

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, November 1, 2011

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. 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 Thursday, October 27, 2011 for advertisement on Saturday, October 29, 2011.

**III. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT

Mrs. Renata A. Hernandez, President  
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell, Vice President  
Mr. Rasheed Abdul-Haqq  
Mr. Alex O. Edache, arr. @ 7:55p.m.  
Mrs. Keisha Edwards  
Mrs. Brenda Gilbert  
Mr. Dorien Hurtt  
Mrs. Lisa C. Logan-Leach  
Ms. Jameelah Surgeon

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles, Interim Superintendent  
Mr. Gary L. Ottmann  
Mr. Robert Pickett, Esq.  
Mr. Charles Craig, Esq.  
Ms. Lauren Craig, Esq.  
Ms. Adia Perry, Esq.  
Mr. Nixon Kannah, Esq.

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert, 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 6:46 p.m.**

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of the Work & Study Meeting at 8:10 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE POLICY COMMITTEE

Mr. Pickett indicated that they are preparing a new policy to address disposal of district equipment.

There was discussion of the proposed Board Member Attendance policy. Mr. Pickett advised that this policy is not retroactive but perspective.

Mrs. Hernandez asked the student representatives to report on activities at PHS.

The students reported that it is "spirit week" at PHS. It would be a great opportunity to partner with the community.

V. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

NONE.

VI. REMARKS FROM THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

NONE.

VII. REMARKS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

The Board reviewed C & I, Finance and Policy Committee agendas.

Mr. Ottmann explained that the bid award is for a new handicapped lift for access to the pool at Plainfield High School.

Mrs. Logan-Leach thought it would be helpful if administration could provide a summary of planned capital projects.

Mr. Hurtt questioned the selection process for Johnson Jones Architects. He would like to see competitive quotes for future projects.

Mrs. Belin-Pyles indicated that tonight's meeting was advertised that "action will be taken" and the Board approved the QSAC corrective action plan.

Mrs. Gilbert asked what the status was on the District's appealing of its QSAC scores.

**X. Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC)**

**Strategic Plan Link:**

**Goal 3: Business Practices:**

**To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of district school operations**

The Interim Superintendent of Schools recommends, moved by Mrs. Hernandez and seconded by Mr. Hurtt adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) is a statutorily – mandated system of school district performance assessment and is New Jersey’s system of education accountability.

QSAC was created in accordance with the Quality Single Accountability Continuum Act, adopted by the New Jersey Legislature in September 2005. Administrative regulations to implement QSAC were adopted by the Commissioner of Education, effective February 22, 2007.

QSAC requires that in every public school district in New Jersey, members of the board of education, administrators, teachers and other staff members convene every three years to assess their district’s performance in five key areas:

- Instructional and Program
- Personnel
- Fiscal Management
- Operations Management
- Governance

QSAC requires a district to submit an Improvement plan to address missed indicators in DPR areas where the district received less than 80% of the eligible points, verification by the executive county superintendent, review by the Commissioner of Education and placement at the appropriate point on the performance continuum.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education hereby approves for submission to the NJDOE via the Executive County Superintendent of Schools the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) – District Improvement Plan (DIP). Upon approval, a copy of the completed plan will be maintained in the Business Office as well as the District website

The resolution passed on a roll-call vote with nine members in favor and none opposed.

Mrs. Edwards moved, seconded by Ms. Surgeon and unanimously approved by the Board, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Recorded by:

Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary  
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