

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 6, 2011

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 6:50 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 Thursday, September 1, 2011 for advertisement on Saturday, September 3, 2011.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mrs. Renata A. Hernandez, President
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell, Vice President
Mr. Rasheed Abdul-Haqq, left @ 8:45 p.m.
Mr. Alex O. Edache
Mrs. Keisha Edwards
Mr. Dorien Hurtt, arr. @ 7:15 p.m.
Mrs. Lisa C. Logan-Leach, arr. @ 6:55 p.m.

ALSO PRESENT

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

Mrs. Brenda Gilbert, absent
Ms. Jameelah Surgeon, absent

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Edwards, 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 6:51 p.m.

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of the Work & Study Meeting at 8:06 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Mrs. Hernandez reviewed board decorum and limiting time on debating.

Mrs. Edwards asked for clarification.

Mrs. Campbell wanted clarification from Mrs. Hernandez; is she referring to agenda items.

Mrs. Hernandez also wanted the Board to consider suspending the rules and granting an extension to speak in 2 minute increments.

She also would prefer the attorney to sit at the head table so he's available if needed.

Mrs. Hernandez also reviewed the protocol for reporting board absences.

The Board thinks the Board should use Skype for broadcasting meetings. Administrator will get more information and report back to the Board.

The Board wants Adobe for I pads and SharePoint.

V. REMARKS FROM THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles indicated that tomorrow is the convocation for staff and the educational rally.

Mrs. Hernandez asked board members to visit their designated schools on Thursday.

VI. REMARKS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

There was discussion on the policy agenda and where it will be discussed during the W & S meeting. Mrs. Logan-Leach thought it should be first. Mrs. Hernandez said the Board always has flexibility in discussing committee agendas.

The Board reviewed C & I, Finance and Policy Committee agendas and move them to the business meeting.

The Board reviewed policies 9111 and 9114 which both reflect new language as a result of NJSBA 18A:21-1.

There was board discussion of whether current board members running for re-election will have to be re-fingerprinted. Mr. Pickett advised he doesn't believe so because they will be filling out an affidavit attesting to no criminal disqualifying act.

There was discussion about getting sample "attendance policies" from NJSBA.

The Board wants to look at 9325 Meeting Procedures again in October.

Mrs. Edwards moved, seconded by Mrs. Campbell and unanimously approved by the Board, to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Recorded by:

Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary
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