

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 8, 2011

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 6:55 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, January 13, 2011 for advertisement on Saturday, January 29, 2011.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mr. Rasheed Abdul-Haqq, Vice President
Ms. Patricia I. Barksdale
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell
Mr. Agurs Linward Cathcart, Jr.
Mrs. Keisha Edwards, arr. @ 7:20 p.m.
Mr. Brenda Gilbert
Mrs. Renata A. Hernandez

Mrs. Lisa Logan-Leach, absent
Ms. Katherine Peterson, absent

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles, Interim Superintendent
Mr. Gary L. Ottmann
Mr. Robert Pickett, Esq.
Mr. Charles Craig, Esq.

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert, 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:

- 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 7:00 p.m.

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of the Work & Study Meeting at 8:09 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Mr. Abdul-Haqq indicated that tonight's meeting has been advertised in the Courier News and Star Ledger.

Mrs. Logan-Leach was not present and Mr. Abdul-Haqq conducted the meeting.

V. REMARKS FROM THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Belin-Pyles introduced Michele Frazier, Human Resources Consultant.

VI. REMARKS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Mrs. Campbell indicated the Human Resources agenda will be moving to the Business agenda.

Mrs. Hernandez indicated that a youth summit is planned for April 29 – 30, 2011 and that it will engage their peers in a wide array of issues.

The Board moved both the C & I and Finance agendas to the Business agenda. The Board also authorized administrators to proceed with issuing a bid for energy reduction services.

Mrs. Barksdale inquired what the Board's position is on board member travel.

Mrs. Edwards gave her rationale for her position on travel.

Mrs. Hernandez emphasized her comments were not personal. The Board needs to stay abreast of current events.

Mrs. Gilbert recommended that the travel agenda item be brought back for board action.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

Ross Kelly from Energy Educators gave a presentation on its firm proposal to reduce energy usage in the District.

Ms. Barksdale moved, seconded by Mrs. Campbell and unanimously approved by the Board, to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

Recorded by:

Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary
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