

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, May 11, 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 6:40 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, April 21, 2010 for advertisement on Friday, April 23, 2010.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mrs. Lisa C. Logan-Leach., President
Mr. Rasheed Abdul-Haqq, Vice President
Ms. Patricia I. Barksdale, arr. 6:55, left 11:30p.m.
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell
Mr. Agurs Linward Cathcart
Mrs. Keisha Edwards
Mr. Brenda Gilbert, left 11:45p.m.
Mrs. Renata A. Hernandez
Ms. Katherine Peterson

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Steve Gallon III, Superintendent
Mr. Gary L. Ottmann
Mr. Raymond Hamlin, Esq.
Mr. Terry Ridley, Esq.

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Cathcart, 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:

- 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 6:41 p.m.

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of the Work & Study Meeting at 10:45 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Mrs. Logan-Leach thanked everyone for being patient as the Board had much to deliberate in executive session.

She indicated that she has made Board committee assignments and asked Board Members if anyone could attend the May 22, 2010 event.

V. REMARKS FROM THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Ottmann indicated that there are two (2) addendums for the C & I agenda.

VI. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

The Board moved committee reports to the Business agenda.

There was discussion on policy manual and that there may be an issue with duplicate policy numbers. A possible solution is to have a resolution that adopts policies and supersedes all previous numbers.

Ms. Barksdale moved, seconded by Mrs. Campbell and unanimously approved by the Board, to return to executive session at 11:20 p.m.

REPORT OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

A. ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

RESOLUTIONS

- (1) To appoint Gary L. Ottmann, Acting Superintendent of Schools for the purpose of the May 11, 2010 Board meeting and ending May 11, 2010 at the close of the May 11, 2010 meeting.

Ms. Logan-Leach moved, seconded by Mrs. Edwards. The motion carried with Mr. Abdul-Haqq, Ms. Barksdale, Mrs. Campbell, Mr. Cathcart, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Hernandez, Mrs. Logan-Leach and Ms. Peterson in favor and none opposed.

- (2) To appoint Anna Belin-Pyles, Interim Superintendent of Schools, effective May 12, 2010 with terms to be determined by counsel and Mrs. Belin-Pyles and approval by the Plainfield Board of Education.

Ms. Logan-Leach moved, seconded by Mrs. Campbell. The motion carried with Mr. Abdul-Haqq, Ms. Barksdale, Mrs. Campbell, Mr. Cathcart, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Hernandez, Mrs. Logan-Leach and Ms. Peterson in favor and none opposed.

Mrs. Campbell moved, seconded by Mrs. Hernandez and unanimously approved by the Board, to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Recorded by:

Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary
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