

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 11, 2008

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, Comcast Cable Co., 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 6:30 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 Friday, October 31, 2008 for advertisement on Friday, November 7, 2008.

**III. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT

Ms. Bridget Rivers, President  
Mr. Martin P. Cox, Vice President  
Mr. Rasheed Abdul-Haqq  
Ms. Patricia I. Barksdale  
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell arr. @ 6:45 p.m.  
Mr. Agurs Linward Cathcart, Jr. arr. @ 8:05 p.m.  
Mr. Christian Estevez  
Mrs. Lisa C. Logan-Leach

ALSO PRESENT

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

Ms. Vickey Sheppard                      absent

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Cox, seconded by Ms. Rivers, 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:

1            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 6:31 p.m.**

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of its Work & Study meeting at 8:35 p.m.

**IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT**

None.

**V. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

None.

**VI. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

Mrs. Campbell read in changes to the Curriculum & Instruction Agenda.

Ms. Barksdale thanked Dr. Bailey for her help in guiding the District's Performance Review process.

Ms. Barksdale also reported on an excellent workshop that she attended in Atlantic City on shared services.

Mrs. Logan-Leach is very excited about the inauguration on January 20, 2009.

Mrs. Campbell is concerned about the Annual Delegates Assembly scheduled for November 22, 2008 and the lack of discussion.

Dr. Gallon gave an overview of a City Council meeting last night and his late notification of such meeting.

**VII. PRESENTATION**

Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles gave a presentation on the proposed use of 504 Madison Avenue as a joint operation with the County

Ms. Barksdale moved, seconded by Mrs. Campbell and unanimously approved by the Board, to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Recorded by;

Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary  
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