

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 9, 2010

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 6:40 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, October 27, 2010 for advertisement on Friday, October 29, 2010.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mrs. Lisa C. Logan-Leach., President, left @ 7:25 p.m.
Mr. Rasheed Abdul-Haqq, Vice President
Ms. Patricia I. Barksdale, arr. @ 6:48 p.m.
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell, arr. @ 6:43 p.m.
Mr. Agurs Linward Cathcart, Jr.
Mrs. Keisha Edwards
Mr. Brenda Gilbert
Mrs. Renata A. Hernandez
Ms. Katherine Peterson

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles, Interim Superintendent
Mr. Gary L. Ottmann
Ms. Caryn Cooper, public only
Mr. Robert Pickett, Esq., arr. @ 6:51 p.m.
Mr. Charles Craig, Esq.
Mr. Lauren Craig, Esq.
Mr. Nixon Kannah, Esq.

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Logan-Leach, 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 7:41 p.m.

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of the Work & Study Meeting at 8:45 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Abdul-Haqq welcomed the public to tonight's meeting and indicated that President Logan-Leach had to leave the meeting earlier tonight.

V. REMARKS FROM THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Belin-Pyles indicated that the District is currently finalizing the QSAC self-assessment and it will be submitted to the County Office by November 15, 2010.

VI. REMARKS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

The Board reviewed the curriculum & instruction agenda.

There was concern about the number of human resources employees scheduled to go to a workshop on December 14, 2010.

The Board moved the curriculum & instruction, finance and policy committee agendas to the business agenda.

Ms. Barksdale asked for board dialogue on board members excused vs. unexcused absences at board meeting. The Board indicated that posting minutes should reflect "present or absent" not excused or unexcused.

Ms. Barksdale also reported that she recently had a student lunch at Washington School. She shared her concerns with Marcia Morgan of Sodexo.

Mrs. Hernandez reviewed the Boards top three (3) goals as voted by board members.

- Fiscal responsibility
- Motivate staff, students and parents
- Sensitivity training

Mr. Cathcart moved, seconded by Ms. Barksdale and unanimously approved by the Board, to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Recorded by:

Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary
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