

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, April 12, 2011

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 on the Plainfield Public Schools' website. Mr. Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and the following action took place:

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. WELCOME

WELCOME to a Work & Study Meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Plainfield. 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 advance notice required therein has been provided to the Courier News and the Star Ledger on Thursday, March 31, 2011 for advertisement on Saturday, April 2, 2011.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mrs. Lisa Logan-Leach, President
Mr. Rasheed Abdul-Haqq, Vice President
Ms. Patricia I. Barksdale, arr. @ 6:50 p.m.
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell, arr. @ 6:45 p.m.
Mr. Agurs Linward Cathcart, Jr.
Mrs. Keisha Edwards, arr. @ 7:55 p.m.
Mr. Brenda Gilbert
Mrs. Renata A. Hernandez, arr. @ 6:50 p.m.
Ms. Katherine Peterson

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles, Interim Superintendent
Ms. Caryn Cooper (public only)
Mr. Gary L. Ottmann
Mr. Robert Pickett, Esq.
Mr. Charles Craig, Esq.
Ms. Lauren Craig, Esq.

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Logan-Leach, 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 adjourned to closed session to discuss:

- personnel and 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 the Work & Study Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Mrs. Logan-Leach said unfortunately she could not stay for the entire Staff Recognition Event last Friday. She thanked everyone who participated.

V. REMARKS FROM THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Belin-Pyles advised the Board that we have thirty (30) tickets for the circus for tomorrow. Hubbard Middle School students will attend.

VI. REMARKS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

This Friday is the multi-cultural event and over 100 people are registered.

The Delegate Assembly alternate, Mr. Abdul-Haqq, will be attending the annual meeting May 14, 2011.

The Board reviewed C & I, Finance and Policy agendas and moved them to the business agenda.

There were a number of questions relative to the cruise for PHS students to Canada.

Mrs. Campbell asked what confirmation there is that a certain level of fundraising has been achieved.

She also clarified that the Board had never previously seen an agenda item for Washington School students to see The Lion King.

The Board members were concerned that fundraising for this trip began prior to board approval.

Mrs. Hernandez was concerned about the inconsistency of chaperones to students on various field trips.

Ms. Barksdale moved, seconded by Mrs. Campbell and unanimously approved by the Board, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Recorded by:

Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary
GLO/bsc