

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

MINUTES of a **POLICY COMMITTEE** Meeting of the Board of  
Education Held on Monday, June 1, 2009

A **POLICY COMMITTEE** Meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Plainfield was held this day in the Plainfield Board of Education Administration Building. 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. Mr. Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary called the meeting to order at 6:55p.m. and the following action took place:

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**II. WELCOME**

WELCOME to a Policy Committee 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 Star Ledger on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 for advertisement on Friday, May 29, 2009.

**III. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT

Ms. Bridget Rivers, President  
Ms. Patricia Barksdale, left @ 7:15p.m.  
Mr. Martin Cox, arr @ 7:10 p.m.  
Mr. Christian Estevez  
Mrs. Brenda Gilbert  
Ms. Katherine Peterson

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

Mr. Estevez thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

There was an extensive discussion on policy 6141.2 and the issue of protected prayer.

There was also a discussion on policy 6146 and whether the Board should delay adoption of it due to the possible upcoming State mandated changes to graduation requirements. It was agreed to adopt the proposed revision and if there are changes in the future, the policy will be readopted with new language.

Ms. Rivers moved, seconded by Mr. Estevez and unanimously approved by the Board, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Recorded by:

Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary  
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