

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 11, 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 6:40 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 5, 2011 for advertisement on Friday, January 7, 2011.

**III. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT

Mrs. Lisa C. Logan-Leach, President.  
Mr. Rasheed Abdul-Haqq, Vice President  
Ms. Patricia I. Barksdale, arr. @ 6:46 p.m.  
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell  
Mr. Agurs Linward Cathcart, Jr.  
Mrs. Keisha Edwards, arr. @ 6:45 p.m.  
Mr. Brenda Gilbert  
Mrs. Renata A. Hernandez

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles, Interim Superintendent  
Mr. Gary L. Ottmann  
Mr. Robert Pickett, Esq., arr. @ 6:46 p.m.  
Mr. Charles Craig, Esq., arr. @ 7:00 p.m.  
Ms. Lauren Craig, Esq.

Ms. Katherine Peterson, absent

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 6:41 p.m.**

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of the Work & Study Meeting at 8:05 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Mrs. Logan-Leach wished everyone a happy new year. This is Board of Education recognition month. Every board member will be on the website for two (2) days. Also, you can still rsvp for the Cardinal's banquet scheduled for January 16, 2011.

V. REMARKS FROM THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

None.

VI. REMARKS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

The Board reviewed the C & I and Finance agendas.

There were some concerns about professional development for human resources employees as well as tuition for homeless students.

Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Hernandez expressed concerns about board members who are up for election and are going to a conference the same month as the election.

Mr. Cathcart has no problem not going if three (3) other members wish to go. Mrs. Edwards echoed Lenny's comments.

Mrs. Gilbert moved, seconded by Mrs. Campbell and unanimously approved by the Board, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Recorded by:

Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary  
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