

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 2, 2012

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 7:05 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, August 8, 2012 for advertisement on Saturday, August 11, 2012.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell, Vice President
Mr. Alex O. Edache, arr. @ 7:20 p.m.
Mrs. Keisha Edwards
Mr. Dorien Hurtt
Mrs. Lisa Logan-Leach
Ms. Jameelah Surgeon

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles, Superintendent
Mr. Gary L. Ottmann
Mr. Robert Pickett, Esq.
Mr. Charles Craig, Esq.

Mrs. Brenda Gilbert, excused
Mrs. Renata Hernandez, excused

The following resolution was moved by Ms. Surgeon seconded by Mrs. Campbell, 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 adjourns to closed session to discuss:

- Personnel
- 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 7:06 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 BOARD PRESIDENT

NONE.

V. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Belin-Pyles will be presenting a plan to once again offer “Education for All” this school year.

She is suggesting that we verify residency for students. We have 278 more students this year than last year.

Mr. Hurtt was concerned about the “appearance” of targeting certain groups for verification.

Mrs. Belin-Pyles reported recently that she was invited to attend a meeting convened by the Mayor on shared services such as: purchasing, printing and snow removal. She would also like to investigate going to paperless board meetings. The City has gone with Intelligent Meeting Management (IQM2) of their meetings.

She also reported that the District had really well attended back to school nights this month.

The Board moved the C&I, Finance and Policy committee agendas to the business agenda.

Mr. Hurtt expressed concern about employee safety procedures in the District. Mrs. Belin-Pyles indicated that we are working with D & H to refine our practices. Mr. Hurtt feels that someone needs to be directly responsible for this area. We need to pull out items from the NJ School Board’s manual and implement them.

The Board reviewed the proposed board policy 4119.26. Mrs. Logan-Leach confirmed that the Board never adopted this policy although they had previously reviewed it.

Mrs. Logan-Leach moved and seconded by Mrs. Edwards and unanimously approved by the board to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Recorded by:

Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary
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