

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, February 10, 2009

A **WORK & STUDY** Meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Plainfield was held this day in the Plainfield Board of Education Administration Building, auditorium. 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 6:45 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 Tuesday, January 27, 2009 for advertisement on Friday, January 30, 2009.

**III. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT

Ms. Bridget Rivers, President, arr. @ 7:15p.m.  
Mr. Martin P. Cox, Vice President  
Mr. Rasheed Abdul-Haqq  
Ms. Patricia I. Barksdale  
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell  
Mr. Agurs Linward Cathcart, Jr. arr. @ 8:30p.m.  
Mr. Christian Estevez  
Mr. Joseph Ruffin, Sr., arr. @ 6:55p.m.

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Steve Gallon III, Superintendent  
Mr. Gary L. Ottmann  
Ms. Angela Kemp  
Mr. Raymond Hamlin, Esq

Mrs. Lisa C. Logan-Leach, 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 6:46 p.m.**

The Board resumed the public session of its Work & Study Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

NONE

V. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

There will be a number of presentations coming forward. Some of which, will need Board approval, and some that will not.

VI. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

NONE

VII. PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Gallon gave a presentation on the District's "School Budget Review and Reconciliation".

There were a number of board questions related to the sharing of the nursing staff.

Representatives from the Foreman Group gave a presentation on the outcome of the running track improvement study at Hub Stine Field.

Mrs. Carletta Jones reviewed the proposed implementation of the "On-Line Applicant Tracking System (KEMS).

Mr. Cathcart moved, seconded by Ms. Barksdale and unanimously approved by the Board, to return to the executive session at 10:05p.m.

Mr. Cox moved, seconded by Ms. Barksdale and unanimously approved by the Board, to adjourn the meeting at 11:05p.m.

Recorded by;

Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary  
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