

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 6, 2014

A **WORK & STUDY** 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 on the Plainfield Public Schools' website. Ms. Yolanda Henry, Interim 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, April 29, 2014 for advertisement on Saturday, May 3, 2014.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell, President
Mrs. Keisha Edwards, Vice President
Mrs. Deborah Clarke
Mrs. Jackie Coley
Mr. Alex O. Edache
Mrs. Mahogany Hall
Mr. Dorien Hurtt, arr. @ 8:04 p.m.
Ms. Jameelah Surgeon, arr. @ 7:48 p.m.

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles, Superintendent
Ms. Yolanda Henry
Mr. Robert Picket, Esq.
Mr. Charles Craig, Esq.

Mr. Frederick D. Moore, Sr., absent

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Campbell seconded by Mrs. Hall, 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 6:56 p.m.

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of its Work & Study meeting at 8:20 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

NONE.

V. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Belin-Pyles introduced Gary L. Ottmann as the presenter of the 2014-2015 school budget. Mr. Ottmann presented a power point on the summary of the budget and highlighted key areas. He also mentioned that there will be no increase in Local Tax Levy (taxpayers) this coming fiscal year. He showed where our resources are coming from as well as by percentage, the expenditures that make up the budget. He further informed them of projects on the horizon and made reference to Mrs. Belin-Pyles \$1.5 million on the one-to-one tablets (approx. 4,000 devices, headphones, etc.) for the PARCC initiatives. Mr. Ottmann mentioned the student enrollment growth projected including the recent kindergarten registration(s) and other items.

Mrs. Belin-Pyles informed the Board that there would be no reduction in staff and we would maintain our current staff.

Mrs. Belin-Pyles informed the Board that she received three (3) new charter school applications.

Mrs. Belin-Pyles feels that we need to capture and highlight the usage of all our facilities. Many organizations use our facilities and it needs to be noted.

The Board felt that the 2014-2015 budget presentation didn't fully explain the process and felt that maybe we should consider doing an 'autopsy of the budget' or hiring a budget analysis. Some Board members wanted to have a better understanding of the budget process and to vote more intelligently on the budget. Mrs. Belin-Pyles and Mr. Ottmann mentioned that if there were any questions, they could feel free to come by the Business Office to discuss any concerns you may have. Also during the budget process (Jan- March) Mrs. Belin-Pyles and Mr. Ottmann offered several forums to address any concern(s).

Mrs. Belin-Pyles wanted to give the public as well as the Board the results from the Middle State Accreditation process and that we received re-accreditation. Also the team mentioned that they did not agree with the State Dept. concerning our graduation rate; they felt that it should have been 84.4% and not the 79.8% that the state reported. The Board applauded the great news!

VI. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Mrs. Campbell moved Human Resources to the Business Meeting excluding item "I" Head Football Coach. Item I was voted on and REJECTED (originally).

Mrs. Edwards moved C & I to the Business Meeting. There were questions and concerns that were entertained by Board members and the public.

Ms. Surgeon moved Finance to the Business Meeting, excluding Item D. There were questions and concerns that were entertained by Board members and the public.

VII. REMARKS FROM THE POLICY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Hall moved Policy to the Business Meeting. There were questions and concerns were entertained by the Board and the public.

There was an inquiry regarding policy 6121 on the wording of pregnancy or pregnancy test and who makes up the Affirmative Action Team.

Also, on policy 6145 should the wording be specified as "only person or certified person"; and on page 2 what did it read previously?

Policy 6145, it was mentioned that if a child is given detention to start on a Monday, can the kid still attend an event held on that Saturday prior to the start of detention?

Ms. Surgeon moved and seconded by Mrs. Hall and unanimously approved by the Board to return to the executive session for 15-20minutes at 9:17 p.m. to discuss personnel.

Ms. Surgeon moved and seconded by Mrs. Clarke and unanimously approved by the Board to return to the public session of the meeting at 9:46 p.m.

VIII. REPORT OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Compensation for Contracted Appointment

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 Ms. Surgeon and seconded by Mrs. Hall, 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 extracurricular opportunities within our District.

The individuals listed has been verified by the Superintendent of Schools as qualified pursuant to the 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 her authority.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education, approves the employment of the following individual listed effective 2014 – 2015 school year.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Program Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Funding Code</u>
Jason Glezman	Head Football – Coach	\$10,444.00	27ATHLSALR

The motion carried on a roll-call vote with Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Coley, Mr. Edache, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Hall and Ms. Surgeon. Mrs. Campbell and Mr. Hurtt abstained. None were opposed.

IX. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

D. Adoption of the Budget for the 2014 – 2015 School Year

The Superintendent of Schools recommends and moved by Ms. Surgeon and seconded by Mrs. Hall, 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 18, 2014 Business Meeting to adopt a budget for the purpose of advertising, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education adopts the budget as presented at the May 6, 2014 Work & Study Meeting with the addition of the following modifications:

Additional Revenues:

Extraordinary Aid	\$ 500,000
Appropriation from Surplus	\$1,000.000

Additional Appropriations

Instructional Supplies	\$1,500,000
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and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education certifies the amount of \$22,731,000.00 as the general fund Local Tax Levy.

The motion carried on a roll-call vote with Mrs. Clarke, Mr. Edache, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Hall, Mr. Hurtt and Ms. Surgeon. Mrs. Campbell abstained. Mrs. Coley was opposed.

Ms. Surgeon moved and seconded by Mrs. Clarke and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Recorded by:

Yolanda Henry, Interim Board Secretary
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