Dr. Bolandi informed the Board that hiring a forensic auditor is very expensive, what would be the scope of the work, and do we really feel there is gross fraud going on or is it lack of following policies and procedures.

A discussion ensued about Aramark's breakfast in the classroom. Several members of the District mentioned it is not a good thing. Now there is breakfast in the cafeteria and no child goes hungry.

There was a discussion regarding board travel. Dr. Bolandi recommended that each member should have one (1) state conference and (1) national conference and that this is typical.

Policy was moved to the business agenda.

VII. REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC

NONE.

Mr. Wyatt moved and seconded by Mr. Cox and unanimously approved by the Board to return to the executive session at 10:50 p.m.

Mrs. Morgan moved and seconded by Mr. Wyatt and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 p.m.

Reported by,

Yolanda Koon, Acting Board Secretary
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