

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, July 13, 2010

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 6:45 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, July 7, 2010 for advertisement on Friday, July 9, 2010.

**III. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT

Mrs. Lisa C. Logan-Leach., President  
Mr. Rasheed Abdul-Haqq, Vice President  
Ms. Patricia I. Barksdale, arr. 6:55 p.m.  
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell  
Mr. Agurs Linward Cathcart, Jr.  
Mrs. Keisha Edwards  
Mr. Brenda Gilbert, left @ 10:30 p.m.  
Mrs. Renata A. Hernandez

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles, Interim Superintendent  
Mr. Gary L. Ottmann  
Mr. Robert Pickett, Esq.  
Mr. Charles Craig, Esq.  
Ms. Lauren Craig, Esq.  
Mr. Galen Medley, Esq.

Ms. Katherine Peterson, absent

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Gilbert, 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 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 6:46 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 PRESIDENT

Mrs. Logan-Leach indicated our new attorneys are present and asked them to introduce themselves. She also indicated that a meeting was recently held with city officials concerning shared services. Mrs. Logan-Leach also spoke of Joe Black and the desire to name a baseball field at Hub Stine in his honor.

#### V. DISCUSSION

Ms. Barksdale requested that we verify that there are no deed restrictions or other legal impediments to naming the field in Mr. Black's honor.

There was discussion about the previous option of naming the baseball field at Plainfield High School as opposed to Hub Stine Field.

Jason Green spoke on behalf of the family and indicated that the family's choice is to have the field at Hub Stine named in his honor, not the field at Plainfield High School.

Mrs. Campbell hopes that a fitting and proper tribute is done within financial limitations and that the family has input into the project.

The family indicated that the Rock Avenue location would be their second choice.

Mrs. Hernandez suggested that improvements not end with just a sign, but with restrooms, etc.

#### VI. REMARKS FROM THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Belin-Pyles reviewed summer programs that are currently running. Also, curriculum writers are presently working as well. Textbook ordering and supplies are being reviewed so that everything is in place for September.

She also spoke about the importance of shared services and encouraged the Board to support our shared services initiative.

#### VII. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Mrs. Hernandez gave an update on the planned board retreat for July 24, 2010.

Mrs. Edwards indicated that she and Ms. Peterson met with Caryn Cooper recently to review curriculum in the district.

#### VIII. REMARKS OF BOARD/SCHOOL LIAISONS

Mrs. Campbell received a number of calls from community people against collapsing BOAACD into PHS. They feel that students needs will get lost in the move and want to know when a decision be finalized.

Mrs. Hernandez recently spoke with someone from the Jefferson Leadership Project and he believes that we encourage proactive participation for buy-in from the community.

Mrs. Logan-Leach received a call from middle school parents who were very excited about the Awards of Excellence.

Also, the Eugene Monroe Football Camp is scheduled for this weekend at Hub Stine Field.

Mrs. Campbell inquired if there was discussion on middle school athletics savings. Mrs. Belin-Pyles indicated that administration is reviewing other areas for budget reductions.

The Board agreed to move committee agendas to the business meeting.

Mrs. Logan-Leach asked counsel for direction on voting and consent agenda clarification.

Ms. Barksdale moved, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and unanimously approved by the Board, return to executive session of the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Mr. Cathcart moved, seconded by Mrs. Edwards and unanimously approved by the Board, to return to the public session of the meeting at 11:09 p.m.

Mr. Cathcart moved, seconded by Mrs. Edwards and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 p.m.

Recorded by:

Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary  
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