

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD
IN UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

MINUTES of a **SPECIAL** Meeting of the Board of
Education Held on Wednesday, February 29, 2012

A **SPECIAL** Meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Plainfield was held this day in the Plainfield High School, auditorium. 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 6:20 p.m. by Mrs. Renata A. Hernandez, Board President, and the following action took place:

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. WELCOME

WELCOME to a Special 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, February 23, 2012 for advertisement on Saturday, February 25, 2012.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mrs. Renata A. Hernandez, President
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell, Vice President
Mr. Alex O. Edache, arr. @ 6:25 p.m.
Mrs. Keisha Edwards
Mr. Dorien Hurtt, left @ 8:00 p.m.
Mrs. Lisa C. Logan-Leach, arr. @ 8:00 p.m.
Dr. Susan Phifer
Ms. Jameelah Surgeon, left @ 8:00 p.m.

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles, Interim Superintendent,
arr. @ 8:00 p.m.
Mr. Gary L. Ottmann, arr. @ 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Brenda L. Gilbert, absent

The following resolution was moved by Ms. Surgeon, 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 6:25 p.m.

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of its Special Meeting at 8:01 p.m.

IV. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

A Adoption of Preliminary Budget for the 2012 – 2013 School Year

The Interim Superintendent of Schools recommends, moved by Mrs. Logan-Leach and seconded by Dr. Phifer adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the tentative budget be approved for the 2012 – 2013 school year using the 2012 – 2013 state aid figures and that the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

| | <u>General Fund</u> | <u>Special Revenues</u> | <u>Debt Service</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 2012 – 13 Total Appropriations | \$145,567,709.00 | \$25,495,086.00 | \$2,370,305.00 | \$173,433,100.00 |
| Less: Anticipated Revenues | \$123,281,914.00 | \$25,495,086.00 | \$1,157,036.00 | \$149,934,036.00 |
| Taxes to be raised | \$22,285,795.00 | - 0 - | \$1,213,269.00 | \$23,499,064.00 |

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Courier News in accordance with the form suggested by the New Jersey Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held at Plainfield High School on March 27, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2012 – 2013 school year.

The motion carried on a roll-call vote with five members in favor and none were opposed.

Mrs. Edwards moved, and seconded by Dr. Phifer and unanimously approved by the Board, to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Recorded by:

Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary
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