

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 6, 2009

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, Comcast Cable Co., 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, December 23, 2008 for advertisement on Friday, January 2, 2009.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Ms. Bridget Rivers, President
Mr. Martin P. Cox, Vice President
Mr. Rasheed Abdul-Haqq
Ms. Patricia I. Barksdale
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell
Mr. Agurs Linward Cathcart, Jr. arr. @ 7:05 p.m.
Mr. Christian Estevez

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Steve Gallon III, Superintendent
Dr. Garnell V. Bailey
Mr. Gary L. Ottmann
Mr. Raymond Hamlin, Esq.
Ms. Kalimah Ahmad, Esq.

Mrs. Lisa C. Logan-Leach - absent

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Estevez, seconded by Mr. Cox, 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 6:36 p.m.

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of its Work & Study Meeting at 7:55 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Ms. Rivers recently met with new Council member Burney who indicated that the Council would like to hold some council meetings in board buildings. Councilman Rashid Burney also expressed an interest in exploring shared services with the Board.

V. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

None.

VI. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

The Human Resources, Curriculum & Instruction, Finance, and Policy Committee Reports were moved to the Business Agenda.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Barksdale gave an overview of the things that she learned at the CUBE Conference held in Las Vegas in September 2008.

Mr. Cox moved, seconded by Ms. Barksdale and unanimously approved by the Board, to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Recorded by:

Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary
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