

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, August 5, 2008

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, Comcast Cable Co., 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 6:47 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, July 17, 2008 for advertisement on Friday, August 1, 2008..

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mr. Martin Cox, Vice President
Mr. Rasheed Abdul-Haqq
Ms. Patricia Barksdale
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell
Mr. Agurs Linward Cathcart, Jr.
Mr. Christian Estevez
Mrs. Lisa C. Logan-Leach

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Steve Gallon III
Dr. Garnell Bailey
Mr. Gary L. Ottmann
Mr. Raymond Hamlin

Ms. Bridget Rivers, absent
Ms. Vickey Sheppard, absent

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Cox, seconded by Ms. Barksdale, 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:

1 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 6:48 p.m.

The Board resumed the public session of its Work & Study Meeting at 8:05 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Mr. Cox reported that Ms. Rivers is out of town due to an emergency and that he is looking forward to a great school year.

V. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Gallon said we should be looking forward to the arrival of our teachers and students shortly.

The Administrative Offices have been partially relocated to 1200 Myrtle Ave. and will be finalized by August 15, 2008. Going forward, the Board meetings will be held at our new administrative building. Dr. Gallon said "We're excited about the work that we are doing and we have presentations planned for tonight".

Dr. Gallon introduced the concept and staff gave an overview of the planned new Plainfield Academy for Academic and Civic Development.

Dr. Bailey reviewed the administrative performance planning, assessment and evaluation system.

There was a discussion of a planning committee to arrange a welcome party for Dr. Gallon in September or October.

VI. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

The Board reviewed the C & I, Finance and Policy Agendas.

Ms. Barksdale moved, seconded by Mrs. Lisa Logan-Leach and unanimously approved by the Board, to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 p.m.

Recorded by:

Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary
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