

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, September 14, 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 6:49 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, September 1, 2010 for advertisement on Saturday, September 4, 2010.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mrs. Lisa C. Logan-Leach., President
Mr. Rasheed Abdul-Haqq, Vice President
Ms. Patricia I. Barksdale
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell
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
Mr. Robert Pickett, Esq.
Mr. Charles Craig, Esq.

The following resolution was moved by Ms. Barksdale, seconded by Mr. Cathcart, 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 6:50 p.m.

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of the Work & Study Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

NONE.

V. REMARKS FROM THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

NONE.

VI. PRESENTATION

Caryn Cooper gave an overview of this summer's revision of District curriculum guides and the proposed Board adoption.

Board members were very appreciative with Ms. Cooper getting this project completed.

Mrs. Logan Leach was pleased that the curriculum revisions have been completed and will be implemented.

Mrs. Campbell recognized Ms. Cooper's passion for her work.

Ms. Cooper also spoke about plans for getting parents involved and assisting as tutors in the District.

Mrs. Hernandez thought that it would be beneficial if parents were trained in curriculum topics so that they could assist their children as well as others.

Kwame Asante gave a presentation on "The Where Peace Lives International Peace Mural Exchange Program".

Dawn Ciccone gave an overview of the NCLB program and its various components including mandates and reporting requirements.

VII. DISCUSSION

Maria Pellum inquired about Item G on C&I agenda.

Ms. Peterson inquired if any of the special education services can be done in district.

Mr. Pickett indicated that if parents feel their children are not getting the proper education they could litigate.

Mrs. Gilbert indicated that buses shutting off and on are not fuel efficient and could be a problem.

Mrs. Campbell indicated that our students with special needs in the District should be looked at carefully to ensure our services are on par with what is being offered to them.

NONE.

VIII. REMARKS OF BOARD/SCHOOL LIAISONS

NONE.

Recorded by:

Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary
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