

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 Tuesday, June 1, 2010

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 the District's website. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Mr. Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary, 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 Thursday, May 27, 2010 for advertisement on Saturday, May 29, 2010.

**III. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT

Mrs. Lisa C. Logan-Leach, President  
Mr. Rasheed Abdul-Haqq, Vice President  
Ms. Patricia I. Barksdale, arr. 7:00 p.m.  
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell  
Mrs. Keisha Edwards  
Mrs. Brenda L. Gilbert  
Mrs. Renata A. Hernandez

Mr. Agurs Linward Cathcart, Jr., absent  
Ms. Katherine Peterson, absent

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles, Interim Superintendent  
Mr. Gary L. Ottmann  
Mr. Terry Ridley, Esq.  
Mr. Ronald Hunt, Esq.

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Campbell, 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 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 6:55 p.m.**

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of the Special Meeting at 8:50 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Mrs. Logan-Leach indicated that she attended a music concert at Maxson this past weekend. It was phenomenal.

**V. REPORT ON THE HUMAN RESOURCES****A. Administrative Appointment of Director Human Resources**

The Interim Superintendent of Schools recommends, moved by Mrs. Campbell and seconded by Mrs. Edwards adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Plainfield Board of Education through its Interim Superintendent has recognized a need to (re) establish an administrative position at least on a temporary basis in order to improve the administrative operation of the district; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the best interest of the district that the position of Director of Human Resources be filled on an interim basis, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, that Dr. Garnell Bailey be hired on an interim basis into that position for the period of June 8, 2010 not to exceed December 31, 2010 at a daily rate of \$525.00.

The resolution failed on a roll-call vote with Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Hernandez, and Mrs. Logan-Leach in favor. Ms. Barksdale abstained and Mr. Abdul-Haqq opposed.

**B. Administrative Appointment of Acting Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services**

The Interim Superintendent of Schools recommends, moved by Mrs. Campbell and seconded by Mrs. Hernandez adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Plainfield Board of Education through its Interim Superintendent has recognized a need to fill an administrative position at least on a temporary basis in order to improve the educational operations of the district, and

**WHEREAS**, it is the best interest of the district that the position of Acting Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services be filled on an interim basis, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, that Caryn Cooper be hired on an interim basis into that position for the period of June 2, 2010 not to exceed December 31, 2010 with an added monthly stipend of \$1,500.00.

The resolution passed on a roll-call vote with Mr. Abdul-Haqq, Ms. Barksdale, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Hernandez, and Mrs. Logan-Leach in favor. None were opposed.

**C. Stipend**

The following is in order for board adoption, moved by Mrs. Campbell and seconded by Mrs. Edwards:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Plainfield Board of Education has appointed an Interim Superintendent of Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the Plainfield of Education is desirous of compensating Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles in her capacity as Interim Superintendent, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the compensation of Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles as Interim Superintendent of Schools, effective May 12, 2010, in the amount of \$1,250.00 per week.

The resolution passed on a roll-call vote with Mr. Abdul-Haqq, Ms. Barksdale, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Hernandez and Mrs. Logan-Leach in favor. None were opposed.

Mrs. Logan-Leach reviewed June board meeting dates for the public as well as other important school events.

Mr. Hunt indicated that the vote for Dr. Bailey did not have five (5) affirmative votes. He reiterated that the motion failed.

There was a discussion of the Business Administrator employment contract. Mr. Hunt indicated that it is inappropriate for the Board to make a motion related to employment of an employee. It must come from the Chief School Administrator.

Mrs. Campbell asked about PHS's junior prom, which was held this past weekend. She wasn't aware of it being held and perhaps photos can be posted on the District's website.

Mrs. Gilbert moved, seconded by Mrs. Edwards 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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