

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, March 10, 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 6:45 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 Tuesday, February 24, 2009 for advertisement on Friday, February 27, 2009.

**III. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT

Ms. Bridget Rivers, President, arr. @ 7:45p.m.  
Mr. Martin P. Cox, Vice President  
Mr. Rasheed Abdul-Haqq  
Ms. Patricia I. Barksdale  
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell  
Mr. Christian Estevez  
Mr. Joseph Ruffin, Sr., .

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

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Steve Gallon III, Superintendent  
Mr. Gary L. Ottmann  
Ms. Angela Kemp  
Mr. Terry Ridley, Esq  
Dr. Garnell Bailey

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Cox, seconded by Ms. Barksdale, 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:

1 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.**

VII. REMARKS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Cox stated that The Lady Cardinals recently played for the Union County Championship. He also mentioned that, Mr. Hicks, PHS wrestler, has competed almost 35 times this season.

VIII. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Gallon commended the student athletes. He also congratulated the academic awards for the students.

Dr. Gallon stated that there was a good turnout at the recent forums to discuss new academics.

He also indicated that the district will also recognize the "support staff" of each school this year.

IX. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Ms. Barksdale offered a follow-up that she will be speaking with the city "liaisons" concerning problems with getting the board meeting tapes to be televised.

Dr. Gallon indicated that tapes are always delivered within 48 hours of the meeting to the city.

Mrs. Campbell moved the Human Resources agenda to the Business Agenda.

Ms. Barksdale moved the Finance agenda to the Business Agenda.

Mr. Estevez moved the Policy agenda to the Business Agenda.

Mrs. Campbell moved, seconded by Ms. Barksdale and unanimously approved by the Board, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30p.m.

Recorded by:

Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary  
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