

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 5, 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, January 30, 2013 for advertisement on Saturday, February 2, 2013.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mrs. Wilma Campbell, President
Mrs. Keisha Edwards, Vice President, arr. @ 6:50 p.m.
Mrs. Jackie Coley
Mr. Alex O. Edache
Mrs. Renata Hernandez
Mr. Dorien Hurtt, arr. @ 7:05 p.m.
Mr. Frederick D. Moore, Sr. after being sworn in
Ms. Jameelah Surgeon

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles, Superintendent
Mr. Gary L. Ottmann
Mr. Robert Pickett, Esq., arr. @ 7:55 p.m.
Mr. Charles Craig, Esq.

Ms. Mahogany Hendricks, excused

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Campbell seconded by Mrs. Coley, 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 6:36 p.m.

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of its Work & Study meeting at 7:59 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

The Board needs to fill a vacancy on the school board and Mrs. Campbell is looking for suggestions.

Mrs. Hernandez feels we should fill it as soon as possible.

Mrs. Coley feels the next highest vote getter should be selected.

Mrs. Edwards agreed with Mrs. Hernandez.

The Board appointed Frederick Moore.

Mr. Ottmann swore him in.

Mrs. Campbell is very excited about the recent conference in Washington, D.C. that she attended with Mrs. Belin-Pyles. Secretary of Education Duncan was a speaker there and national initiatives seem very closely related to NJ initiatives such as vouchers, charter schools, teacher evaluation, etc. They met with a number of NJ congressmen/senators and they seem to be on the same page as well.

V. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Belin-Pyles echoed Mrs. Campbell's comments and she also feels that we need to go to Trenton and lobby for Plainfield too.

VI. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

The Board moved the C & I, Finance and Policy agendas to the business meeting. The Board also approved the field house and turf field projects.

Ms. Morales reviewed the need for IPAD training and how that would lead to improvement in student learning.

VII. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ms. Surgeon moved Items E & G as a Consent Agenda, seconded by Mrs. Edwards. The motion carried on a roll-call vote with eight members in favor and none were opposed.

E. Schools Development Authority – Capital Maintenance Project – Cook School

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 3: Business Practices

To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of business operations.

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

The “Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act,” P.L. 2000, c. 72 enacted on July 18, 2000 and amended on August 6, 2007 by P.L. 2007, c. 137 (the “Act”), establishes a comprehensive program for the design, renovation, repair and new construction of primary and secondary schools throughout the State. The Act provides for, among other things, the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (the “SDA”) to undertake all of the school facilities projects in SDA Districts. The Act also provides that in the case of a capital maintenance project, a type of school facilities project as defined herein, the SDA “may, in its discretion, authorize an SDA district to undertake the design, acquisition, construction and all other appropriate actions necessary to complete the capital maintenance project and shall enter into a grant agreement with the district for the payment of the State share.” N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-13a.

The school district has received funding approval to replace the existing deficient roofing system.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education authorizes execution and delivery of the Grant Agreement to the Schools Development Authority and further delegates the authority to the School Business Administrator for the supervision of the capital maintenance project at Cook School: DOE Project #4160-120-12-1400; SDA Project #4160-120-12-0ADY; Grant # GB-0247.

G. Schools Development Authority – Capital Maintenance Project – Plainfield High School – 1916 Building

Strategic Plan Link:

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The school district has received funding approval to replace the existing deficient exterior windows and doors.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education authorizes execution and delivery of the Grant Agreement to the Schools Development Authority and further delegates the authority to the School Business Administrator for the supervision of the capital maintenance project at Plainfield High School – 1916 building: DOE Project #4160-050-12-6400; SDA Project #4160-050-12-0ADX; Grant # GB-0246.

Ms. Surgeon moved and seconded by Mrs. Edwards and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Recorded by:

Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary
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