

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 10, 2009

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, October 28, 2009 for advertisement on Friday, October 30, 2009.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Ms. Bridget Rivers, President
Ms. Patricia I. Barksdale
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell @ 6:52 pm
Mr. Martin P. Cox
Mr. Christian Estevez
Mrs. Brenda L. Gilbert
Ms. Katherine Peterson

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Steve Gallon III, Superintendent
Dr. Garnell Bailey
Mr. Gary L. Ottmann
Ms. Angela Kemp
Mr. Raymond Hamlin

Mr. Agurs Linward Cathcart, Jr. absent
Mrs. Lisa C. Logan-Leach absent

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Cox, 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 6:51 p.m.

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of the Work & Study Meeting at 8:05 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Ms. Rivers indicated that she will be stepping down as President on November 17, 2009 and resigning from the Plainfield Board of Education as of December 31, 2009.

V. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Gallon expressed his gratitude for working with Ms. Rivers as the Board of Education's President and also congratulated her on her election as Councilwoman of the 4th Ward.

VI. REMARDS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Mrs. Campbell inquired if there has been any correspondence on the New Jersey School Boards Association's Delegate Assembly.

Sodexo is presenting their culinary event at Plainfield High school on November 12, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

M-Power is putting on "The Wiz" this weekend at Scotch Plains High School.

H1N1 vaccine is being distributed free of charge in Summit High School on November 17, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. only for children.

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

Ms. Barksdale indicated that there will be a presentation at a future meeting on legal fees.

Ms. Rivers moved, seconded by Mr. Cox and unanimously approved by the Board, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Recorded by:

Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary

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