

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, January 10, 2012

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 4, 2012 for advertisement on Saturday, January 7, 2012.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mrs. Renata A. Hernandez, President
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell, Vice President
Mr. Alex O. Edache
Mrs. Keisha Edwards
Mrs. Brenda Gilbert
Mr. Dorien Hurtt
Ms. Jameelah Surgeon

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles, Interim Superintendent
Mr. Gary L. Ottmann
Mr. Robert Pickett, Esq.
Mr. Charles Craig, Esq.
Ms. Lauren Craig, Esq.
Ms. Adia Perry, Esq.
Mr. Nixon Kannah, Esq.

Mrs. Lisa C. Logan-Leach, absent

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Campbell, seconded by Ms. Surgeon, 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 6:45 p.m.

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of the Work & Study Meeting at 8:25 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Mrs. Hernandez advised that the Board will be holding their retreat on January 28, 2012 at the Healing Hands Spa.

V. REMARKS FROM THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

The Commissioner of Children and Family Services will be visiting the Family Success Center on Wednesday, January 11, 2012.

VI. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

The Board reviewed C & I, Finance and Policy committee agendas.

Dr. Peter Welling from Scientific Learning gave a presentation on a proposed purchase of a "Fast Forward Language Program" for Washington School.

Mr. Hurtt was not convinced that the District can currently implement the program, and feels that it should be pulled from the agenda.

Mr. Pickett gave an overview of previous legal settlements that the Board approved in executive session in now Item G reflects the Board ratification of the settlements.

Mrs. Gilbert asked for clarification concerning photos being taken of Board Members.

The Board discussed insurance RFP's. Mr. Ottmann will provide additional information.

VII. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Campbell moved Items G & H, seconded by Mrs. Edwards. The motion carried, on a roll-call vote, with seven members in favor. None were opposed.

G. Settlements

The Plainfield Board of Education approved the following settlements on the dates indicated and these settlements are hereby ratified and confirmed on this date:

1. September 8, 2010, OAL COMM. OF EDUCATION matter handled by P&C, IMO of Tenure Hearing of S.G. III, EDU 07091-10/11115-10 for (six months back pay, submission of resignation and dismissal of challenge to termination by District before the Commissioner Of Education).
2. September 21, 2010, WORKERS COMP. matter handled by HH&R, C.G. v. Plainfield Board of Education, PLB027350 for \$15,000.00.
3. September 21, 2010, WORKERS COMP. matter handled by HH&R, D.D. v. Plainfield Board of Education, PLB028246 for \$14,553.00.
4. October 21, 2010, WORKERS COMP. matter handled by HH&R, J.H-C. v. Plainfield Board of Education, PLB023139 for \$25,265.70.
5. November 9, 2010, Grievance settlement handled by P&C, PEA Grievance 09:09:10, AR-2009-598 for \$45,000.00.
6. November 9, 2010, Grievance settlement handled by P&C, R.R. v. Plainfield Board of Education, AR-2010-402 for \$43,300.00.
7. December 21, 2010, Grievance settlement handled by P&C, arbitration handled by HH&R, P.G. v. Plainfield Board of Education, A-1599-09T2 for \$65,404.39.
8. January 11, 2011, OAL COMM. OF EDUCATION matter handled by NJSBAIG, L.D.P. v. Plainfield Board of Education, EDU 09680-2010N for \$20,241.09.
9. January 18, 2011, WORKERS COMP. matter handled by HH&R, J.J.B v. Plainfield Board of Education, PLB029876 for \$9,270.00.
10. March 8, 2011, Grievance settlement handled by P&C, IMO J.B. for \$7,500.00.
11. March 8, 2011, OAL COMM. OF EDUCATION matter, settlement handled by P&C, litigation handled by HH&R, L.F. v. Plainfield Board of Education, EDU 09750- 2008N for \$60,000.00.
12. March 8, 2011, WORKERS COMP. matter handled by HH&R, A.C. v. Plainfield Board of Education, PLB020322 for \$52,720.00 (actual settlement amount \$50,670.06).
13. March 8, 2011, WORKERS COMP. matter handled by HH&R, M.S. v. Plainfield Board of Education, PLB026281 for \$20,613.00.
14. March 15, 2011, OAL COMM. OF EDUCATION matter handled by P&C, D.O. v. Plainfield Board of Education, EDU 08476-2010 N for \$0.
15. March 15, 2011, OPRA matter handled by P&C, M.P. v. Plainfield Board of Education, UNN-L-4400-10 for \$2,775.00.
16. April 19, 2011, WORKERS COMP. matter handled by HH&R, S.T. v. Plainfield Board of Education, WORKERS COMP.082566 for \$133,200.00 (actual settlement amount \$102,780.00).
17. April 19, 2011, WORKERS COMP. matter handled by HH&R, R.H. v. Plainfield Board of Education, PLB031353 for \$35,310.00.
18. May 17, 2011, WORKERS COMP. matter handled by HH&R, S.M. v. Plainfield Board of Education (WORKERS COMP.), PLB024362 for \$7,000.00 (actual settlement amount \$5,818.75.)
19. July 26, 2011, OAL COMM. OF EDUCATION matter handled by P&C, R.L. v. Plainfield Board of Education, EDU-13485-2010N for \$0.
20. July 26, 2011, OAL COMM. OF EDUCATION matter handled by P&C, R.W. v. Plainfield Board of Education, EDU 13508-2010N for \$6,023.26.
21. August 16, 2011, WORKERS COMP. matter handled by P&C, S.J-T. v. Plainfield Board of Education, PLB025651 for \$40,815.00.
22. August 16, 2011, OPRA matter handled by P&C, J.P. v. Plainfield Board of Education, GRC Comp. No. 2010-252 for \$720.00.

H. NJQSAC Statement of Assurance School Year 2011-12

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

RESOLUTION

The Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) is a statutorily – mandated system of school district performance assessment and is New Jersey's system of education accountability.

QSAC was created in accordance with the Quality Single Accountability Continuum Act, adopted by the New Jersey Legislature in September 2005. Administrative regulations to implement QSAC were adopted by the Commissioner of Education, effective February 22, 2007.

QSAC requires that in every public school district in New Jersey, members of the board of education, administrators, teachers and other staff members convene every three years to assess their district's performance in five key areas:

- Instructional and Program
- Personnel
- Fiscal Management
- Operations Management
- Governance

QSAC involves a performance assessment by a district committee, a statement of assurance signed by the chief school administrator and approved by the board of education, verification by the executive county superintendent, review by the Commissioner of Education and placement at the appropriate point on the performance continuum.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education hereby approves for submission to the NJDOE via the Executive County Superintendent of Schools the NJQSAC Statement of Assurance School Year 2011-12.

Ms. Surgeon moved, seconded by Mrs. Edwards and unanimously approved by the Board, to return to executive session at 9:35 p.m.

Mr. Hurtt moved, seconded by Mrs. Edwards and unanimously approved by the Board, to return to the public session at 9:55 p.m.

Mr. Hurtt moved, seconded by Mrs. Campbell and unanimously approved by the Board, to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 p.m.

Recorded by:

Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary
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