

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 9, 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, auditorium. 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 6:45 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 Monday, August 25, 2008 for advertisement on Friday, September 5, 2008.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

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

Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell absent
Ms. Vickey Sheppard absent

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Steve Gallon III, Superintendent
Dr. Garnell V. Bailey
Mr. Gary L. Ottmann
Ms. Angela Kemp
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:

- 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 6:46 p.m.

The Board of Education resumed the public session of the Work & Study Meeting at 7:40 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

There was a very successful opening of schools and Ms. Rivers thanked administration. She also asked the parents to stay involved.

Ms. Rivers introduced Mrs. Logan-Leach who gave a presentation and a report on the June CUBE Conference.

V. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Gallon acknowledged teachers for their Herculean efforts in the opening of schools. He also recognized custodial and maintenance staff – all staff. Dr. Gallon requested Doris Williams to give a report on the opening of schools' readiness.

VI. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Ms. Barksdale reported that September 22, 2008 is when Education Law Center is challenging school funding formulas in court.

October 9, 2008, 7:00 p.m. is the date of the "State of the District" event at Emerson School.

Ms. Rivers reported that there had been a question concerning the future use of 504 Madison Ave.

At a future date, there will be a determination for the use of 504 Madison and it will be presented to the Board.

Lesly Borge gave an overview of the "Continuous Improvement Model."

Mr. Cox commented on last week's ribbon cutting at Emerson School. It was a very inspirational event.

Mrs. Carter-Davis, from the Against All Odds Foundation, raised questions about the enrollment process for supplemental educational services.

Mrs. Logan-Leach motioned, seconded by Ms. Rivers and unanimously approved, to move the C & I Agenda.

Mrs. Logan-Leach motioned, seconded by Ms. Rivers and unanimously approved, to move the Finance Agenda.

Mr. Estevez indicated that there are required policies that need to be adopted by October. The Board reviewed Policy 9272 Pay-to-Play and it was moved to the Business Agenda.

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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