

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

MINUTES of a **SPECIAL 2013 – 2014 BUDGET HEARING BUSINESS** Meeting of the Board of
Education Held on Tuesday, March 26, 2013

A **SPECIAL 2013 – 2014 BUDGET HEARING BUSINESS** Meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Plainfield was held this day in the Plainfield High School auditorium. 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 7:15 p.m. by Mr. Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary, and the following action took place:

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. WELCOME

WELCOME to a Business 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, March 20, 2013 for advertisement on Saturday, March 23, 2013.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell, President
Mrs. Keisha Edwards, Vice President
Mrs. Jackie Coley
Mr. Alex O. Edache, arr. @ 7:25 p.m.
Mrs. Renata A. Hernandez
Mr. Dorien Hurtt, arr. @ 7:25 p.m.
Mr. Frederick D. Moore, Sr.
Ms. Jameelah Surgeon

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles, Superintendent
Ms. Margaret Morales
Mr. Gary L. Ottmann
Mr. Pickett, Esq.
Mr. Christopher Goode, Student Liaison

Ms. Mahogany Hendricks, unexcused

IV REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Mrs. Campbell thanked everyone for attending tonight's budget hearing.

V. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Belin-Pyles turned to Mr. Ottmann to give the budget presentation.

VI. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Dan Damon congratulated Mr. Ottmann on the excellent budget presentation and suggested that it be posted on the District's website.

VII. REPORT OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

“The Board of Education of the City of Plainfield reaffirms its commitment to ensure that the district provides equal employment opportunities regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, age, ancestry, national origin, handicap and social or economic status...”

It is the policy of this district to provide, through a positive and effective affirmative action program equal opportunities for employment, retention, and advancement of all people.

The equal employment objective for the Board of Education calls for achieving full utilization of minorities and women, and handicapped persons at all levels of management and non-management and by job classification; to prohibit discrimination in employment because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex or age; and to have a work environment free of discrimination.

Compensation for Additional Assignments

I. Athletics

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 2 Human Resources

To improve the recruitment, retention and development of district staff.

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

RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that a highly qualified, competent, skilled, and dedicated workforce is essential to the success of the District and the students. Therefore, it has provided the Superintendent of Schools the authority to employ staff members to participate in extra curricular opportunities within our District.

The individuals listed have been verified by the Superintendent of Schools as qualified pursuant to the NJ Administrative Code, Statute 6A:9-1.1, which “sets forth the rules governing preparation, licensure, and professional development of those educators required by their positions to be certified.” The Superintendent in this item has used his authority.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the employment of the following individuals listed for the 2012 – 2013 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Funding Code</u>
1. Roberta Wilson	Head Varsity Girls Track	\$5,635.00	27athlsalr
2. Enjolica Richardson	Middle School Assistant Girls Track	\$2,965.00	27athlsalr
3. Jahlisha Smith	Freshmen Girls Track	\$2,973.00	27athlsalr
4. Michelle Dabney	Varsity Assistant Track	\$3,683.00	27athlsalr
5. Antenor Petitfrere	Varsity Assistant Track	\$3,683.00	27athlsalr

The motion passed on a roll-call vote with six members in favor. Mrs. Hernandez and Mr. Hurtt abstained. None were opposed.

Mr. Moore believes that a new evaluation system is needed for coaches.

Mrs. Campbell supported the appointment of track coaches, but she was not happy with the process.

Mrs. Hernandez abstained as she was not present at last week's meeting when the coach issue was discussed.

VIII. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Adoption of the Budget for the 2013 – 2014 School Year

The Superintendent of Schools recommends and moved by Ms. Surgeon and seconded by Mrs. Hernandez adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Plainfield Board of Education is required to certify a local tax levy for the support of the public schools, and

WHEREAS, the Plainfield Board of Education took action at its March 4, 2013 Work & Study Meeting to adopt a budget for the purpose of advertising, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education adopts the budget to be presented at the March 26, 2013 Business Meeting and certify the amount of \$22,731,000.00 as the general fund Local Tax Levy.

The motion passed on a roll-call vote with eight members in favor and none were opposed.

Mr. Hurtt moved, seconded by Ms. Surgeon and unanimously approved by the Board, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Recorded by:

Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary
GLO/bsc