

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, March 6, 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 6:36 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, February 28, 2018 to be advertised on Saturday, March 3, 2018.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mr. Richard Wyatt, President
Mr. Cameron E. Cox, Vice President
Ms. Lynn B. Anderson
Mr. John C. Campbell, arr. @ 6:40 p.m.
Mr. Terence J. Johnson, arr. @ 7:48 p.m.
Mrs. Emily E. Morgan, arr. @ 6:40 p.m.
Ms. Carmencita T. Pile
Dr. Avonia A. Richardson-Miller

ALSO PRESENT

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

Mr. Dorien Hurtt, absent

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Cox seconded by Mr. Wyatt 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 6:45 p.m.

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of its Work & Study Meeting at 8:45 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Mr. Wyatt welcomed the community and stated we will go through the agenda quickly since there is a State of Emergency.

V. REMARKS FROM THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Bolandi mentioned that due to the incident that happen in Florida, the students want to protest. He indicated that some of our students have mental health issues and which will be addressed.

He also stated schools will be closed Wednesday, March 7, 2018 due to the pending implement weather. There will be a Special Budget meeting next week on Thursday, March 15, 2018.

Dr. Bolandi highlighted the major issue of poor attendance and lateness in the District. An attendance committee has been developed to address these issues.

VI. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Human Resources including walk-on) was moved to the business agenda.

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

Gary Ottmann presented the FY19 Budget presentation. It highlighted the challenges and major cost drivers; how underfunded Plainfield BOE continues to be.

Dr. Bolandi mentioned the need to meet with the NJ Law Center/ Rutgers to inform them of our dire situation with funding. We should be active with our Legislators.

VII REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC

Cory Storch, Plainfield City Councilman, stated the Board should try to invite the Plainfield City Council and the Mayor to try to save funding where feasible. It should be a partnership with the City of Plainfield. He also stated he works in the field of mental health and he would like to see how he could assist in helping address some of the issues, since there is a lack of mental health services.

Mr. Wyatt moved and seconded by Ms. Pile and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Reported by,

Yolanda Koon, Acting Board Secretary.
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