

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, October 14, 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. 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 6:47 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, September 30, 2008 for advertisement on Friday, October 3, 2008.

**III. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT

Ms. Bridget Rivers, President  
Mr. Martin Cox, Vice President  
Mr. Rasheed Abdul-Haqq  
Ms. Patricia Barksdale  
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell, arr. 6:50p.m.  
Mr. Agurs Linward Cathcart, Jr.  
Mr. Christian Estevez, arr. 6:50p.m.  
Mrs. Lisa C. Logan-Leach

Ms. Vickey Sheppard, absent

ALSO PRESENT

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

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Cox, seconded by Ms. Barksdale, 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 6:48 p.m.**

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

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Ms. Rivers thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

V. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Gallon echoed sentiments from the President and thanked the Board and community for their support.

VI. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Ms. Barksdale indicated that today is the last day to register to vote.

Mrs. Campbell reviewed the C & I agenda.

Mr. Cox reviewed the Finance agenda.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

- Healthcare Renewals – Mark Lawrie from HRH
- Travel regulations – Gary Ottmann

Mr. Cox moved, seconded by Ms. Barksdale 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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