

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 9, 2013

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 6:40 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 Wednesday, March 20, 2013 for advertisement on Saturday, March 23, 2013.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell, President  
Mrs. Keisha Edwards, Vice President  
Mrs. Jackie Coley  
Ms. Mahogany Hendricks  
Mrs. Renata A. Hernandez  
Mr. Dorien Hurtt, arr. @ 6:55 p.m.  
Ms. Jameelah Surgeon

Mr. Alex O. Edache, absent  
Mr. Frederick D. Moore, Sr., absent

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles, Superintendent  
Mr. Gary L. Ottmann  
Mr. Pickett, Esq., arr. @ 6:50 p.m.  
Mr. Craig, Esq., arr. @ 6:50 p.m.  
Mr. Nixon Kannah, Esq.

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Hernandez seconded by Mrs. 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 6:41 p.m.

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of its Work & Study meeting at 7:55 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Mrs. Campbell participated in the Month of the Child program yesterday. She presented a proclamation on behalf of the Board.

V. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

NONE.

VI. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

The Board moved the C & I, Finance and Policy agendas to the business meeting.

Mrs. Hernandez reviewed a request from the Youth Organization for Unity and would like to continue the program under school/community relations. She asked the Superintendent to prepare a resolution for approval on the March 23, 2013 Business Meeting.

Mrs. Belin-Pyles indicated that there needs to be additional conversation about costs of the program and a partnership.

VII. REMARKS FROM THE POLICY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Campbell thought that we should look at conduct & dress policies based on concerns that had been raised previously about inappropriate dress.

The Board members feel Plainfield's current dress policy is strong but perhaps it is not being enforced.

Staff will be sent a reminder on conduct & dress.

Our policy will be updated to reflect supervision.

Mr. Hurtt moved and seconded by Ms. Surgeon and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Recorded by:

Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary  
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