

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 15, 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 6:35 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 2, 2013 for advertisement on Saturday, January 5, 2013.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mrs. Wilma Campbell, President  
Mrs. Keisha Edwards, Vice President  
Mrs. Jackie Coley  
Mrs. Delois Dameron  
Ms. Mahogany Hendricks  
Mrs. Renata Hernandez  
Mr. Dorien Hurtt, arr. @ 7:10 p.m.  
Ms. Jameelah Surgeon

ALSO PRESENT

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

Mr. Alex O. Edache, unexcused

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Edwards seconded by Mrs. Campbell, 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.

VII. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

NONE.

VIII. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Belin-Pyles indicated that we will have a presentation tonight by Michael Pate, the District's Energy Education specialist.

Mrs. Belin-Pyles also reported on the successful parent workshop this past Saturday at PHS.

IX. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

The Board moved the C & I, Finance and Policy agendas to the business meeting.

Mrs. Campbell remarked again about the budget committee advisory capacity.

The Board discussed PHS coaches' trip to Wilkes Barre tomorrow and the Board approved the trip in a board vehicle to be driven by Corey Tucker.

Mrs. Campbell reminded everyone that this is "Board Appreciation" month and she thanked everyone for their board work. She also welcomed board members to help her on the board retreat tentatively scheduled for Saturday, February 23, 2013, 1:00 – 5:0 p.m.

Mr. Pickett wants to give the Board a legal update at the retreat.

The Board talked about a possible District newsletter mailing and that the message should be professional.

The Board also discussed the District's banking. The purpose of the Banking committee is to see what benefit the community can get from banks that we use. An RFP will be issued. Mrs. Belin-Pyles indicated that the new PNC Plainfield manager is very interested in working with the District.

Mr. Hurtt moved and seconded by Mrs. Edwards and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Recorded by:

Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary  
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