

PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Plainfield, N.J.

Date: Tuesday, April 1, 2014  
Time: 6:30 p.m. PUBLIC SESSION  
6:35 p.m. MEETING CLOSED FOR  
EXECUTIVE SESSION  
8:00 p.m. WORK & STUDY MTG.  
(ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Place: **PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL  
CONFERENCE ROOM**  
950 PARK AVE.

Board of Education Members

Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell, President  
Mrs. Keisha Edwards, Vice President  
Mrs. Deborah Clarke  
Mrs. Jackie Coley  
Mr. Alex O. Edache  
Mrs. Mahogany Hall  
Mr. Dorien Hurtt  
Mr. Frederick D. Moore, Sr.  
Ms. Jameelah Surgeon  
Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles, Superintendent

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. WELCOME

WELCOME to a WORK & STUDY MEETING of the Plainfield Board of Education. Members hope you will find the meeting interesting and informative. We thank you for taking the time to attend. Please be advised 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 the advance notice required therein has been provided to the Courier News and Star Ledger on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 for advertisement on Saturday, March 29, 2014 and also provided to the Plainfield Public Schools, the District's website, the Plainfield City Clerk, Police Department, and Plainfield Public Library for posting.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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.

**RESOLVED**, the Board of Education adjourns to closed session to discuss:

1. matters rendered confidential by federal or state law
2. pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations and/or matters of attorney-client privilege
3. specific prospective or current employees unless all who could be adversely affected requested an open session

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**FURTHER RESOLVED**, the minutes of this closed session be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

The Board of Education will recess into its Executive Session.

## VI. CONDUCT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

The Board of Education takes official action at its Business Meetings. Business meetings are regularly scheduled on the third Tuesday of each month, subject to changes that may occur because of holidays. Prior to the board taking action at its business meetings, committee meetings are scheduled where in-depth discussion occurs.

At the Board of Education's committee meetings, no formal action is taken. The typical monthly schedule of meetings is as follows:

<u>Type of Meeting</u>	* <u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Policy Committee	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Conf.	6:30 p.m.
Personnel/Exec.Ses.	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Conf.	6:30 p.m.
Curric. & Instr.	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Conf.	8:00 p.m.
Finance Committee	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Conf.	8:00 p.m.
Bldgs. & Grds. Cmte.	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Conf.	8:00 p.m.
School Community Rel.	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Conf.	8:00 p.m.
Business Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Auditorium	8:00 p.m.

**(EACH OF THESE MEETINGS MAY INCLUDE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF MATTERS THAT MAY BE APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

\*Meeting Schedule Subject to Change

At each committee meeting, the Board discusses recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools and other relevant items. Committee approval authorizes resolutions to be placed on the agenda of the next appropriate business meeting and/or possible formal action.

The agendas for all committee and board meetings are available at the Office of the Board of Education, 1200 Myrtle Avenue during business hours.

At the business meetings, privilege of the floor will be provided for sixty minutes for public comment prior to committee reports. A five-minute time limit per person is provided for public comment.

Concerns of the public regarding the schools or departments should be brought to the attention of the appropriate administrator in charge (principal, director, etc.). If concerns remain unresolved, they are to be directed to the Superintendent of Schools. These procedures should be followed prior to concerns being presented to the Board of Education. This procedure allows administrators to resolve concerns at the most appropriate level of decision making.

**The next Business Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, 2014, 8:00 pm, in the Plainfield High School Auditorium.**

VII. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

VIII. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

IX. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

## X. REPORT OF THE CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

### A. Field Trips

#### (1) 2014 Willingboro High School Jazz Festival – Willingboro

##### Strategic Plan Link

##### Goal 1: Learning Objectives:

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

#### RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring that all students meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic, behavioral, emotional, and life-long success.

The PHS/PAAAS Jazz Orchestra will perform and compete in the 2014 Willingboro High School Jazz Festival at Willingboro High School in Willingboro, New Jersey on Friday, April 11, 2014.

The students, a group comprised of a maximum of twenty-five (25) students grades 7-12, and two (2) teacher/parent chaperones will attend the festival using District transportation. Departure time is 1:30PM. The return time is approximately 9:00PM. The festival registration cost is \$125.00.

Music festival performances are paramount to the development of the student of music. They motivate and educate students and music directors who attend. Students will have the opportunity to perform and hear other high school band performances. Further, the Rutgers University Jazz Ensemble will perform and University faculty will be present to field any questions our students may have regarding a post-secondary education at Rutgers University.

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the students in the PHS/PAAAS Jazz Orchestra to compete in the 2014 Willingboro High School Jazz Festival in Willingboro, NJ, Friday, April 11, 2014. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-190-100000-500A-52-0000 (Other Purchase Services).

**(2) “The Chew” – ABC Studio – New York**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

Plainfield Public Schools is committed to improve the learning and academic performance of all students so they achieve their full potential in life. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring that all students meet the NJCCCS and achieve academic, behavioral, emotional, and life-long success.

A group of Plainfield High School Culinary Students, consisting of nine (9) students along with three (3) staff members will attend a television taping of, “The Chew” at the ABC Television Studios, 30 West 67th Street, New York, on Tuesday, April 22, 2014, departing at 6:30 am and returning at 1:30 pm.

There is no cost for admission. Transportation will be provided by the Plainfield Public School District.

The trip will meet the reading and writing core content standards 3.1 and 3.2 where all students will understand proper social interaction in a non-restrictive environment. They will have the pleasure of enjoying the freedom to socialize with their classmates and applying it to the NJCCCS standards.

This field trip will also provide PHS students with experiences that cannot be duplicated in school. The field trip is an integral part of instruction and is an incentive for students to continue to pursue their educational experience beyond high school. Upon returning, the students will participate in educational activities that will enhance them academically as well as socially and emotionally.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Plainfield High School Culinary students, consisting of nine (9) students along with three (3) staff members to attend the show, “The Chew”, on Tuesday, April 22, 2014. There is no cost for admission. Transportation will be provided by the District.

**(3) 2014 University of Pennsylvania Relay Carnival – Philadelphia, PA**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal1: Learning Outcomes:**

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring that all students and athletes meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Standards and achieve academic and athletic life-long success.

The main objective of the 2014 Penn Relays is to give students an opportunity to compete with other athletes from other school districts and their countries. The students will also meet with college coaches of interest. This experience will broaden their general knowledge of the world.

Twenty-two (22) varsity track team members, consisting of ten (10) girls and twelve (12) boys, along with seven (7) chaperones will attend the 2014 Penn Relays in Philadelphia, PA, April 24-26, 2014.

The girls' team will depart April 24, 2014 at 5:00 pm and return on April 26, 2014 at 7:30 pm. The boys' team will depart April 25, 2014 at 5:00 pm and return on April 26, 2014 at 7:30 pm. All departures are scheduled to leave from Hub Stine Field. Transportation will be provided by the District.

All team members and coaches will stay at the Holiday Inn Philadelphia-Cherry Hill, 2175 West Marlton Pike (Route 70), Cherry Hill, NJ 08002; at a daily rate of 183.99 (tax included).

All expenses including miscellaneous expenses such as food and tolls (for boys and girls track teams will not exceed the total amount of \$5,343.84. The expense breakdown is as follows:

<b>EXPENSE BREAKDOWN</b>		
	<b>Varsity Girls</b>	<b>Varsity Boys</b>
<b>Registration</b>	\$250.00	\$250.00
<b>Lodging</b>	\$1,839.90	\$1,103.94
<b>Food</b>	\$900.00	\$900.00
<b>Tolls</b>	\$50.00	\$50.00
<b>Total</b>	\$3,039.90	\$2,303.94
<b>GRAND TOTAL - \$5,343.84</b>		

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves twenty-two (22) varsity track team members, consisting of ten (10) girls and twelve (12) boys, along with seven (7) chaperones from Plainfield High School to attend the 2014 Penn Relays in Philadelphia, PA, April 24-26, 2014. The total cost will not exceed \$5,343.84. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 11-000-240000-500T-20-0000 (Athletic Travel).

**(4) American Museum of Natural History – New York, NY**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring that all students meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

Plainfield High School Allied Health Program which consist of thirty-five (35) students and three (3) chaperones, will tour the American Museum of Natural History in New York, New York, Tuesday, April 29, 2014. Departure is scheduled from Plainfield High School parking lot on 8:30 am, returning 3:00 pm.

The admission is \$15.50 per person. Transportation will be provided by Amaker and Porterfield at a cost of \$900.00.

The museum offers workshops for students in biodiversity, anthropology, genetics, earth science and more. The students will visit the labs and collection tours, and attend lectures by scientists and participate in hands-on activities.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves for the PHS Allied Health Program consisting of thirty-five (35) students and three (3) chaperones to visit the American Museum of Natural History on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 Total cost of field trip not to exceed \$1,489.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-361-200000-580P-25-0000 (Perkins Travel).

**(5) The Federal Reserve Bank and The United States Mint – Philadelphia, PA**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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**RESOLUTION**

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Fifty (50) students in grades 10 and 12 enrolled in Economics at Plainfield Academy for the Advanced Arts and Studies (PAAAS), along with their instructor and four (4) chaperones will attend the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, 10 North Independence Mall W, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and then visit The United States Mint, 151 Independence Mall East, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Thursday, May 1, 2014. Departure is scheduled for 8:30 a.m., returning at 5:30 p.m.

There is no cost for admission. Transportation will be provided by Vogel Bus Company at a cost of \$1,122.00.

Students will participate in the Federal Reserve's "Money in Motion Exhibit." In this program, the students will experience advanced presentation technology and interactive displays to assist students in learning about the nation's financial history and the story of central banking in the United States.

Students will then proceed to The United States Mint and participate in a self-guided tour of the facility. Students will learn about the Mint's history, see current coin design and the manufacturing process. This cross-curricular information will be used to provide depth, expand students' experiences beyond the walls of the school and community and reinforce financial concepts and skills learned throughout this year.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves fifty (50) PAAAS students in grades 10 and 12, along with their instructor, and four (4) chaperones to travel to The Federal Reserve and The United States Mint in Philadelphia, PA, Thursday, May 1, 2014. There is no cost for admission – transportation will be provided by Vogel Bus Company; total cost will not exceed \$1,122.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 11-000-221000-500A-26-0000 (Other Purchased Services).

**(6) New Jersey Transit/ Madison Square Gardens – New York, NY**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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Fourteen (14) Plainfield High Students from Ms. A. Safer's Life Skill's class and five (5) chaperones will take New Jersey Transit to Madison Square Garden on Friday, May 2, 2014.

Departure is scheduled from Plainfield High School on May 2, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. and will return at 2:00 p.m. The School bus will take students and chaperones to and from the Plainfield NJ Transit where the students will board the train to and from New York Penn Station.

Students will experience a first-hand educational outing via transportation to the Madison Square Garden *All Access Tour*. They will explore exclusive VIP areas of the state-of-the-art arena that commemorates 130 years of legendary Garden history such as *Chase Bridges* suspended high above the arena floor, Knicks and Rangers locker rooms, *Garden 366* retrospective and *Defining Moments Exhibit*, and the *Delta 360 Club*. Additionally, the students will have an opportunity to experience traveling on public transportation.

The cost for admissions to the Madison Square Gardens *All Access Tour* is \$285.00 @ \$15.00 per person; and the cost for round trip tickets on the New Jersey Transit is \$313.50 @ \$19.50 per person. The total cost for the trip is \$598.50.

The purpose of this trip is to provide students with experiential learning in the community. This can enhance students' classroom based learning goals and also help students with disabilities generalize their skills from the classroom to a real world setting.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves fourteen(14) Plainfield High School students from Ms. A. Safer's Life Skill's class and five (5) chaperones to the take New Jersey Transit to Madison Square Garden for an *All Access Tour*, Friday, May 2, 2014. The cost of the Madison Square Gardens *All Access Tour* is \$285.00; the cost of transportation is \$313.50 – total cost not to exceed \$598.50. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-252-100000-800A-32-0000 (IDEA Field Trips Admission Fees).

**(7) Planned Parenthood 2014 Teen Conference – Branchburg**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

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Twelve (12) students, from the Plainfield High School – School Based Youth Services Program and two (2) staff members will participate in the *2014 Teen Conference* at Raritan Valley Community College in Branchburg, New Jersey on May 7, 2014.

The *2014 Teen Conference*, sponsored by Planned Parenthood of Central and Greater Northern New Jersey, will give the students an opportunity to participate in a variety of workshops. The topics include: Healthy Relationships, Prescription Drug Abuse, Anger Management, Pregnancy Prevention, Empowerment, Teen Health, and Driving Distractions.

The students will leave from the PHS parking lot at 7:30 am and return approximately at 2:00 pm. The cost for registration is \$125.00; the cost for transportation is \$475.00 and will be provided by Amaker and Porterfield Transportation. The total cost of this field trip will not exceed \$600.00.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves twelve (12) PHS students and two (2) staff members from the School Based Youth Services Program, to participate in the *2014 Teen Conference*, held at Raritan Valley Community College in Branchburg, NJ on May 7, 2014. The total cost will not exceed \$600.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-442-218000-610A-38-0000 (SBYS General Suppl).

**(8) Discovery Times Square Museum – New York City**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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Plainfield High School Allied Health Program which consist of thirty-five (35) students and three (3) chaperones, will tour the Discovery Times Square Museum in New York, New York, Thursday, May 8, 2014. Departure is scheduled from Plainfield High School parking lot at 8:30 am, returning at 3:00 pm.

The admission is \$16.00 per person – total admission cost \$608.00. Transportation will be provided by Amaker and Porterfield at a cost of \$900.00.

The museum offers workshops for students in genetics, body world pulse, health wellness, earth science and more. The students will visit the labs and collection tours, and attend lectures by scientists and participate in hands-on activities.

Departure is scheduled from Plainfield High School parking lot on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. The return is scheduled for Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves PHS Allied Health Program, consisting of thirty-five (35) students and three (3) chaperones to visit the Discovery Times Square Museum on Thursday, May 8, 2014. Total cost for field trip not to exceed \$1,508.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-361-200000-580P-25-0000 (Perkins Travel).

**(9) Shriners Circus – Morristown**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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The Plainfield High School Photography Program consisting of fifteen (15) students and one (1) chaperone will attend the Shriner Circus in Morristown, New Jersey on Thursday, May 15, 2014. Departure is scheduled for 8:00 am, returning 12:30 pm.

The admission is \$8.00 per person – total admission \$128.00. Transportation will be provided by the District Transportation Department.

The students will use their cameras to take aerial photographs and focus their images on objects that are light sensitive timed exposure. The students will photograph performers and amazing animals in action. The students will focus on special effects and the color scheme of the circus.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the PHS Photography Program consisting of fifteen (15) students and one (1) chaperone to visit the Shriner Circus on Thursday, May 15, 2014. Total cost not to exceed \$128.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 11-000-221000-800A-26-0000 (Other Object).

**(10) PLP Family Empowerment Conference – Princeton Marriott – Princeton**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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The Plainfield Teen Parenting Program (Parent Linking Program (PLP), consisting of forty (40) students, along with three (3) staff members, will attend a conference titled, “PLP Family Empowerment Day” at the Princeton Marriott, 100 College Road East, Princeton, New Jersey, on Thursday, May 21, 2014, departing at 8:00 am, returning at 2:30 pm.

There is no cost for registration. The cost for transportation will be \$500.00 and will be funded from a Transportation Stipend from Prevent Child Abuse. The bus providing transportation is Amaker and Porterfield Transportation. There is no cost to the District for this field trip.

This 12<sup>th</sup> annual event is sponsored by Prevent Child Abuse. The conference is designed to bring teen moms and dads together, help them network and find support and resources that go beyond the greater Plainfield community. Workshops will focus on the unique challenges of young moms and dads raising children, and will provide a variety of topics for the students to choose and attend.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the Plainfield Teen Parenting Program (PLP), consisting of forty (40) students along with three (3) staff members, to attend the “PLP Family Empowerment Conference” at the Princeton Marriott in Princeton, New Jersey, Wednesday, May 21, 2014. There is no cost for registration; the cost for transportation is \$500.00, which is being funded by a Transportation Stipend from Prevent Child Abuse. There is no cost to the District.

**(11) Cornucopia Cruise Line - PAAAS Prom**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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Sixty-six (66) students of the Class of 2014 and twelve (12) chaperones will set sail on the Cornucopia Princess on Thursday, May 22, 2014. Departure is scheduled from PAAAS at 5:30 p.m. with the return scheduled for 11:30 p.m. The cost for eighty (80) people will be \$6,131.20.

The cost of the cruise will be funded through parent/student fundraising efforts. Parents/students are responsible for their own transportation to the cruise line.

The Senior Class of 2014 of Plainfield Academy for the Arts and Advanced Studies (PAAAS) will embark upon a maritime experience on the Cornucopia Cruise Line, Perth Amboy, New Jersey. The trip will enhance the students socially and emotionally, providing a cultural and diverse exposure, which will add to their success as global citizens and workers. This field trip will provide students with experiences that cannot be duplicated in school.

**RESOLVED**, the Plainfield Board of Education approves sixty-six (66) Class of 2014 students and twelve (12) chaperones to participate in a maritime experience upon the Princess Cornucopia Cruise Line on Thursday, May 22, 2014. The cost of the cruise will be funded through fundraising efforts of PAAAS parents and students. There is no cost to the District.

**(12) Fernwood Resort – East Stroudsburg, PA**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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Eight (8) students in grades 4 and 5 from Charles H. Stillman Elementary School and seven (7) students in grades 4 and 5 from Washington Community School along with three (3) chaperones (Mark A. Williams, Principal of Stillman, and Jenabu Williams, 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Site Coordinator-Stillman, and James A. Stradford, Teacher - Stillman/Sigma Beta Club Advisor will visit Fernwood Resort, 5785 Milford Road, East Stroudsburg, PA. Departure is Friday, May 23, 2014 at 4:00 PM from Stillman Elementary School with a return date and time of Sunday, May 26, 2014 at approximately 12:00 PM.

Students will participate with members of the Sigma Beta Club from surrounding schools in New Jersey in a series of workshops on Leadership, Character Development, Hygiene, and Goal-Setting. This leadership workshop is a reward to those students who have exhibited academic and civic excellence during the 2013-2014 school year, both during the school day and in the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC after school program.

This field trip will meet common core state standards in reading, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.R.1-10, where students will build a foundation for college and career readiness from being exposed to reading a broad range of high quality, increasingly challenging literary and informational texts. Through reading various text types students will gain literary and cultural knowledge as well as textual structures and elements. This field trip will meet common core standards in writing, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.4-5.1-10, where students will be given opportunities to build their writing skills with increased sophistication in all aspects of language use including syntax, organization of ideas, and vocabulary. This field trip will also meet NJCCCS 9.1 where all students *will demonstrate the creative, critical thinking, collaboration, and problem-solving skills needed to function successfully as both global citizens and workers in diverse ethnic and organizational cultures. This will enable students to attain the skills that prepare them to fully engage in civic and work life.*

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves fifteen (15) students from Charles H. Stillman Elementary and Washington Community School and three (3) chaperones to visit Fernwood Resort, East Stroudsburg, PA for the annual leadership conference, Friday, May 23, 2014 to Sunday, May 26, 2014. The total cost of this trip will be paid for the Sigma Beta Club (a 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Collaborator). There is no cost to the District or community.

**(13) The Lion King - New York, NY**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring that all students meet the New Jersey Common Core State Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

Clinton K-8 Center's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class consisting of forty-seven (47) students along with three (3) teachers and two (2) chaperones will travel on May 28, 2014, to The Minskoff Theater in New York City to attend the matinee performance of The Lion King.

The cost for admission is \$87.00 per person [for fifty (50) tickets – two (2) tickets are complimentary] – total admission cost is \$4,350.00. The District will pay \$750.00 towards the cost of admission – the remaining balance of \$3,600.00 will be funded through fundraising efforts.

Transportation will be provided by Raritan Valley Bus Service at a cost of \$970.00.

A trip to see a Broadway production will give our students an experience that will provide them with a number of ideas to write about in narrative and expository form. Students will use this experience to compare a play to a movie and/or a book. This experience will also support our educational goals for students who might have never thought of the arts, whether acting, producing, or designing, as a career path. This trip will be a positive, school sponsored event that students will remember for the rest of their lives. Departure is scheduled for 9:30 am and will return by 6:30 pm.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Clinton K-8 Center's forty-seven (47) fourth grade students along with three (3) teachers and two (2) chaperones to travel to The Minskoff Theater in New York City to attend a Broadway performance of The Lion King on May 28, 2014. The total cost will not exceed \$5,320.00, of which the District will be responsible for \$1,720.00. The availability of funds for these items has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-270000-512A-14-0000 (Clinton Principal Field Trip Transportation); and 15-190-100000-800A-14-0000 (Clinton Field Trip Admission Fee).

**(14) Bronx Zoo – Bronx, NY**

**Strategic Plan Link**

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The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life. In doing so, it is committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring that all students meet the New Jersey core curriculum Content Standard, Common Core, and achieve academic and life-long success.

Cedarbrook K-8 Centers 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes, consisting of one hundred students (100) and seven (7) chaperones will visit the Bronx Zoo, Bronx, NY on May 28, 2014. Departure is scheduled at 8:05 am, returning at 4:00 p.m.

Admission is free. Transportation will be provided by Raritan Valley Bus Company at a cost of \$2,030.00.

The focus of the trip is to expose students to live animals and explore habitats. Students will then apply their acquired knowledge by writing a standards based informational report based on their experiences. It will be a rich and rewarding experience for the students of Plainfield. They will enjoy observing the animals in their natural habitats and applying their experiences to the NJCCCS and CCCS standards. Students will take part in pre-visit activities as well as post-visit activities relating to science, literacy, and math.

The trip will meet the science standards of 5.3.P.B.1 –observe and describe how plants and animals obtain food from their environment, such as by observing the interactions between organisms in a natural habitat; 5.3.2.C.1-describe the ways in which organisms interact with each other and their habitats in order to meet basic needs; 5.3.2C.2-identify the characteristics of a habitat that enable the habitat to support the growth of many different plants and animals.

The trip also meets the ELA standards of W.3.2a - Introduce a topic and group related information together; include illustrations when useful to aiding comprehension; W.3.2b - Develop the topic with facts, definitions, and details; W.3.2c - Use linking words and phrases (e.g., *also*, *another*, *and*, *more*, *but*) to connect ideas within categories of information; W.3.2d - Provide a concluding statement or section. They will have the pleasure of enjoying the freedom to socialize with their classmates and applying it to the NJCCCS and CCCS standards.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Cedarbrook K-8 Centers 3<sup>rd</sup> grade consisting of one hundred (100) students and seven (7) chaperones to visit the Bronx Zoo, Bronx, NY on May 28, 2014. The admission is free. The cost of transportation will not exceed \$2,030.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-270000-512A-13-0000 (Cedarbrook Principal Field Trip).

**(15) Franklin Institute**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring that all students meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

Plainfield High School Allied Health Program which consist of thirty-five (35) students and three (3) chaperones, will tour Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on Thursday, May 29, 2014. Departure is scheduled from Plainfield High School parking lot at 8:30 am, returning 5:00 pm.

The admission is \$14.22 per person – total admission \$540.36. Transportation will be provided by Amaker and Porterfield at a cost of \$1,700.00.

Franklin Institute offers workshops for students on astronomy, chemistry, weather, gravity, physics in motion, liquid air, and more. The students will visit the labs and exhibits, and participate in hands-on activities.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves PHS Allied Health Program consisting of thirty-five (35) students and three (3) chaperones to visit Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on Thursday, May 29, 2014. Total cost not to exceed \$2,240.36. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-361-200000-580P-25-0000 (Perkins Travel).

**(16) New Jersey State Bar Foundation – New Brunswick**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring that all students meet the New Jersey Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

Sixty- four (64) students in grade 4 at DeWitt D. Barlow Elementary School along with six (6) teachers will attend the New Jersey State Bar Foundation, in New Brunswick, NJ on Friday, May 30, 2014.

In addition, a total of one hundred ninety-seven (197) students from Jefferson Elementary School in grades 3-5 will visit the New Jersey State Bar Foundation – the breakdown is as follows:

- Sixty- eight (68) 5<sup>th</sup> grade students with four (4) teachers – Tuesday, May 27, 2014,
- Sixty- three (63) 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students with four (4) teachers and one (1) assistant – Thursday, May 29, 2014,
- Sixty-six (66) 4<sup>th</sup> grade students with five (5) teachers and one (1) assistant – Friday, May 30, 2014.

Students will observe the winners for the mock trial presentations for Law Fair (grades 3-6). Students will determine verdict of trials based on evidence presented. Departure is scheduled for 8:30 am, returning at 12:30 pm.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves sixty-four (64) Barlow School students in grade 4, along with six (6) teachers, as well as, a total of one hundred ninety-seven (197) 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Jefferson School students and fifteen (15) chaperones (*see breakdown above*), to travel to the New Jersey State Bar Foundation, New Brunswick, New Jersey. There is no cost for admission. There is no cost to the District, excluding transportation; transportation will be provided by the District Transportation Department.

**(17) Longo Planetarium – County College of Morris - Randolph**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

To improve the academic performance of all students in all PPS

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life. In doing so, it is committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring that all students meet the New Jersey core curriculum Content Standard, Common Core, and achieve academic and life-long success.

Cedarbrook K-8 Centers 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class, consisting of one hundred (100) students and seven (7) chaperones will visit Longo Planetarium at County College of Morris, Randolph, NJ on June 3, 2014. Departure is scheduled at 8:30 am, returning 12:30 pm.

The admission cost is \$3.00 per person – total admission cost is \$300.00. Transportation will be provided by District Transportation Department.

The focus of the trip is to explore in a real world setting of the night sky and constellations. Students will then apply their acquired knowledge by writing a standards based narrative based on their experiences. It will be a rich and rewarding experience for the students of Plainfield. They will enjoy observing and interacting with the constellations and applying it to the NJCCCS standards. Students will take part in pre-visit activities as well as post-visit activities relating to science, literacy, and math. The trip will meet the science standards of 5.9.4D.1- recognize the images of celestial objects; 5.1.4A.1-raise questions about the world around them and seek answers through observations; 5.9.4B.1-describe the earth as one of several planets; 5.9.4C.1-observe the stars are not all the same.

The trip also meets the ELA standards of [W.3.3a](#) - establish a situation and introduce a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally; [W.3.3b](#) - use dialogue and descriptions of actions, thoughts, and feelings to develop experiences and events or show the response of characters to situations; [W.3.3c](#) - use temporal words and phrases to signal event order; [W.3.3d](#) - provide a sense of closure. They will have the pleasure of enjoying the freedom to socialize with their classmates and applying it to the NJCCCS and CCCS standards.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Cedarbrook K-8 Centers 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class, consisting of one hundred (100) students and seven (7) chaperones to visit the Longo Planetarium at County College of Morris, Randolph, NJ on June 3, 2014. The total cost for this field trip will not exceed \$300.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-190-100000-800A-13-0000 (Cedarbrook Admission Fees).

**(18) Dorney Wildwater Kingdom – Allentown, PA**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring that all students meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

Approximately forty-six (46) 4th-7th grade students and nine (9) chaperones from F.W. Cook K-7 Center will visit and participate in activities at Dorney Park and Wildwater Kingdom in Allentown, PA, Monday, June 9, 2014.

Departure is scheduled for 8:30 am returning at 8:30 pm. The cost of admission is \$26.00 per person. Admission and transportation cost will be funded through fundraising efforts of Cook K-7 Center. Transportation is being provided by Raritan Valley Bus Services.

The “Leadership Project” students, Health and Physical Education Students of the Month, Honor Society students and Safety Patrol at F. W. Cook K-7 Center have achieved success in becoming students of outstanding character and should be rewarded for their diligence.

The students will participate in educational activities that will enhance them academically as well as socially and emotionally. This field trip will expand the students’ learning beyond the walls of the classroom into the vast community outside. It will also provide students with experiences that cannot be duplicated in school. Students will have the opportunity to socialize with their classmates. The field trip is an integral part of school instruction and is an incentive for students to continue to excel beyond elementary and middle school.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves a field trip to Dorney Park and Wildwater Kingdom in Allentown, PA, for forty-six (46) Cook K-7 Center students, grades 4-7, and nine (9) chaperones on Monday, June 9, 2014. The cost of admission and transportation will be funded through fundraising efforts of Cook K-7 Center. There is no cost to the District.

**(19) Crayola Experience – Easton, PA**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

To improve the academic performance of all students in all PPS

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life. In doing so, it is committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring that all students meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

Four (4) classes consisting of eighty (80) students in Second Grade, and twelve (12) chaperones from Cedarbrook K-8 Center will visit the *Crayola Experience* in Easton, Pennsylvania, on June 9, 2014.

Departure is scheduled for 8:05 AM and returning at 3:00 PM. Admission cost for students is \$9.99 per person, chaperones are admitted for free; total admission cost - \$799.20. The cost for transportation is \$865.00 and will be provided by Amaker and Porterfield.

The focus of the trip is for the students to get a better understanding of how things that are liquid can turn to solid. They will learn how colors, chemistry, and technology work together. A visual experiment will help students understand some properties of matter. The students will apply what they've learned to writing an expository and narrative piece about their experience. While at the Crayola Experience, students will take part in several hand-on activities to further understand the properties of matter.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves four (4) classes consisting of eighty (80) students in Second Grade and twelve (12) chaperones from Cedarbrook K-8 Center to visit the *Crayola Experience*, in Easton, Pennsylvania on June 9, 2014. The total cost of the field trip will not exceed \$1,664.20. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-190-100000-800A-13-0000 (Cedarbrook Field Trip Admission Fees), and 15-000-270000-512A-13-0000 (Cedarbrook Principal Field Trip).

**(20) Great Wolf Lodge – Pocono Mountains, PA**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring that all students meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic and life-long success

Eighty (80) 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Hubbard Middle School students and fifteen (15) chaperones have been invited by the Coordinator of Educational Activities at Great Wolf Lodge to attend their 2014 Great Wolf Lodge Educational Group Activities in Poconos Mountain, Pennsylvania, from Monday, June 9, 2014 to Tuesday, June 10, 2014.

Transportation will provided by the District Transportation Department. The cost of lodging, meals, and transportation will be paid through fundraising activities.

The Hubbard Middle School eighth grade class has been attending annual trips for the last several years. The Class of 2014 has worked diligently in their fundraising activities to offset costs for their 2014 trip which will expand students' learning beyond the walls of the classroom and community. The eighth grade trip will also provide students with experiences that cannot be duplicated in school and is an integral part of school instruction.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves eighty (80) eighth grade students and fifteen (15) chaperones from Hubbard Middle School Class of 2014, to attend the 2014 Great Wolf Lodge Educational Activities, Monday, June 9, 2014 to Tuesday, June 10, 2014. The total cost of lodging and meals will be paid through fundraising activities. There is no cost to the District.

**(21) Pocono Valley, PA**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring that all students meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

One hundred thirty (130) Hubbard Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> grade students, along with fifteen (15) chaperones will attend Pocono Valley on Tuesday, June 10, 2014. The cost of activities, meals, and transportation will be paid through fundraising activities and students.

The Hubbard Middle School seventh grade class has been attending annual trips for the last several years. The students have worked diligently in their fundraising activities to offset costs for their trip which will expand students' learning beyond the walls of the classroom and community. The seventh grade trip will also provide students with experiences that cannot be duplicated in school and is an integral part of school instruction.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves one hundred thirty (130) Hubbard School 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and fifteen (15) chaperones to attend Pocono Valley, Tuesday, June 10, 2014. The total cost of activities, meals, and transportation will be paid through fundraising activities and students. There is no cost to the District.

**(22) Washington, DC Tour**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to improve the learning and academic performance of all students so they achieve their full potential in life. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring that all students meet the NJCCCS and achieve academic, behavioral, emotional, and life-long success.

Clinton K-8 Center's Grade 8 Senior Class, consisting of twenty (20) students along with three (3) teacher will make an educational trip to Washington, DC on June 13, 2014, from 6:30 AM to 10:00 PM, to see the Lincoln Monument, MLK Memorial, the Capitol Building, and if possible, the Smithsonian Museum to appreciate U.S. Historical artifacts, and expand their experiences and analyze issues on US History and Government.

The cost for transportation is \$1,800.00, and will be provided by Raritan Valley Bus Company.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Clinton K-8 Center's Grade 8 Senior Class, consisting of twenty (20) students, along with three (3) teachers to participate in the educational trip to Washington, DC, on June 13, 2014. The total cost for this field trip will not exceed \$1,800.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and it will be charged to account 15-000-270000-512A-14-0000 (Clinton's Principal Field Trip).

**(23) Clementon Park – Clementon**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to improve the learning and academic performance of all students so they achieve their full potential in life. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring that all students meet the CCCS and achieve academic, behavioral, emotional, and life-long success.

Thirty-eight (38) students in grades 6 and 7 and three (3) chaperones from Clinton K-8 Center will visit Clementon Park in Clementon, New Jersey on June 13, 2014. Departure is scheduled at 10:00 a.m., returning at 4:00 p.m.

Admission for per student is \$22.95 - total of \$872.10; and \$8.00 per chaperone - total of \$24.00; grand total for admission - \$905.10.

Transportation will be provided by Raritan Valley Bus Service at a cost not to exceed \$1,030.00.

The trip will expand the students' experiences beyond the walls of the school and community, and will serve as an integral part of their educational experiences in the area of science and mathematics. The Academy of Natural Sciences and National Constitution Center has provided pre-trip activities. Students will write about their experience and will share pictures to be posted on the District website, as well as reflection of trip by students per Principal request.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Clinton K-8 Center's thirty-eighty (38) students in grades 6-7, and three (3) chaperones to visit Clementon Park in Clementon, NJ. Total cost not to exceed \$1,935.10. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to accounts 15-000-270000-512A-14-0000 (Clinton Principal Field Trip), and 15-190-100000-800A-14-0000 (Clinton Field Trip Admission Fee).

## **B. Assemblies**

### **(1) Make the Right Choice Music Technology with Brent Daniels**

#### **Strategic Plan Link**

#### **Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

### **RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students are academically successful and reach their full potentials. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring that all students meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Standards for optimal academic achievement and life-long success.

The entire student body of Jefferson Elementary School comprised of four hundred-fifty (450) students will view an assembly booked through Academic Entertainment, titled *Make the Right Choice Music Technology with Brent Daniels*, on April 23, 2014, at 1:15 PM in Jefferson School's gym.

Brent Daniels is an award-winning composer, producer, sound designer and recording artist who uses the latest in music technology to sculpt sound and create music. A passionate advocate for education, Brent uses his Music Technology program as a vehicle for delivering an important message woven into the program: how important a student's education, great study habits and positive decision-making are for one's success in life and any career.

Music Technology with Brent Daniels shows students the important relationship between the technology they have in their classrooms and the creation of the music and sounds they hear on their iPods and on TV, in movies and video games. Student volunteers will participate in the program to help Brent create unique on-the-spot sounds and by the end of the show, an original song that will raise the roof! This experience will reinforce learning in the NJCCS.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Jefferson School Students consisting of four hundred-fifty (450) students, to participate in the *Make the Right Choice Music Technology with Brent Daniels* assembly on April 23, 2014. The total cost for this assembly will not exceed \$795.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-211000-300A-18-0000 (Jefferson Guidance).

(2) **Planetarium Dome Theater**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life. In so doing, it is also committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring that all students meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

Kramer Entertainment Agency, Inc. will bring “The Planetarium Dome Theater” to Hubbard Middle School on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 beginning 8:15 am - at a cost not to exceed \$2,225.00.

In addition, Maxson Middle School will also have the opportunity to observe the ‘Planetarium’ on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 beginning 8:30 am - at a cost not to exceed \$2,225.00.

The following presentations will be observed:

Hubbard - *Dinosaur Prophecy*, *The Search for Life: Are We Alone?* and, *The Secret of the Cardboard Rocket*. After the presentations, the students will share and discuss their different experiences during their science classes. Hubbard parents will also have a chance to observe the presentations at the scheduled PTO meeting the evening of May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Maxson - *Dinosaur Prophecy*, *Force Five*, *Microcosm*, *Secrets of the Dead Sea*, and *Lucy’s Cradle*. Throughout the school day, students will be given the opportunity to view these programs and their teachers will engage students in connected differentiated activities that are aligned with the NJCCCS. “The Planetarium Dome Theater” will continue for STEM Night in the evening (6:00 PM – 8:30 PM) to let the parents and visiting elementary students experience the presentations as well - *presentations for younger students are available*.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves payment to Kramer Entertainment Agency, Inc. for “The Planetarium Dome Theater” presentation at Hubbard Middle School, Wednesday, May 14, 2014, and Maxson Middle School, Tuesday, May 20, 2014 - at a cost of \$2,225.00 per school – total cost not to exceed \$4,450.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-190-100018-610A-23-0000 (Hubbard Gen. Supp.); and 15-190-100018-500A-24-0000 (Maxson Other Purchase Service).

**C. Professional Development**

**(1) Health in Child Care 2014 Conference – Iselin**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 2: Human Resources:**

To improve the recruitment, retention and development of District staff

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that a highly qualified competent, skilled and dedicated workforce is essential to the success of the district and the students. Therefore, the Plainfield Public Schools does both require and encourage employees to take continuing education courses to improve their professional knowledge, maintain professional credentials and to operate most effectively and efficiently in the delivery of services to the children of the district.

The Early Childhood staff, named below, will attend the *Health in Child Care 2014 Conference*, May 21, 2014 at the Woodbridge Renaissance in Iselin, New Jersey, at a cost of \$65.00 per person – total cost not to exceed \$390.00

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>
Ellen Frey	Nurse
Angela Ladenheim	Nurse
Adele Pudner	Nurse
Carol Riddlestorffer	Nurse
Lumishka Cooper-Turnbull	Community Parent Involvement Specialist
Louise Frankel	Master Teacher

The New Jersey Association for the Education of Young Children as a collaborative project of the Health in Child Care 2014 Conference is presenting “Enhancing Resilience for NJ’s Children and Families”. The conference objective is to promote dialogue among the pediatric, health and child care communities and inform professionals working with children about current health issues.

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves Ellen Frey, Angela Ladenheim, Adele Pudner, Carol Riddlestorffer, Louise Frankel, and Lumishka Cooper-Turnbull’s attendance at the *Heath in Child Care 2014* conference in Iselin, NJ on May 21, 2014. Total registration cost not to exceed \$390.00. Participants will be reimbursed for mileage at .31 per mile (upon verification of proper documentation). The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-218-200000-329A-34-0000 (ECPA Other Pur Professional).

## **(2) Orton-Gillingham Reading Program Professional Development In-District Training**

### **Strategic Plan Link**

#### **Goal 2: Human Resources:**

To improve the recruitment, retention and development of District staff

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

### **RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that a highly qualified competent, skilled and dedicated workforce is essential to the success of the district and the students. Therefore, the Plainfield Public Schools does both require and encourage employees to take continuing education courses to improve their professional knowledge, maintain professional credentials and to operate most effectively and efficiently in the delivery of services to the children of the District.

In order for the Plainfield School District to be in compliance with the new Dyslexia Laws (A3606, A3608, A3605/2442), the Institute for Multi-Sensory Education will provide Orton-Gillingham training in-district to sixty (60) staff members (TBD).

The training will take place during two (2) separate sessions, June 2, 2014 - June 6, 2014, and June 9, 2014 - June 13, 2014, 2014. Each session is five (5) days, Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm and will consist of twenty-five (25) participants. The cost of attending the in-district training is \$850.00 per person; total cost - \$42,500.00; plus \$1,760.00 for trainer travel expenses.

Orton-Gillingham is a multisensory method of reading instruction that provides five (5) essential components of an effective reading program as stipulated by the 2001 No Child left Behind Act and the National Reading Panel. The components are phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary development, and fluency and comprehension strategies. The expertise acquired through the Orton-Gillingham training will allow teachers to deliver explicit instruction in the identified key areas while utilizing and strengthening all learning pathways. Additionally, teachers will be provided with ongoing assessment and progress monitoring tools necessary to quickly and continuously evaluate each student's individual needs.

Completion of this training will satisfy the requirement by NJDOE (18A: 6-130) for districts to offer professional development to staff for the purpose of identifying and providing interventions for students with related reading disabilities such as dyslexia. The professional development shall be provided to general and special education teachers, instructional support staff, supervisors, Child Study Team members, speech specialist, and ESL teachers.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves fifty (50) staff members (TBD) to participate in one (1) of two (2), five (5) day in-district Orton-Gillingham training sessions provided by the Institute for Multi-Sensory Education, June 2, 2014 - June 6, 2014, and June 9, 2014 - June 13, 2014 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. The cost of the trainings is \$42,500.00 for fifty (50) participants (\$850.00 per person) plus, \$1,760.00 (trainer travel cost) - total cost not to exceed \$44,260.00. Availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-278-200000-320A-26-0002 (T2 Educ Consultant), and 20-278-200000-320A-26-0000 (T2 Edu Consultant PD).

**(3) NJ Assoc. of Federal Program Administrators – Spring Training Institute – Atlantic City**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 2: Human Resources:**

To improve the recruitment, retention, and development of District staff

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that a highly qualified, competent, skilled, and dedicated workforce is essential to the success of the District and the students. Therefore, it has provided the Superintendent of Schools the authority to employ non-administrative and administrative staff members to participate in out-of-district Professional Development opportunities.

Wilson Aponte, Principal of Evergreen Elementary School, along with Kwame Asante, Principal, Hubbard Middle School, will attend the New Jersey Association of Federal Program Administrators (NJAFPA) Spring Training Institute, June 4-5, 2014 at Harrah's Atlantic City Resort, Atlantic City, NJ.

The expense breakdown (per person/per GSA) is as follows:

<b>Registration</b>	<b>Lodging (\$96.00 per night + 18% tax)</b>	<b>Meals/Incidentals</b>	<b>Mileage/Tolls</b>	<b>Total</b>
\$298.00	\$226.56	\$99.00	\$67.86	\$691.42

This two- (2) day training session will include leading New Jersey Department of Education administrators' presentations on:

- Updates from NJDOE Leaders with Policies Affecting All New Jersey Districts
- Learn Proven Strategies for Bilingual Education Techniques
- Updated for Public Finance and Finance and Business Administration

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Wilson Aponte, Principal, Evergreen School, Kwame Asante, Principal, Hubbard Middle School to attend the New Jersey Association of Federal Program Administrators (NJAFPA) Spring Training Institute in Atlantic City, New Jersey, June 4-5, 2014. The cost per person is \$691.42 - total cost not to exceed \$1,382.84. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-190-100018-500A-17-0000 (Evergreen - Other Purchase Services), and 15-190-100018-320A-23-0000 (Hubbard Professional Ed Service).

#### **(4) Security Officer's Registration Act (SORA) In-District Summer Training**

##### **Strategic Plan Link**

##### **Goal #1: Learning Outcomes:**

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS

##### **Goal #2: Human Resources:**

To improve the recruitment, retention and development of District staff

##### **Goal # 4: Safe Learning Environment:**

To provide a safe, secure, professional and clean environment for students, staff and members of the community.

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

#### **RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that a highly qualified, competent, skilled and dedicated workforce is essential to the success of the District and students. Therefore, it has provided the Superintendent of Schools the authority to employ non-administrative and administrative staff members to participate in district professional development opportunities.

By receiving this training our security officers will be compliant with "*Security Officer's Registration Act, (N.J.S. 45:19A-1 to 45:19A-12)*". By providing this training to staff with standardized training, they will be taught a variety of subjects related to the safety and security of the students and staff that will allow them to better understand and perform their duties. The knowledge gained through SORA training offers exposure to fundamental concepts and principles of the security industry.

Security Officers will be compensated for their attendance of the "Check-M-Out" *SORA Training* workshop. Hours of instruction will be Wednesday, June 25, 2014 and Thursday, June 26, 2014, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

The expense breakdown is as follows:

- **SORA** - 24-Hour Training fee is \$86.00 each officer/staff member = \$3,268.00
- **NJ State Police Prints** - \$66.50 each officer/staff member = \$2,527.00  
Fed/State Criminal Back Ground Search via Morpho Trac. (*Initial fees must paid out by registrant, via credit card; however each registrant to receive reimbursement of \$66.50 from Plainfield Board of Education*)
- **NJ STATE POLICE REGISTRATION** - \$75.00 for each officer/staff member = \$2,850.00
- **Summer Pay / 2 days** - \$75.00 per day per officer is \$5,550.00

Total cost not to exceed \$14,195.00 (\$8,645.00 – training; and \$2,775.00 - daily pay).

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the Security Officer's Registration Act (SORA) In-District Summer Training for all PPS Security Officers to take place June 25-26, 2014, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM. The total cost not to exceed \$14,195.00 (\$8,645.00 - training; and \$5,550.00 - staff compensation. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 11-000-266000-300A-40-0000 (District Security Workshop).

**(5) National Association of School Nurses' (NASN) 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference – San Antonio, TX**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS

**Goal 2: Human Resources:**

To improve the recruitment, retention and development of District Staff

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that a highly qualified, competent, skilled, and dedicated workforce is essential to the success of the District and the students. Therefore, it has provided the Superintendent of Schools the authority to employ non-administrative and administrative staff members to participate in professional development opportunities.

Myrna Dyson, School Nurse at Clinton K-8 Center will attend the National Association of School Nurses' (NASN) 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, June 26, 2014 through July 1, 2014, in San Antonio, Texas, at a cost not to exceed \$1,952.00. The breakdown (per GSA) is as follows:

Registration -	\$ 470.00 ( <i>through 4/15/2014</i> )
Roundtrip Airfare -	\$ 50.00 ( <i>to and from airport</i> )
Lodging -	\$ 649.00 ( <i>\$110.00 per night {5 nights} + 18% tax</i> )
Bound Printed Syllabus -	\$ 25.00
Meals -	\$ 308.00
<b>Total Cost -</b>	<b><u>\$1,952.00</u></b>

Nurse Dyson's attendance at the National Association of School Nurses' (NASN) 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference will give her the ability to provide the following:

- Describe research activities related to emerging and novel approaches to advancing student health.
- Share evidence-based programs and research on best practice with district nurses and administration
- Expand school nurse practice by applying new skills
- Obtain the newest industry information on products, services and technology
- Apply proven nursing strategies for increasing the self-management behaviors of students

Ms. Dyson is also participating as a presenter at the conference on June 29. She and her colleague are presenting "Primary Prevention of Lead Exposure in School Communities: A School Nurse Perspective".

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Myrna Dyson, Clinton K-8 Center's School Nurse to attend the National Association of School Nurses' (NASN) 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, June 26, 2014 through July 1, 2014, in San Antonio, Texas, at a total cost not to exceed \$1,952.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-223000-320A-14-0000 (Clinton Professional & Technical Services).

**(6) ISTE 2014 Conference and Expo – Atlanta, GA**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that a highly qualified, competent, skilled, and dedicated workforce is essential in the success of the District and the students. Therefore, it has provided the Superintendent of Schools the authority to employ administrative staff members to participate in out-of-district professional development.

Mrs. Angela Bento, Principal and Jennifer Collins, English teacher will attend the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) 2014 program from Saturday, June 28, 2014 to Tuesday, July 1, 2014 in Atlanta, GA.

This District has identified a need to strengthen leadership skills. Attendance at this conference will help provide practical lessons for leaders, and improve teaching and learning. By exposure to the workshops led by nationally recognized researchers/presenters, I will be able to turnkey the information obtained to the teaching staff. As an administrator I will be able to focus on the following:

- Discover how technology improves outcomes for all learners
- Learn about standards and assessment modes for faculty and tech programs
- Explore resources for data-driven decision making

ISTE's conference and expo brings educators of all types and grade levels together to share discoveries and develop solutions for their greatest challenges—all while connecting to a global network of education resources.

The breakdown of travel expenses (*per person, per GSA guidelines*) is as follows:

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| • Registration/Workshop Fees -                     | \$378.00 |
| • Air and Ground Transportation -                  | \$800.00 |
| • Hotel for three (3) nights (including 18% tax) - | \$470.82 |
| • Food Allowance/Incidentals -                     | \$140.00 |

Cost (per person) - \$1,788.82 – total cost not to exceed - \$3,377.64.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Angela Bento, Principal, PAAAS along with PAAAS English Teacher Jennifer Collins to attend the ISTE 2014 program from Saturday, June 28, 2014 to Tuesday, July 1, 2014 in Atlanta, GA. Cost per person - \$1,788.82; total cost not to exceed \$3,377.64. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-221000-320A-52-0000 (PAAAS Professional Services).

**(7) National Conference on School Discipline Practices – Chicago, IL**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 2: Human Resources:**

To improve the recruitment, retention and development of District staff

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that a highly qualified, competent, skilled, and dedicated workforce is essential to the success of the District and the students. Therefore, the Plainfield Public Schools does both require and encourage employees to participate in-out-of district professional development and take continuing education courses to improve their professional knowledge, maintain professional credentials and to operate most effectively and efficiently in the delivery of services to the children of the District.

Lisa Armstead, Vice Principal, Maxson Middle School, will attend the National Conference on School Discipline Practices in Chicago, Illinois, Saturday June 28, 2014 through Wednesday, July 2, 2014.

The total cost to attend is \$2,189.20; the expense breakdown (per GSA) is as follows:

<b>Registration</b>	<b>Lodging (4 nights + 18% tax)</b>	<b>Transportation (Air/Ground)</b>	<b>Meals/Incidentals</b>	<b>Total</b>
\$415.00	\$879.10	\$775.00	\$319.50	\$2,389.20

The National Conference on School Discipline Practices intensive sessions will provide professional development opportunities that focus on improving school culture and academic performance by applying the most current innovations and research to school discipline, classroom management and other student behavior interventions.

Attendance to this conference will provide the participant with the resources and best practices to transform our school's climate and cultivate an environment conducive to learning as well as gather information by attending workshops on Intervention and Prevention strategies which can be turnkeys to other district personnel.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Lisa Armstead, Vice Principal to attend the National Conference on School Discipline Practices in Chicago, Illinois, Saturday June 28, 2014 through Wednesday July 3, 2014 - total cost not to exceed \$2,389.20. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-223000-580A-24-0000 (Maxson Travel).

**(8) New Jersey Association of School Business Officials – Atlantic City**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 3: Business Operations:**

To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of business operations

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that a highly qualified, competent, skilled, and dedicated workforce is essential to the success of the District and the students. Therefore, it has provided the Superintendent of Schools the authority to employ non-administrative and administrative staff members to participate in out-of-district professional development opportunities.

**WHEREAS**, the specific focus is to lead district's through today's' economic challenges, review policy and legal updates, homeless and residency requirements, cooperative transportation and pensions.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Gary L. Ottmann, School Business Administrator, and Yolanda Henry, Assistant School Business Administrator/Interim Board Secretary, to attend the NJASBO 2014 Annual Spring Conference in Atlantic City, New Jersey, June 4-6, 2014, at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 11-000-251000-592T-04-00000 (Misc. Purch. Srv).

**(9) NJ Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention – AMENDED (add'l participants)**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS

**Goal 2: Human Resources:**

To improve the recruitment, retention and development of District staff

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that a highly qualified, competent, skilled, and dedicated workforce is essential to the success of the District and the students. Therefore, it has provided the Superintendent of Schools the authority to employ non-administrative and administrative staff members to participate in out-of-district Professional Development opportunities.

Speech/Language Therapists - Cynthia Davis, Tracey Easley-Card, Laurie Thurston and Patty A. Lewis, will attend the 2014 New Jersey Speech-Language-Hearing Annual Convention May 1-2, 2014 in Long Branch, NJ. The registration cost for the two- (2) day conference for members is \$275.00 per person – total cost not to exceed \$1,100.00.

In addition, PIRT members, Marie Blot, Donna McAuliffe and Marlene Rosenbaum will attend for one (1) day at a registration cost of \$275.00 for non-members – total cost not to exceed \$825.00.

Attendance at the conference is required in order to maintain national certification which is required by Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) and for Plainfield Public Schools to receive reimbursement for speech/language services that are provided to Medicaid eligible students.

The conference will offer a full-range of workshops needed for the therapists to acquire the ten (10) hours of course work as needed to maintain National American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) certification, as well as updated information and the latest research, issues and trends related to audiology, and speech-language pathology in education.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Speech/Language Therapists - Cynthia Davis, Tracey Easley-Card, Laurie Thurston and Patty A. Lewis, along with PIRT members – Marie Blot, Donna McAuliffe and Marlene Rosenbaum, to attend the 2014 New Jersey Speech-Language-Hearing Association Annual Convention in Long Branch, NJ, May 1-2, 2014 – total cost not to exceed \$1,925.00. In addition, participants will be reimbursed for mileage at .31 per mile (upon verification of proper documentation). The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to accounts 20-252-200000-500A-32-0000 (IDEA Workshops), 20-218-200000-329A-34-0000 (ECPA Other Pur Professional), and 20-218-200000-580A-34-0000 (ECE Travel)

**(10) The NJTESOL-BE Annual Spring Conference – AMENDED from March, 2014 Agenda – includes names for Office of Bil. Ed. - adding Early Childhood**

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**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 2: Human Resources:**

To improve the recruitment, retention and development of District staff

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that a highly qualified, competent, skilled, and dedicated workforce is essential to the success of the District and the students. Therefore, it has provided the Superintendent of Schools the authority to employ non-administrative and administrative staff members to participate in out of district professional development opportunities.

As recommended by the Office of Bilingual Education, ESL and World Languages, and approved in the March 2014 Agenda, the following list comprised of two (2) administrators, two (2) resource teachers, thirteen (13) ESL coordinators, fourteen (14) bilingual teacher/liaisons, and thirty-one (31) bilingual and ESL teachers will attend the NJTESOL/NJBE Annual Spring Conference, May 28-29, 2014 at the Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick, NJ.

In addition, The Office of Early Childhood Programs and Services will send two (2) administrators, six (6) master teachers and six (6) PIRT (staff listed below). One (1) master teacher, and two (2) PIRTs will attend one (1) day, all other attendees will attend two (2) days. The cost to attend one (1) day is \$214.00; the cost to attend both days is \$294.00 - cost for Early Childhood - \$3,876.00.

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL	NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL
<b>OFFICE OF BILINGUAL EDUCATION, ESL AND WORLD LANGUAGE</b>					
Yacklyn Gutierrez	ESL Teacher	Barlow	Victoria Rios	Bil. Tchr/Lias.	Emerson
Carolina F. Lopez	Bil. Teacher	Barlow	Byron Cevallos	Bil. Teacher	Evergreen
Constanza Fernandez	Bil. Teacher	Barlow	Kenyatta Knight	Bil. Teacher	Evergreen
Jesus Peraza	ESL Coord.	Barlow	Yasmin Burell	Bil. Teacher	Evergreen
Celsa Burgos	Bil. Teacher	Barlow	Adolfo Gilioz	ESL Teacher	Evergreen
Antonella Rossi	Bil. Tchr/Lias.	Barlow	Anne Pittius	ESL Teacher	Evergreen
Jay Rossin	Administrator	BOE	Bridget Trott-Holmes	ESL Coord.	Evergreen
Idelisse Gonzalez	Administrator	BOE	Candice Hedberg	ESL Coord.	Evergreen
Phillip Williamson	Administrator	BOE	Emma Anderson	Bil. Tchr/Lias.	Evergreen
Mina Papettas	Bil. Teacher	Cedarbrook	Cristine Swanson	ESL Coord.	Hubbard
Melissa Grau	Bil. Teacher	Cedarbrook	Paola Jimenez	Bil. Teacher	Hubbard
Katheryn Reina	ESL Coord.	Cedarbrook	Julia Marte	Bil. Tchr/Lias.	Hubbard
Annie Ramos	Bil. Tchr/Lias.	Cedarbrook	Tim Spaur	ESL Teacher	Jefferson
Regina Mazza	ESL Teacher	Clinton	Indra Barreto	ESL Teacher	Jefferson
Cristina Guerron	Bil. Teacher	Clinton	Andrea Green	ESL Coord.	Jefferson
Brenda Martinez	ESL Coord.	Clinton	Yaneth Sierra	Bil. Tchr/Lias.	Jefferson
Maria Acero	Bil. Tchr/Lias.	Clinton	Diana Saenz-Torres	Bil. Tchr/Lias.	Maxson
Jean Colrick	ESL Coord.	Cook	Shannon Moran	ESL Coord.	Maxson
Dilver Ortiz	Bil. Teacher	Emerson	Jose Gilberto Ladino	Bil. Tchr/Lias.	Maxson
Michel Carrington	ESL Teacher	Emerson	Eva Velez	ESL Teacher	PHS
Vincent Rosano	ESL Teacher	PHS	Grinnet Foxton	Bil. Teacher	Stillman

**The NJTESOL-BE Annual Spring Conference – AMENDED (cont'd)**

<b>OFFICE OF BILINGUAL EDUCATION, ESL AND WORLD LANGUAGE</b>					
Liza Darmstadt	ESL Teacher	PHS	Bettina Heller	ESL Teacher	Washington
Miguelina Landisi	Administrator	PHS	David Jin	ESL Teacher	Washington
Hilda Martinez	Bil. Tchr/Lias.	PHS	Shirley Clore	ESL Coord.	Washington
Lenny Jimenez	LEAD	PHS	Angelica Matos	Bil. Teacher	Washington
Aurora Hill	ESL Teacher	Stillman	Luz Sepulveda	Bil. Tchr/Lias.	Washington
Patricia McEnerney	ESL Coord.	Stillman	Samantha Hunter	Bil. Teacher	Woodland
Natalie Pereira	ESL Coord.	Stillman	Luis Mayancela	Bil. Teacher	Woodland
Johanna Corona	Bil. Teacher	Stillman	Yanira Guardado	Bil. Teacher	Woodland
Diana Caspao	Bil. Teacher	Stillman	Edith Farrell	ESL Coord.	Woodland
Sonia Rey	Bil. Tchr/Lias.	Stillman	Elsa Rodriguez	Bil. Tchr/Lias.	Woodland
<b>OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS AND SERVICES</b>					
Louise Frankel	Master Tchr.	EC	Monica Charris	Master Tchr.	EC
Breonna Johnson	PIRT	EC	April Morecraft	Master Tchr.	EC
Rosa Mannarino	PIRT	EC	Shalini Kathuria	Master Tchr.	EC
Evelyn Motley	Administrator	EC	Tracy Mullen	PIRT	EC
Elena Rutherford	Administrator	EC	Marlene Rosenbaum	PIRT	EC
Tanashia White	Master Tchr.	EC	Donna McAuliffe	PIRT	EC
Carrie Ann Floyd	Master Tchr.	EC	Marie Blot	PIRT	EC

The New Jersey Teachers to Speakers of Other Languages and Bilingual Educators (NJTESOL-BE) is a professional organization devoted to representing and servicing the English Language Learners and Bilingual Education professionals of the State of New Jersey. This conference will provide an opportunity to engage its attendees in numerous workshops and exhibitions. This conference allows teachers to network with other ESL/Bilingual educators from across the nation.

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the amended names (above) from the Office of Bilingual Education to attend the NJTESOL/NJBE Annual Spring Conference, May 28-29, 2014 at the Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick, NJ, as well as, approve fourteen (14) additional staff from the Office of Early Childhood.

Staff members will be compensated for travel, per contractual language (upon verification of proper documentation). Total cost will not exceed \$3,876.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to accounts 20-240-200000-500A-39-0000 (T3 Conf. Registr); 20-218-200000-329A-34-0000 (ECPA Other Pur Professional), and 20-218-200000-580A-34-0000 (ECE Travel).

## Grants

### (1) NFL PLAY 60 Super School Contest Grant - Maxson Middle School

#### Strategic Plan Link

#### Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

### RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life. In so doing, it is also committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring that all students meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

NFL Network and their local affiliate partners believe that every student should have the opportunity to participate in quality physical education. Therefore, NFL Network worked with their affiliate partners by asking schools nationwide to show their commitment to health and wellness by participating in the NFL PLAY 60 Super School contest. NFL PLAY 60, NFL Network, the local NFL club and local affiliate provided a \$10,000 youth health and wellness grant to one (1) elementary or middle school in each NFL-club market.

From August 1, 2013 to September 13, 2013, school administrators, teachers, leaders and directors of a PTO or other school-approved parent organization nationwide were encouraged to submit three (3) essays about how their school is celebrating its NFL team pride, about their current PE environment and how their school is teaching the importance of health and wellness. Each year, thirty-four (34) schools are recognized as NFL PLAY 60 Super Schools for their efforts and awarded a \$10,000 youth health and wellness grant and a visit with one (1) or more NFL players, mascots, cheerleaders and other team personnel. This year (2013) the New York Giants league announced Maxson Middle School as the winning school in New Jersey. The NFL PLAY 60 Super School team celebration visit was held at Maxson Middle School on November 19, 2013.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the \$10,000 youth health and wellness grant provided by NFL PLAY 60 Super School on November 19, 2013. This grant will be utilized to improve PE environment and physical activities in school. Grant is awarded in the form of a check made payable to the Maxson Middle School.

**(2) FY 2014 NJCCC College Readiness Now**

**Strategic Plan Link:**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring that all students meet Common Core State Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

The FY 2014 NJCCC College Readiness Now Grant for Union County College has been approved by the New Jersey Council of Community Colleges, in the amount of \$41,531.85. The project period for this grant is March 17, 2014 through August 1, 2014.

This grant will provide funding to support student academic achievement and faculty professional development. Funds have been allocated for Union County College to provide diagnostic testing, specialized math software, iPad minis, classroom support, and faculty development for one hundred-fifty (150) 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students and their teachers from March 17, 2014 through August 1, 2014.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education accepts participation in the FY 2014 NJCCC College Readiness Now Grant for the following faculty: Karl Faunce, Andrew Giovine, Maureen Thal, Thomas Symms, Jorel Wilkins, and Kimberley Morris.

**(3) Acceptance of Funds (in-kind) from the Microsoft Corporation Retail Store –  
Bridgewater Mall, Bridgewater, New Jersey**

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**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS

**Goal 5: Community and Family Engagement:**

To actively engage families and communities in a meaningful, structured, and productive manner that promotes learning and cooperation.

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential as productive citizens. The Plainfield Academy for the Arts and Advanced Studies will be awarded up to \$1,600 (in-kind) to provide technological literacy and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Life Skills.

Through grant funding from the Microsoft Corporation Event Program provides workshops for Organizations/participants that visit their Microsoft Retail Store, located in the Bridgewater Mall, Bridgewater, New Jersey six (6) times per year. Microsoft will award only after the Organization/participant completes the required six-in-store events to receive software/hardware resources with a retail value up to \$1,600.00 (in-kind).

The Microsoft Event Program works collaboratively with the Plainfield Academy for the Arts and Advanced Studies to ensure students have access to emerging technologies. The technology and business teachers also work collectively with the Microsoft Event Program to coordinate activities and workshops that provide students, families and Plainfield community stakeholders' technological literacy and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Life Skills.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves acceptance up to \$1,600.00 grant funds (in-kind) from the Microsoft Corporation Event Program.

**(4) 2014-2015 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Grant  
Approval for Submission of Application**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

To provide high-quality educational and enrichment programs that will enable students to improve academic achievement, and promote positive behavior and appropriate social interaction with peers and adults.

**Goal 2: Human Resources:**

To improve the recruitment, retention, development of District staff

**Goal 3: Business Practice:**

To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of District school operations

**Goal 4: Safe Learning Environment:**

To provide a safe, secure, professional and clean environment for students, staff, and community members.

**Goal 5: Community & Family Engagement:**

To implement activities that promotes parental involvement and provides opportunities for literacy and related educational development to the families of participating students.

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield of Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to submit the following application for federal/state funds to develop and implement a high-quality, out-of-school time services (afterschool and summer) at four (4) school sites including CH Stillman Elementary School, Washington Community School, Hubbard Middle School, and Maxson Middle School. The program services are for a targeted population of no less than three hundred-one (301) students and families for the Five Year Grant Period (9/1/14-8/31/19).

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Program Description</b>	<b>Administrator</b>	<b>Amount</b>
New Jersey Department of Education - Office of Student Support Services	The mission of the 21 <sup>st</sup> CCLC Afterschool and Summer Programs is to provide a safe, well-supervised environment beyond the traditional school day/year in which youth participate in a variety of educational, cultural and recreational activities designed to foster a commitment to life-long learning and promote positive behavior. Each center will offer age-appropriate activities using various curricula areas to address the physical, intellectual and emotional needs of all students. Both programs will provide academic support and enrichment activities aligned to CCSS/NJCCCS in the areas of arts and culture, youth development and parental involvement.	Anna Belin-Pyles	\$550,000

**(5) Jefferson Elementary School – NJ School Health Curriculum Grant Application**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring that all students meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards, State Common Core Standards, and achieve academic and life-long success.

Jefferson Elementary School, with approval from the Superintendent, has applied for the NJ School Health Curriculum Grant for the amount of up to \$650.00. This grant will be executed from September 2014 until June 2015 in our fifth grade classes. The school will be notified of our grant application status by June 2014.

This grant will provide funding to support student character achievement, provide implementation of the new curriculum within 2014-2015 school year and allow students to learn about relationships, decision making and resistance to pressures. Funds, if approved, would be allocated for Jefferson Elementary School and would be executed in alignment with the grant specifications.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education accepts the submission of the FY 2015 NJ School Health Curriculum Grant as follows:

**Program Name**  
Jefferson School

**Monies Requested**  
\$650.00

**Administrator**  
Scot R. Burkholder

**D. Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 2: Human Resources:**

To improve the recruitment, retention, development of District staff

The Superintendent of School recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that a highly qualified, skilled and dedicated workforce is essential to the success of the District and the students. Therefore, it has provided the Superintendent of Schools the authority to employ non-administrative and administrative staff members to participate in professional development.

Members of the Middle State Association of College and Schools (MSACS) Validation Team will visit Plainfield High School to assess its self-study and planning year for accreditation. The Validation Team consists of five educators from surrounding states.

The MSACS Validation Team will visit the high school from Tuesday, April 29, 2014 to Friday May 2, 2014. The cost of accommodations, meals, transportation and the banquet will be provided by the District. Reimbursement payments to the five (5) members of the MSACS Validation Team for travel will be provided by the District. Transportation to Plainfield High School will be provided by the District

The team's mission will include interviews with students, staff, administrators and community stakeholders. They will evaluate the artifacts and assess the objectives and action plans generated by the Standards Committee. The MSACS Validation Team will evaluate and recommend the granting of accreditation to Plainfield High School.

The MSACS was established in 1890 to promote the improvement of secondary education and to promote and ensure coordination and understanding between secondary schools and institutions of higher learning. Plainfield High School was evaluated for accreditation by the MSACS in 1995. .

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves five (5) members of the MSACS Validation Team to visit Plainfield High School from Tuesday, April 29, 2014 to Friday, May 2, 2014. Total cost not to exceed \$19,604.00 - for the cost of accommodations, meals, banquet, and travel reimbursement. The availability of funds has been verified and will be charged to account 11-000-221000-500A-26-0000 (Other Purchased Services (400/500), and 11-000-221000-500T-26-0000 (Other Purchased Services Travel).

**E. Bilingual Education, ESL and World Language - WIDA Model K Testing**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that a highly qualified, competent, skilled, and dedicated workforce is essential to the success of the District and the students. Therefore, it has provided the Superintendent of Schools the authority to employ staff members to perform additional assignments within our District.

All students who have registered for kindergarten and have a language other than English spoken in the home will be tested with the WIDA Model K English Language Proficiency Test to determine placement into Dual Language classrooms or ESL services. Testing will take place beginning April 7, 2014 at the Early Childhood Centers from 3:10 pm to 5:40 pm.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the WIDA Model K Testing. The cost to run this program will not exceed \$8,624.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to 11-000-218000-390A-26-0000 (Testing Contracted Services).

## **F. Hubbard Afterschool Homework Program**

### **Strategic Plan Link**

#### **Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

### **RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life. In doing so, it is also committed to ensuring that students have access to a learning environment beyond school hours which allows them to complete homework with the aide of technology and their peers. Hubbard's Afterschool Homework Helpers Program looks to meet the needs of its students in this regard.

Hubbard Middle School's Afterschool Homework program will meet Tuesday through Friday for 60-90 minutes, beginning April 16, 2014; for the remainder of the school year.

Two (2) staff members will act as facilitators and student volunteers will be recommended and recruited from each grade level to help provide academic support.

Teachers will be compensated at an hourly rate of \$28.00. Total cost not to exceed \$2,688.00.

The structure of the program is threefold. It provides students a place to complete their work, gives struggling students another opportunity to receive support, and high performing students a chance to showcase their talent to their peers and increase their confidence.

**RESOLVED**, the Plainfield Board of Education approves the operation of Hubbard's Afterschool Homework Program to begin April 16, 2014 and run Tuesday through Friday of each week. Two staff members will facilitate and be compensated at an hourly rate of \$28.00. Total cost not to exceed \$2,688.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account FY 2014 NCLB Title 1 100-100 (Teacher Stipends).

**G. Kumari Ghafoor-Davis, MSW - Social Worker and Parent Coach/Expert**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that a highly qualified, competent, skilled, and dedicated workforce is essential to the success of the District, schools, and the students. Therefore, it has provided the Superintendent of Schools the authority to employ consultants to address the needs of teachers and students in order to promote school improvement.

Kumari Ghafoor-Davis, MSW is a Social Worker and Parent Coach/Expert. Her consulting company "Optimistic Expectations" offers workshops to parents to provide tools in their parental journey. Kumari Ghafoor-Davis has over sixteen (16) years of experience in Social Services. She has worked with children in families for majority of those years in schools, inpatient and outpatient programs, independent living/aging out programs for foster care youth, group home, halfway houses, and crisis units for adults and children.

Kumari Ghafoor-Davis, will facilitate a Saturday Academy Parent Workshop Series for the parents of Charles H. Stillman School (*all materials included*). Parents will learn strategies to have more balance, better communication with their children and more effective discipline tactics. They will also learn how they can assist their children toward more success socially and in school.

The workshops will help improve understanding in the following topics, and be presented from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. She will also facilitate a staff development session on "Cultural Competency". Educators will learn more ways to deal with the diversity in our community as educators, the parents and the students we serve. Effective communication and cultural sensitivity will be discussed. Workshops will take place on the following dates:

<b>PARENTS</b>			
<b>May 3, 2014</b>		<b>May 10, 2014</b>	
Discipline Strategies	Building Self Esteem	Effects of Bullying (victim/perpetrator)	Motivating Children for Better Results
<b>TEACHERS – June 3, 2014</b>			
<i>Cultural Competency</i>			

**RESOLVED**, the Plainfield Board of Education approves Kumari Ghafoor-Davis to provide two- (2) session Parent Workshop Series for the parents of Charles H. Stillman School and one (1) staff development session for faculty and staff, at a cost not to exceed \$3,300.00 (*all materials included*). The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-221000-320A-20-0000 (Stillman Instructional Improvement Education Line), and 20-232-200000-320A-20-0000 T1 (Stillman Educ Consultant).

## **H. Merle Art Productions LLC**

### **Strategic Plan Link**

#### **Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

### **RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that a highly qualified, competent, skilled, and dedicated workforce is essential to the success of the District, schools, and the students. Therefore, it has provided the Superintendent of Schools the authority to employ consultants to address the needs of students in order to promote the performing arts.

Merle Art Productions LLC, agrees to provide music workshops at C.H. Stillman Elementary School. There will be a total of sixteen (16) sessions provided to three (3) kindergarten classes at a cost of \$1,600.00. The sessions will be held two (2) to three (3) times per week from April 28, 2014 - June 18, 2014.

Merle Art Productions LLC is an Art and Music production company. Their production company offers services to help promote excitement and talent cultivation in the area of music and art. They offer art and music sessions to students of all ages. They have been in the business for well over thirty (30) years. They have worked with churches, day care centers, and schools. They have produced several learning DVD's aimed to help students be academically successful.

**RESOLVED**, the Plainfield Board of Education approves Merle Art Productions LLC to provide a total of sixteen (16) sessions provided to three (3) kindergarten classes at Charles H. Stillman School, at a cost not to exceed \$1,600.00 (*all materials included*). The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-221000-320A-20-0000 (Stillman Instructional Improvement Education Svc).

## **I. PHS Carnival**

### **Strategic Plan Link**

#### **Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

### **RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and each their full potential in life. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring that all students meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

The Plainfield High School Student Council is sponsoring an event that will expose students to learning opportunities that they will not normally get in the classroom.

The Campy Blue Star Amusements and Garden State Amusements companies will operate a carnival at Plainfield High School from May 22, 2014 to May 26, 2014. The carnival will be located on the Kenyon Avenue side of the high school.

There will be fifteen (15) to twenty (20) adult and kiddy rides and up to eighteen (18) games at the carnival.

The Campy Blue Star Amusements and Garden State Amusements companies are two (2) of New Jersey's cleanest family owned mobile amusement companies. They own and operate twenty (20) mobile amusement rides and offer over eighteen (18) modern games of skill set up with the latest merchandise and prizes for maximum play age. The company's strong values contributed to its success and helped them to expand quickly.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves for the Campy Blue Star Amusements and Garden State Amusements companies to operate a carnival at Plainfield High School from May 22, 2014 to May 26, 2014. The operating hours are May 22-23, 2014 from 5:00 pm - 12:00 am and May 24-26, 2014 from 10:00 am - 12:00 am. There is no cost to the District.

**J. Health and Field Day – Emerson Elementary School**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS

**Goal 4: Safe Learning Environment:**

To provide a safe, secure, professional and clean environment for students, staff and members of the community

**Goal 5: Community and Family Engagement:**

To actively engage families and communities in a meaningful, structured and productive manner that promotes learning and cooperation

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life, in doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring that all students meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

Emerson Elementary School will hold a Health and Fitness Day on June 12, 2014 from 8:30 am - 2:00 pm (rain date: June 13, 2014).

The purpose is to provide the Emerson community (students and parents) with instruction, recreational activities, and community resources consistent with the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards for Health and Physical Education (2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6).

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Emerson Elementary School's Health and Fitness Field Day on June 12, 2014 from 8:30 am - 2:00 pm (rain date: June 13, 2014), on the school grounds, for the Emerson community (students and parents) at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-190-100018-610A-16-0000 (Emerson General Supplies).

## **K. Plainfield Public Schools – Summer School**

### **Strategic Plan Link**

#### **Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS

#### **Goal 5: Family and Community Engagement:**

To actively engage families and communities in a meaningful, structured, and productive manner that promotes learning and cooperation.

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

### **RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring that all students meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

This exposure and engagement will enable targeted groups of students to increase learning, earn units, improve grade point average, and/or accelerate matriculation through the District's required curriculum. Such extended summer school and learning opportunities may be provided to students within the school District at no charge to eligible and/or targeted students, as per N.J.A.C. 6A:32-10. Plainfield Public Schools will provide available remedial opportunities to students in grade 12 required for graduation and/or for students in grade 8 required for promotion. These opportunities will be provided to students in the required courses of Literacy, Mathematics, Social Studies, and/or Science. Direct teacher instruction and/or technology-based interventions will comprise the delivery model for these areas.

Additionally, English Language Learners and Special Education students in selected grades will be provided an opportunity to extend their learning as reflected in the appropriate curriculum for ELL student or IEP for Special Education students. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:32-10.2, the operation of a summer session requires annual approval by the Executive County Superintendent no later than May 30, 2014. Documentation required for submission has been prepared and submitted for approval in accordance with established guidelines.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approve the Plainfield Summer School Program, in operation from June 30, 2014 to August 8, 2014, 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The summer session will be for students in grade 12 to establish requirements for graduation; students in grade 8 to establish requirements for promotion; ELL students as available funding and eligibility permits and as reflected in their curriculum; and Special Education students, as per their IEP. These opportunities will be extended, contingent upon student enrollment, available staff, and District, state, and federal funding, as permitted by and/or required by law.

**L. SOAR, REACH and Maxson Middle School STEM  
Academic Summer Enrichment Programs**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

To improve the learning and academic performances of all students in all PPS

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach full potential in life. In so doing it is also committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring that all students meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

Elementary and Middle School students have been identified and will be offered the SOAR, REACH and STEM academic summer enrichment programs for second through eighth general education students. The programs will be housed at Emerson Community, Washington Community, Maxson Middle, and PAAAS schools.

The Enrichment programs will be in operation from July 1, 2014 through August 8, 2014, from 8:30 am – 2:30 pm or 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Monday through Thursday. Breakfast, lunch, and transportation will be provided. Enrichment in literacy, mathematics, science, and character education will be offered. Trips are also included in the program.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the District to operate SOAR, REACH and Maxson Middle School STEM academic summer enrichment programs for up to one hundred (100) general education students (in each program) who have been identified in second through eighth grades.

**M. Special Education, Gifted, and Psychological Services - Extended School Year**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring that all students meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

The Individuals with Disabilities Act ensures the provision of Special Education and or Related Services.

In order to comply with Individual Educational Plans, Extended School Year services are provided for students with disabilities. An Extended School Year (ESY) program provides for special education services beyond the school year in accordance with the student's IEP. ESY is considered when an interruption in educational programming causes the student's performance to revert to a lower level of functioning and recoupment cannot be expected in a reasonable length of time. ESY is typically considered for those students with significant disabilities.

An in-district ESY program allows the student to continue his/her educational program while remaining in the district at a lower cost to the school district.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the District to provide Extended School Year services for eighty-eight (88) special education students from June 30, 2014 to July 24, 2014. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 11-000-100000-101S-32-0000 (ESY Salaries).

**N. English Language Learners (ELL) Summer Academy 2014**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring that all students meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

The Office of Bilingual Education/ESL and World Languages will sponsor an English Language Learner (ELL) Summer Academy, which will provide enrichment for ELL students in grades K-12 for sixteen (16) days from July 1, 2014 to August 1, 2014, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am – 1:30 pm. Head Teachers will work from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm.

The ELL Summer Academy will offer academic enrichment and additional support to ELL students in ESL and Bilingual Education.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the Office of Bilingual Education/ESL and World Languages to operate the Summer ELL Academy for students in grades K-12, from July 1, 2014 August 1, 2014, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am – 1:30 pm. Head Teachers will work from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. All teachers are required to attend one- (1) day of training in July 2014 (pending approval of grant funds).

## **O. The Youth in Yoga Foundation Program - Partnership**

### **Strategic Plan Link**

#### **Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS

#### **Goal 5: Community and Family Engagement:**

To actively engage families and communities in a meaningful, structured, and productive manner that promotes learning and cooperation.

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

### **RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring that all students meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic and life-long success. To improve the health and well-being of students at the Evergreen Elementary School through a comprehensive, integrated, progressive Yoga program based upon sound technical and physical principles.

*The Youth in Yoga Foundation* is a non-competitive program, founded by Ms. Marci Shapiro for children of all ages, sizes and shapes to be active and stay healthy. The Yoga program will run April 16, 2014 to June 18, 2014.

As we know, not every child is a natural born athlete and therefore, some children feel less comfortable in Physical Education class or trying out for competitive sports. Yoga is a great way for every child to be able to participate in a healthy "sport". Yoga can provide a much-needed reduction of stress / anxiety during a student's school day even with as little as twenty (20) minutes at a time.

Based on research, there are many benefits of Yoga. Physically it increases flexibility, fights obesity, builds strength, improves coordination and balance and helps for a child to feel comfortable within their own body. Mentally, Yoga improves concentration, helps increase confidence, reduces stress / anxiety, helps to relax, can unleash creativity and strengthen the mind-body connection. Moreover, in today's academically demanding and challenging world, even at a very young age, children are stressed about grades, standardized testing, social demands, peer pressure and overwhelming competitiveness.

**The Youth in Yoga Foundation Program – Partnership (cont'd)**

Activities will include:

- Starting with the breath...yoga is about breathing and clearing the mind.
- Waking up the spine with stretches (arching the back and folding inward)
- Standing behind their chairs:
  - *Reaching up to a Tall Mountain Pose and then folding over their legs and getting a hamstring stretch*
  - *Rolling up to stand*
  - *Taking twists right and left working the core*
  - *Learning the Warrior poses to work the legs*
- Closing with a silent breathing which clears the mind

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the acceptance of a partnership between Evergreen Elementary School and The Youth in Yoga Foundation – in an effort to bring Yoga to the classroom! The Yoga program will run from April 16, 2014 to June 18, 2014. There is no cost to the District or community.

**P. Provision of Special Education Services**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

N.J.S.A. 18A:46 requires Boards of Education to identify and provide for students with various disabilities, and certain students in this district have been so identified and require special education and related services.

**RESOLVED**, the following organization be appointed as Special Services Consultants and Service provider for the Office of Special Education, Gifted and Psychological Services for the 2013-2014 School Year at the respective compensation rate.

<b>CONSULTANT/PROVIDER</b>	<b>SERVICE PROVIDED</b>	<b>RATE OF SERVICE</b>
BMW Enterprises, LLC 5 Garden Terrace, Milltown, NJ 08850	Bedside Instruction	\$75.00 per day

## XI. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

### A. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer – February 2014

**Strategic Plan Link:**

**Goal 3: Business Operations**

**To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of business operations.**

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

#### **RESOLUTION**

The Board Secretary has certified that, as of the date of the report, no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the District Board of Education.

The Treasurer of School Monies is required by statute to submit a report to the Board of Education on the cash balance in the various Board of Education Bank accounts.

The Board Secretary's Report and the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the stated period were in agreement.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education accepts the above referenced reports and certifications and orders that they be attached to and made part of the record of this meeting; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Plainfield Board of Education certifies that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the year, and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education directs the Superintendent to initiate whatever actions may be determined to be appropriate.

**TO BE PRESENTED AT THE APRIL 15, 2014 BUSINESS MEETING**

**B. Payment of Bills — March 14, 2014 – April 10, 2014**

**Strategic Plan Link:**

**Goal 3: Business Operations**

**To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of business operations.**

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**The Board of Education has determined that the warrants presented for payment are in order.**

The Board Secretary presented certain warrants to the Board of Education with a recommendation they be paid, and pursuant to NJAC 6:20-2.13(d), the Board Secretary certifies that with respect to the payment of bills referenced below no budgetary line item account has been over expended in violation of NJAC 6:20-2.13(a).

**RESOLVED**, that the following warrants be approved for payment, and that itemized lists of the warrants be filed with the minutes:

On the General Account

in the amount of \$

On the Agency Account

in the amount of \$

On the Food Service Account

in the amount of \$

IN THE GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$

**TO BE PRESENTED AT THE APRIL 15, 2014 BUSINESS MEETING**

**C. 2013 – 14 Budget Transfers**

**Strategic Plan Link:**

**Goal 3: Business Practices**

**To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of business operations.**

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the following budget adjustments which reflect the appropriations sufficient to meet expenditures:

**TO BE PRESENTED AT THE APRIL 15, 2014 BUSINESS MEETING**

**D. “AppliTrack” – Human Resources**

**Strategic Plan Link:**

**Goal 2: Human Resources**

**To improve the recruitment, retention, and development of district staff.**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes**

**To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS**

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that a highly qualified, competent, skilled and dedicated workforce is essential to the success of the District and the students. To that end, a commitment to raise standards of the hiring process will support the belief that all students are to succeed academically and reach their full potential in life.

**WHEREAS**, the Human Resources Department has identified Aspex Solutions as a leading company to advance the hiring process in providing ( “AppliTrack”) a web-based applicant tracking system via the website. “AppliTrack” is the leading all-in-one hiring solution whose clients include 2000 school districts nation-wide, (150 districts in New Jersey), park districts, municipalities, colleges and corporations. “AppliTrack” service includes the following:

- Management of job vacancies
- Posting of vacancies to Client’s website and K12JobSpot.com (a job posting board for schools)
- A customizable employment application
- Management of candidate applications
- Unlimited storage space for documents attached to candidate files
- Reference survey management

**WHEREAS**, Aspex Solutions will provide professional training, support services and additional features that are developed during the term which will automatically be made part of the service for no additional fee, now therefore be it,

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Aspex Solutions service agreement for the “AppliTrack” system for an annual fee of \$2,800.00, effective April 22, 2014 to April 21, 2015. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to 11-000-221000-320A-03-0000. (Personnel Improvement Prof. Svcs.)

**E. Bid # 2014-23 Cook Partial Roof Replacement**

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A: 18A-1 (et seq) advertised for sealed bids for 2014-23 Cook Partial Roof Replacement on March 10, 2014,

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with that advertisement bids were received, publicly opened and read aloud at the Board of Education Office on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

<b><u>VENDOR</u></b>	<b><u>PRICE</u></b>
Gen II Contracting, Inc. Clarksburg, NJ	\$246,630.00
<b>Integrity Roofing, Inc. Rahway, NJ</b>	<b>\$212,000.00</b>
VMG Group Roselle, NJ	\$221,000.00
Billy Contracting & Restoration Pine Brook, NJ	\$125,500.00*
E.R. Barrett, Inc. Newark, NJ	\$282,860.00
MTB, LLC Neptune City, NJ	\$234,300.00

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education accepts the lowest responsible and responsive bid of **Integrity Roofing, Inc.**, Rahway, NJ in the amount of \$212,000.00.

\*Bid withdrawn

**F. 2014 New Jersey School Boards Annual Workshop**

The following is recommended for adoption:

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves attendance by the members of the Board of Education, the Superintendent and Business Administrator at the Annual New Jersey School Boards Association Fall Workshop in Atlantic City, N.J. from October 28 – 30, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00., with payments and reimbursements to be in accordance with Board Policy, including the unavoidable expenses outlined in the regulations for N.J.A.C. 6A:23-B. The availability of funds has been verified and will be charged to 11-000-230000-585T-01-0000 (Board Travel).

**G. American Red Cross – Shelter Agreement**

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the American National Red Cross commitment is a not-for-profit corporation chartered by the United States Congress to provide services to individuals, families and communities when disaster strikes, and

**WHEREAS**, disaster relief activities of the Red Cross are made possible by the American public partly by facility owners who permit their buildings to be used as a temporary refuge for disaster victims, and

**WHEREAS**, Emerson School, Washington School and Plainfield High School have been identified as possible shelter facilities, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, the Plainfield Board of Education approves a shelter agreement with the American Red Cross to use said buildings as a temporary refuge for disaster victims.

**H. Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement**

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Plainfield High School desires to hang a banner across 950 Park Avenue for the period of April 15 to May 31, 2014, and

**WHEREAS**, the banner will promote Plainfield High School's upcoming carnival, and

**WHEREAS**, Park Avenue is a County of Union road, and

**WHEREAS**, it is the best interest of the County and Plainfield High School that the banner be hung upon County property, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, the Plainfield Board of Education approves the execution of a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement with the County of Union for the purpose of hanging a banner on Park Avenue.

**I. Out-of-District Travel**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 3: Business Operations**

**To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of business operations.**

The following is recommended by adoption:

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Wilma Campbell to attend the Leadership Conference for Board Presidents and Vice Presidents on Saturday, March 29, 2014 in Plainsboro, NJ at a cost not to exceed \$195.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 11-000-230000-580A-01-0000 (Board Travel).

**J. Approval of Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying (HIB) Investigation Decisions**

**Strategic Plan Link:**

**Goal 4: Safe Learning Environment**

**To provide a safe, secure, professional, and clean environment for students, staff, and members of the community.**

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Superintendent is required to report all alleged Harassment/ Intimidation/Bullying (HIB) incidents to the Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15c, and

The Superintendent has provided the Board of Education with the results of the investigations of all alleged HIB incidents reported to the Superintendent as of March 27, 2014 ; and

The Board of Education has had an opportunity to review and ask questions relative to the HIB incident reports submitted; therefore,

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education hereby accepts and affirms the determinations made by the Superintendent, Building Principals, District's Bullying Coordinator, and School Anti-Bullying Specialists on the incident reports submitted regarding the HIB investigations #2014-48 through #2014-57.

**K. NCLB FY 2014 Amendment**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

**To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS**

**Goal 3: Business Practices:**

**To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of District and school operations**

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for and insuring that all students meet the New Jersey Common Core Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requires that districts submit an amendment to the New Jersey Department of Education, to support student academic achievement, school improvement, professional development, technology in education and English language acquisition. Funds have been allocated for Plainfield Public Schools and specific Non-public schools within the District (I AM's Temple and Koinonia Academy).

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to submit FY 2014 NCLB Amendment for Federal funds to support educational programs and increase grant revenue in the District.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**