

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 4, 2014

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. Ms. Yolanda Henry, Interim 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, January 29, 2014 for advertisement on Saturday, February 1, 2014.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell, President  
Mrs. Keisha Edwards, Vice President  
Mrs. Deborah Clarke  
Mrs. Jackie Coley  
Mr. Alex O. Edache, arr. @ 7:38 p.m.  
Mrs. Mahogany Hall  
Mr. Dorien Hurtt  
Mr. Frederick D. Moore, Sr.  
Ms. Jameelah Surgeon

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles, Superintendent  
Ms. Yolanda Henry  
Mr. Robert Picket, Esq.  
Mr. Charles Craig, Esq.

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Campbell seconded by Mrs. Edwards, 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 6:42 p.m.

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of its Work & Study meeting at 8:45 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Mrs. Campbell allowed several parents, faculty and staff from PAAAS to express their feelings and concerns regarding a separate graduation for PAAAS.

Mrs. Belin-Pyles also gave in detail her perspective and informed all that she took a look at several positions and views on this subject, however; her decision remained the same and that is to have one Plainfield graduation.

It was suggested that Mrs. Belin-Pyles communicate in writing using various venues, all the details and logistics about the graduation, so that parents and the community are aware and have a clear understanding of the process.

V. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

NONE.

VI. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

The Curriculum & Instruction and Finance were moved to the business agenda.

VII. REMARKS FROM THE POLICY COMMITTEE

The Board would like to see the graduation policy to review the scholarship-clearing house for all Plainfield students.

## VIII. REPORT OF THE CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

### C. Professional Development

#### (16) Staff Development Workshops, Inc.

##### Strategic Plan Link

##### Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS

The Superintendent of Schools recommends and moved by Mrs. Edwards and seconded by Ms. Surgeon adoption of the following:

### RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that a highly qualified, competent, skilled, and dedicated workforce is essential to the success of the District and the students. The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring that all students meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

Elliot Y. Merenbloom, Educational Consultant, provides staff development in master scheduling development. He has presented workshops throughout the country and has also authored two (2) books, Creative Scheduling and Making Creative Schedules Work.

On February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Mr. Merenbloom will provide professional development for effective master scheduling development for secondary schools master scheduling development teams. He will provide a vast repertoire of practical strategies that can be immediately implemented and assist with the construction of an effective master schedule aligned with the CCSS.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves payment to Educational Consultant, Elliot Y. Merenbloom for providing two (2) sessions of professional development on February 11-12, 2014, for an amount not to exceed \$5,800.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-278-200000-320A-26-0000 (T2A Edu Consultants-PD).

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

Ms. Surgeon moved and seconded by Mr. Moore and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Recorded by:

Yolanda Henry, Interim Board Secretary  
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