

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD
IN UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

MINUTES of a **SPECIAL** Meeting of the Board of
Education Held on Thursday, January 27, 2011

A **SPECIAL** 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 6:50 p.m. and the following action took place:

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. WELCOME

WELCOME to a SPECIAL 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, January 24, 2011 for advertisement on Tuesday, January 25, 2011.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mrs. Lisa C. Logan-Leach, President.
Mr. Rasheed Abdul-Haqq, Vice President
Ms. Patricia I. Barksdale
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell, arr. @ 8:00 p.m.
Mr. Agurs Linward Cathcart, Jr.
Mrs. Keisha Edwards
Mrs. Renata A. Hernandez

ALSO PRESENT

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

Mr. Brenda Gilbert, absent
Ms. Katherine Peterson, absent

The following resolution was moved by Ms. Barksdale, seconded by Mrs. Edwards, 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 6:51 p.m.

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

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Mrs. Logan-Leach welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting and apologized for the late public start. She indicated that the Board had requested a representative from Genesis to attend tonight's meeting, but due to legal concerns they declined.

Mrs. Belin-Pyles echoed Mrs. Leach's comments and also indicated that tonight provided an opportunity for the public to ask questions. She introduced Ryan Sears and Gary Bloom who gave a presentation on last week's incident.

V. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Scott Belin inquired if we have a disaster recovery plan

Julie Murray had a question if there will be a policy mandating posting of grades and attendance.

VI. BOARD QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Mr. Cathcart was disappointed to learn that only 500 parents are signed up for the parent portal.

Mrs. Campbell asked for clarification of "theft" of data vs. "vandalism" of data. Mr. Sears provided that information.

Mrs. Hernandez requested the Interim Superintendent to give a range of student records compromised. Mrs. Belin-Pyles indicated less than 1% and that law enforcement agencies have been contacted.

Mr. Abdul-Haqq was also concerned about the low percentage of parent portal users.

Ms. Barksdale inquired if this was an isolated incident or was other school districts also hacked?

Mrs. Belin-Pyles indicated this question is being addressed by law enforcement.

Mrs. Logan-Leach inquired how much the District pays for the annual use of Genesis and how many employees are assigned to Genesis. What steps is the District taking to give assurances that a breach won't happen again. None of the district's systems have ever been vandalized in the past.

Ms. Barksdale moved, seconded by Mrs. Campbell and unanimously approved by the Board, to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Recorded by:

Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary
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