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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 9, 2010

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, 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 6:50 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, February 3, 2010 for advertisement on Friday, February 5, 2010.

**III. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT

Ms. Patricia I. Barksdale  
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell  
Mr. Christian Estevez  
Mrs. Brenda L. Gilbert  
Ms. Katherine Peterson

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Steve Gallon III, Superintendent  
Mr. Gary L. Ottmann  
Mr. Terry Ridley, Esq.  
Ms. Sarah Jones, Esq.

Mr. Agurs Linward Cathcart, absent  
Mr. Martin Cox, absent  
Ms. Sandra Chambers, absent  
Mrs. Lisa C. Logan-Leach, absent

The following resolution was moved by Ms. Barksdale, seconded by Mr. Estevez, 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 6:51 p.m.**

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The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of the Work & Study Meeting at 7:35 p.m.

#### IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Ms. Barksdale indicated that both Mr. Cathcart and Mr. Cox will not be present tonight.

#### V. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Gallon recognized that the Plainfield High School basketball team is in a tournament this evening. District students are also participating in a "spelling bee".

District staff recently held their quarterly meeting to review where we are.

The Comstat kickoff meeting was held yesterday. It means "communication status". He also spoke about the uncertainty on the FY11 budget and that we should know more on March 17, 2010.

#### VI. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Ms. Barksdale indicated that there are two (2) additional board meetings this month, both are budget related on March 23, 2010 and March 30, 2010.

The Board reviewed the Curriculum & Instruction, Finance and Policy Committee agendas.

Mrs. Campbell moved, seconded by Mr. Estevez and unanimously approved by the Board, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Recorded by:

Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary

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