

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD  
IN UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

MINUTES of a **POLICY COMMITTEE** Meeting of the Board of  
Education Held on October 7, 2008

A **POLICY COMMITTEE** 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. 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 Policy Committee 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 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  
Mr. Agurs Linward Cathcart, Jr.  
Mrs. Lisa C. Logan-Leach

Mr. Christian Estevez, absent  
Ms. Vickey Sheppard, absent

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Gary L. Ottmann  
Mr. Terry Ridley, Esq.

Mr. Cox indicated that Mr. Estevez, Policy Chair, is unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Ms. Rivers indicated that policies on the agenda for tonight are mandated and should have been adopted already and need to be adopted this month.

Mrs. Logan-Leach expressed concern about policy 9250, especially in light of problems with the recent trip.

Ms. Barksdale wants to ensure that the travel policy meets the needs of the Plainfield Board.

Ms. Rivers (for the record) stated policies tonight from New Jersey Department of Education must be adopted tonight and modifications can be made later. We have handcuffs on in New Jersey. Travel must go through the Executive County Superintendent.

Mrs. Logan-Leach is unsure when the proper time is to request amendments. Ms. Rivers indicated that it will be discussed at a later date; although The Delegate Assembly is a venue to move these items forward.

Mr. Abdul-Haqq has a concern with the proposed nepotism policy. He would like modifications discussed at the November meeting.

It was noted that the tentative November policy date is scheduled on Election Day. It is recommended that the meeting be rescheduled for November 11, 2008 in conjunction with the Work & Study meeting. This meeting will deal with proposed modifications only.

Motion was made by Ms. Rivers and seconded by Mrs. Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Recorded by:

Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary  
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