

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 12, 2010

A **WORK & STUDY** Meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Plainfield was held this day in the Plainfield Board of Education Administration Building, auditorium. 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 Monday, December 21, 2009 for advertisement on Saturday, December 26, 2009.

**III. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT

Mr. Martin P. Cox, Vice President  
Ms. Patricia I. Barksdale  
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell @ 7:25 pm  
Ms. Sandra L. Chambers @ 6:55pm  
Mr. Christian Estevez  
Mrs. Brenda L. Gilbert  
Ms. Katherine Peterson

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Steve Gallon III, Superintendent  
Mr. Gary L. Ottmann  
Ms. Angela Kemp @ 8:00pm  
Mr. Terry Ridley, Esq.  
Ms. Sarah Jones, Esq.

Mr. Agurs Linward Cathcart, Jr., absent  
Mrs. Lisa C. Logan-Leach, absent

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Cox, seconded by Ms. Barksdale, 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 6:40 p.m.**

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of the Work & Study Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

**IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD VICE PRESIDENT**

Since President Cathcart is not here tonight, we will go straight to the remarks from the Superintendent.

**V. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Gallon indicated that there will be a presentation tonight on the federal "Race to the top" program. He also mentioned the new District blog.

**VI. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

None

Mr. Estevez moved, seconded by Ms. Barksdale and unanimously approved by the Board, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Recorded by:

Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary

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