



# Public Schools of Plainfield New Jersey

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### **PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION WELCOMES A NEW MEMBER** and reinstates three incumbents who were victorious in last November's election

**Plainfield, NJ – January 07, 2019** – The Plainfield Board of Education welcomed a new member to the Board, Mr. Eric Andrews, to a one-year term, and swor-in to three-year terms incumbents John C. Campbell, Emily E. Morgan, and Richard Wyatt, who won their reelection bids last November to continue serving on the Plainfield Board of Education. Their terms will expire in 2021 and Mr. Andrew's term will expire in 2019.

Ms. Yolanda Koon, Acting Secretary of the Board, chaired the initiation of the meeting until President Richard Wyatt was reelected unanimously by the Board. Mr. Wyatt then continued the meeting and chaired the nominations for Vice President. Elected by a unanimous vote as Vice President was Mr. Cameron Cox.

After the swearing-in ceremonies, the first order of business for the newly elected Board was to approve a resolution introduced by Mr. Cameron to waive the fees and approve the application for the use of the Plainfield High School Auditorium, for the wake services of Mr. Malcolm Dunn. Mr. Dunn, a beloved community member, former Plainfield City Council member for 14 years, and previously a member of the Governor's Minority Business Development Council, passed away on New Year's Day.

A moment of silence was held for Mr. Dunn, as well as for, Ms. Latisia Bragg, a Teacher Assistant at Hubbard School, who also passed away during the holidays.

Privilege of the floor was open briefly and young Richard Wyatt, a student at Cook School, his three-year-old little sister and his mother, used the moment to congratulate the new board.

Mr. Wyatt gave brief remarks to thank the people of the City of Plainfield and his colleagues for exercising their right to vote in last November's Elections and for selecting him again president of the Board. Mr. Wyatt also said to his colleagues on the Board, "last year, you saw me manage, this year will see me lead. The people have spoken, the Board has spoken, the universe has spoken. We can, we will, and we must transform the district. If not soon, if not now, when?. For those of you who may think its business as usual let me be the first to tell you, Plainfield, it's a new day."

To Mr. Andrews he said, “We are grateful and excited to have your expertise and perspective.”

Mr. Andrews, a 1999 Plainfield High School graduate, former PHS History Teacher for four years, and currently School Operation’s Manager in the Newark School District, said, “I’m very excited, is nice to come full circle. I was a student here, I attended Cook School, Maxson Middle School and I still see some of my teachers and the people I went to school here. I’m happy to return. Thank you for making me a part of this Board and to the people who voted for me.”

The Board tabled the rest of the public agenda for the next business meeting, but not before announcing that the public portion of the meetings from now on will be held at 6:30 p.m.

The next board meeting will be on January 15.

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