

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

MINUTES of a **2018 – 2019 SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING** of the Board of
Education Held on Thursday, March 15, 2018

A **2018-2019 Special Budget Meeting** of the Board of Education of the City of Plainfield was held this day in the Plainfield High School, Media Center. 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 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. Yolanda Koon, Acting Board Secretary, and the following action took place:

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. WELCOME

WELCOME to a 2018 – 2019 SPECIAL BUDGET 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 Tuesday, March 6, 2018 to be advertised on Saturday, March 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
Dr. Avonia A. Richardson-Miller

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Ronald E. Bolandi, Interim Superintendent
Mr. Philip Stern, Esq.
Mrs. Yolanda Koon

Mr. Dorien Hurtt, absent
Ms. Carmencita T. Pile, absent

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Wyatt seconded by Mr. Campbell 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 6:32 p.m.

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

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

President Wyatt informed the community of the student walk-out. He informed them that it was a well-organized event.

V. REMARKS FROM THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Bolandi was extremely proud of the students and the stand that they took. They had various assemblies and dialog around the issues. There will be no punitive action taken as students have a right to stand up for what they believe.

Dr. Bolandi along with Mr. Ottmann share the good news that the state aid numbers came out today and Plainfield received at additional \$5.7 million. Part of these funds is a reduction in charter school payments. The State has revised the per/pupil cost for charter school students which was approximately \$1 million. He plan to look at every line item to see where there can be a consolidation. Such as programs, transportation, special education, etc. He will always protect the classroom. We need to continue to bring in our legislators for a discussion on our concerns of the District.

Also, the decision from Dr. Bolandi and the Board consensus was for 6th grade to remain at the elementary/ middle schools; so for those rising 6 graders that applied for the PAAAS, and wish to attend at the 7th grade, their application will be at the top of the list for next year for consideration for admission.

VI. REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC

Teri Slaughter-Cabell mentioned there is no feedback from the Board regarding conferences.

Tim Priano stated letters should be written regarding the charters in Plainfield.

Board member(s) wanted a better understanding of the budget.

Dr. Bolandi mention that he will have Mr. Ottmann update the budget presentation and report to the community with more detail information.

Human Resources, C & I and Finance were moved to the business agenda.

Mrs. Morgan moved and seconded by Mr. Cox and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Reported by,

Yolanda Koon, Acting Board Secretary
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