

PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Plainfield, N.J.

Date: Tuesday, April 3, 2012

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. Renata A. Hernandez, President
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell, Vice President
Mr. Alex O. Edache
Mrs. Keisha Edwards
Mrs. Brenda L. Gilbert
Mr. Dorien Hurtt
Mrs. Lisa C. Logan-Leach
Dr. Susan Phifer
Ms. Jameelah Surgeon
Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles, Interim 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 Friday, March 30, 2012 for advertisement on Saturday, March 31, 2012 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 st Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Conf.	6:30 p.m.
Personnel/Exec.Ses.	1 st Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Conf.	6:30 p.m.
Curric. & Instr.	1 st Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Conf.	8:00 p.m.
Finance Committee	1 st Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Conf.	8:00 p.m.
Bldgs. & Grds. Cmte.	1 st Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Conf.	8:00 p.m.
School Community Rel.	1 st Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Conf.	8:00 p.m.
Business Meeting	3 rd 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 Interim 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 Interim 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 17, 2012, 8:00 pm, in the Plainfield High School Auditorium.

VII. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

VIII. REMARKS FROM THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

- South Second Street Center OFAC Report
- Hub Stine Sports Complex Project

IX. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

X. REPORT OF THE CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

A. Fieldtrips

(1) The Franklin Institute - Philadelphia, PA

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

To improve the academic performance of all students in PPS.

The Interim 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.

Three (3) Third Grade classes consisting of seventy-five (75) students and twelve (12) chaperones from Cedarbrook K-8 Center will visit *The Franklin Institute*, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on June 7, 2012. The cost for admission for students is \$10.00 per student, chaperones are free. Admission cost will be paid by parents.

The focus of the trip is for students to gain a deeper understanding of physical and earth science. Students will be exposed to a variety of "hands-on" activities as well as experiencing a real-life activity about the weather. These current third graders will be better prepared for the science section of the NJASK-4 as a result of this trip. Students will take part in pre-visit activities as well as post-visit activities related to science, math, and literacy. Departure is scheduled for 8:30 AM and returning at 4:30 PM.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves three (3) Third Grade classes of seventy-five (75) students and twelve (12) chaperones from Cedarbrook K-8 Center to visit *The Franklin Institute* in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on June 7, 2012. Parents will pay the admittance fee of \$10.00 per student; total cost for students is \$750.00; chaperones are free. The cost for transportation, provided by Queen City Bus Tours, is \$1,850.00, the availability of funds for this has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-270000-512A-13-0000 (Principal Field Trip).

(2) Latin American Rhythms-Park Performing Arts Center - Union City

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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RESOLUTION

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In keeping with the strategic plan and goals for the district, Cedarbrook K-8 Center's 7th and 8th Grade students will attend a performance of Latin American Rhythms at the Park Performing Arts Center, Union City, NJ on Wednesday, April 18, 2012. All students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the interrelationship between language and culture for at least one language other than English.

In addition, students will be able to identify the various historical, social and cultural influences and traditions which have generated artistic accomplishments throughout the ages and which continue to shape contemporary arts.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approve Cedarbrook K-8 Center's one hundred and twenty (120) seventh and eighth grade students and nine (9) chaperones to attend The Latin American Rhythms at the Park Performing Arts Center, Union City, NJ on Wednesday, April 18, 2012. Transportation will be provided by the District Transportation Department. The entrance fee is \$12.00 per student, chaperones are free; total cost is \$1,440.00. Availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-190-100000-800A-13-0000 (Cedarbrook Fieldtrip Adm Fees).

(3) The Arenas at Woodbridge - Woodbridge

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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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 an ensuring that all students meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

Sixty-seven (67) eighth grade students from Cedarbrook K-8 Center along with four (4) teachers will attend The Arenas at Woodbridge in Woodbridge, NJ on June 14, 2012. 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. Students will then apply their acquired skills of writing a standards based narrative based on their experience. They will have the pleasure of enjoying the freedom to socialize with their classmates and applying it to the NJCCCS standards.

The purpose of this trip will be a culminating end-of-year/promotion activity for eighth grade students as well as an incentive for students to continue to excel beyond Middle School.

Departure is scheduled from Cedarbrook K-8 Center at 11:30 a.m. and returning at 2:00 p.m. Admission cost for The Arenas is \$650.00 paid by the Cedarbrook K-8 Center PATT. There is no cost to the District, excluding transportation. Transportation will be provided through District buses.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves sixty-seven (67) eighth grade students and four (4) teachers to attend The Arenas at Woodbridge, 60 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ on June 14, 2012. The cost of admission to The Arenas at Woodbridge will be paid by the Cedarbrook K-8 Center PATT. There is no cost to the District, excluding transportation; transportation will be provided through District buses.

(4) Dorney Park - Allentown, PA

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

The Interim 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.

Sixty-seven (67) eighth grade students from Cedarbrook K-8 Center along with five (5) teachers and (1) one-on-one assistant will attend Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom in Allentown, PA on June 15, 2012.

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. Students will then apply their acquired skills of writing a standards based narrative based on their experiences for the students. They will have pleasure of enjoying the freedom to socialize with their classmates and applying it to the NJCCCS standards.

The purpose of this trip will be a culminating end-of-year / promotion activity for eighth grade students as well as an incentive for students to continue to excel beyond Middle School.

Departure is scheduled from Cedarbrook K-8 Center at 8:30 a.m. and returning at 8:00 p.m. The cost of admission will be paid through parent funds. Transportation will be provided by Queen City Bus Tours, and will cost \$2,500.00.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves sixty-seven (67) eighth grade students, five (5) teachers and one (1) one-on-one assistant to attend Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom, 3830 Dorney Park Road, Allentown, PA, on June 15, 2012. Admission fees will be paid through parent funds. Transportation will be provided by Queen City Bus Tours, and will cost \$2,500.00. 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 Trips).

(5) Hershey Park – Hershey, PA

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

The Interim Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move on 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 ensuring that all students meet the Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

Three (3) 6th grade classes consisting of fifty (50) students and ten (10) chaperones from Emerson School will visit Hershey Park in Hershey, PA Friday, June 15, 2012. The focus of the trip is to explore mathematical concepts by predicting, graphing, plotting, and taking the mean, median, and range; writing a post card upon return to Emerson about what one finds at the park; exploring the Arboretum, and learning about geographical locations of the various animals featured in ZooAmerica.

It will be a rich and rewarding experience for the students of Plainfield. They will have the pleasure of exploring these concepts in a venue that provides much more than just fun rides. Students will take part in pre-visit activities as well as post-visit activities relating to **Literacy** W.6.2,3,4; **Geography** R.H.6-8.1,7,9 **Science** RST.6-8.1,2,4,7,9 **Math** 6.SP.2,4,5

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves three (3) Emerson School 6th grade classes consisting of fifty (50) students and ten (10) chaperones to visit Hershey Park in Hershey, PA, Friday, June 15, 2012. The cost of the trip includes admission cost of \$30.00 per person, to be paid by fundraising efforts of the 6th grade; and \$1,550.00 for transportation, provided by Oak Tree Bus Services, Inc. The availability of funds for the transportation cost of this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-270000-512A-16-0000 (Emerson Principal Field Trips).

(6) Red Lobster - Bridgewater

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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Ten (10) 3rd-5th grade Washington Community School students and four (4) chaperones will visit Red Lobster Restaurant in Bridgewater, New Jersey. Students will learn how a big business like Red Lobster operates. They will receive a guided tour of the entire facility and will observe how the restaurant prepares food for its customers. Students will have an opportunity to taste the different foods made at Red Lobster and compare how it differs from the Olive Garden Restaurant.

There is no cost for this trip. Departure is scheduled from Washington Community School on Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 9:00 AM. The return is scheduled for 1:00 PM. Transportation will be provided through the district.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approve ten (10) 3rd-5th grade Washington Community School students and four (4) chaperones to attend trip to Red Lobster Restaurant in Bridgewater, New Jersey on Thursday, April 19, 2012. There is no cost to the District for this trip, excluding transportation; transportation will be provided by the district.

(7) Funplex – East Hanover

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all Plainfield Public Schools.

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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 Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

Stillman School students who have successfully satisfied their academic and community responsibilities for this school year will be able to attend the trip to Funplex at 182 Route 10 West in East Hanover, New Jersey on Wednesday, June 6, 2012. Thirty-five (35) students in Grades 4-6 and five (5) staff and chaperones will travel to and from this venue via coach bus provided by Oak Tree Transportation Corporation.

Admission and concession fees per person are \$22.90 totaling \$1,025.00. Oak Tree transportation fees will not exceed \$550.00 for round trip service. The total cost for this field trip is \$1,575.00. Students will depart Stillman School at 8:30 a.m. and return at 4:00 p.m.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves thirty-five (35) students and five (5) staff and chaperones from Stillman School to attend Funplex in East Hanover, New Jersey on Wednesday, June 6, 2012. The total cost of the trip will not exceed \$1,575.00 (admission, concession, and transportation). Transportation will be provided by Oak Tree Transportation Corporation. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to accounts 15-000-270000-512A-20-0000 (Stillman Princ Field Trips) and 15-190-100000-800A-20-0000 (ADMISSION).

(8) Showstopper Competition - NJ Convention and Expo Center - Edison

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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Twenty-seven (27) students in grades 7, 8, 9 and 10 enrolled in Dance at Plainfield Academy for the Advanced Arts and Studies (PAAAS) and three (3) chaperones will attend the New Jersey Convention and Expo Center, located in Edison, New Jersey, on Friday, April 27, 2012. Students will experience the competition "Showstoppers". Students will view talent from across the nation performing a wide range of dance genres to reflect upon during their studio classes. Departure is scheduled for 8:30 a.m., returning at 4:00 p.m.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves twenty-seven (27) PAAAS students in grades 7, 8, 9 and 10; and three (3) chaperones to travel to New Jersey Convention and Expo Center, located at 97 Sunfield Ave., Edison, New Jersey at no cost to the student. There is no cost to the district, excluding transportation; transportation will be provided by the Plainfield Public School District.

(9) Washington, DC

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all Plainfield Public Schools.

The Interim 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 8th grade class, consisting of twenty-four (24) students along with four (4) chaperones will make an educational trip to Washington, D.C. on May 18, 2012, 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. There is no cost for admission to any of the historical sites.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Clinton K-8 Center's twenty-four (24) 8th graders and four (4) chaperones to participate in an educational trip to Washington, D.C., on May 18, 2012, from 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The cost for transportation is \$1,750.00, and will be provided by Raritan Valley Bus Services. Availability of funds for this item has been verified and it will be charged to account 15-000-270000-512A-14-0000 (Principal Field Trips).

B. Assembly

(1) Ms. Bee's Traveling Bus

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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Merle Art Productions have agreed to bring Ms. Bee's Traveling Bus to Clinton K-8 Center. Ms. Bee's Traveling Bus play exposes audiences to diverse musical genres while creatively teaching them a lesson in Career Goal Setting, Language Arts, and Mathematics. Throughout Ms. Bee's academic musical journey she encourages students of all ages. The students gain self-confidence and embrace the idea that learning is fun, exciting, and does not stop just because it is summer time.

Experiencing Ms. Bee's performance, students will also be able to gain exposure to geography and gain an appreciation for diverse cultures. Ms. Bee's music helps promote small and large motor development through movement. Her music helps cultivate concentration and focused listening. It helps promote appreciation for team work, which is Clinton's motto "Together Everyone Achieves More (T.E.A.M.)." It also helps encourage family/children bonding. Ms. Bee's music stimulates students in the learning environment. Research supports that music makes a difference in student performance and academic achievement.

Ms. Bee will perform at two assemblies on the last day of school. The times of the performances are 8:15-9:00 AM (Grades Pre-K – 4), and 9:15-10:00 AM (Grades 5 – 8).

There will be ten performers/actors and a DJ. The instrument used in the performance is a set of Bongos. The accessories used will be flags, lights and stage props.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Merle Art Music live performance "Ms. Bee's Traveling Bus" at Clinton K-8 Center on the last day of school, at a cost of \$3,000.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-190-100001-590A-14-0000 (Miscellaneous Purchase Services).

C. Conferences

(1) NJPSA/FEA/NJASCD Fall Conference – Long Branch

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Human Resources

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

The Interim 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 Interim Superintendent of Schools the authority to employ non-administrative and administrative staff members to participate in out of district professional development opportunities.

Evelyn Motley, Director Office of Early Childhood Programs and services, and Elena Rutherford, Vice Principal, Office of Early Childhood Programs and Services will attend a conference through the NJPSA/FEA/NJASCD, entitled "*Rethinking Leadership: Coherence Matters*".

The conference will be held October 18 - 19, 2012, at Ocean Place in Long Branch, New Jersey. The conference will prepare participants for major educational reform in the following areas:

- Principal and Teacher Evaluation
- Common Core State Standards
- Assessment and Accountability
- Working with Struggling Students
- Technology
- Culture and Climate
- Special Education
- Quality of Instruction
- Effective Use of Data
- Redesigning School Time

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Evelyn Motley and Elena Rutherford to attend the NJPSA/FEA/NJASCD Fall conference on October 18-19, 2012 at Ocean Place Resort, Long Branch, NJ, "*Rethinking Leadership: Coherence Matters*". Registration for the conference is \$195.00, availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-218-10000-500A-34-0000 (Other Purchased Services).

(2) The NJTESOL-BE Annual Spring Conference – New Brunswick

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Human Resources

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

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

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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 participating in numerous workshops, and exhibits, and networking with other ESL/Bilingual educators from across the state. NJTESOL-BE's mission is to:

- Advocate for our state's ESL/Bilingual Learners and their families
- Cultivate a multilingual / multicultural society by supporting and promoting policy, programs, pedagogy, research, and professional development that yield academic success, value native language and lead to English proficiency
- Promote respect for cultural and linguistic diversity

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following staff to attend The NJTESOL/NJBE Annual Spring Conference on May 30-31, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency, New Brunswick, NJ. The cost of registration for one (1) administrator and thirteen (11) ESL Coordinators is \$274.00 per person (total \$3,288.00); registration for twenty (20) ESL, and Bilingual teachers is \$194.00 per person (total \$3,880.00) - a total of thirty-two (32) educators; total cost not to exceed \$7,800.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-244-200000-500X-39-0000 (T3 Conference Fees – Prof. Dev.).

	NAME	LOCATION	REGISTRATION COST	DAY(S) ATTENDING
1	Jesus Peraza	Barlow	\$274	Tue, Wed
2	Brenda Martinez	Clinton	\$274	Tue, Wed
3	Maria Acero	Clinton	\$194	Tue
4	Marie Maldonado	Clinton	\$194	Wed
5	Jenny Hernandez	Clinton	\$194	Tue
6	Jean Colrick	Cook	\$274	Tue, Wed
7	Phillip Williamson	District	\$274	Tue, Wed
8	Ilene Weinstein	District	\$274	Tue, Wed
9	Idelisse Gonzalez	District	\$274	Tue, Wed
10	Lissette Hernandez	Emerson	\$194	Tue

The NJTESOL-BE Annual Spring Conference (contd.)

	NAME	LOCATION	REGISTRATION COST	DAY(S) ATTENDING
11	Victoria Rios	Emerson	\$194	Wed
12	Mariel Polanco	Emerson	\$194	Tue
13	Katherine Reina-Lopez	Evergreen	\$194	Wed
14	Aurora Hill	Evergreen	\$194	Tue
15	Yaney Novo	Evergreen	\$194	Wed
16	Nelly Lips	Evergreen	\$194	Tue
17	Adolfo Gillioz	Evergreen	\$194	Wed
18	Bridgett Trott Holmes	Evergreen	\$194	Tue
19	Tatiana Pinto	Evergreen	\$194	Wed
20	Mustapha Dargal	Hubbard	\$274	Tue, Wed
21	Eladio Reyes	Hubbard	\$194	Wed
22	Andrea Green	Jefferson	\$274	Tue, Wed
23	Diana Saenz-Torres	Maxson	\$194	Wed
24	Jay Rossin	PHS	\$274	Tue, Wed
25	Tamara Jakub	PHS	\$194	Wed
26	Liza Darmstadt	PHS	\$194	Wed
27	Pat McEnerney	Stillman	\$274	Tue, Wed
28	Shirley Clore	Washington	\$274	Tue, Wed
29	Betina Heller	Washington	\$194	Wed
30	Edith Farrell	Woodland	\$274	Tue, Wed
31	Yaneth Sierra	Jefferson	\$194	Wed
32	Timoth Spaur	Jefferson	\$194	Wed

**(3) Prevent Child Abuse 10th Annual Conference -
“Strengthening Those Who Touch the Lives of Children” - Somerset**

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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RESOLUTION

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Twenty-five (25) students from the School Based Youth Services Teen Parenting Program and two (2) staff members will participate in a conference at The Imperia Conference Center, located at 1714 Easton Avenue, Somerset, New Jersey on May 9, 2012. The 10th annual conference sponsored by Prevent Child Abuse is called “*Strengthening Those Who Touch the Lives of Children.*” 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.

There is no cost to attend the conference for our students. The cost of transportation will be provided by Prevent Child Abuse, as they have sent a letter notifying us that we are a recipient of a stipend for transportation. Amaker and Porterfield will transport the students to and from the conference. The students will leave from the Plainfield High School parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and return back at approximately 2:30 p.m.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves twenty-five (25) students and two (2) staff members from the School Based Youth Services Teen Parenting Program to participate in the 10th Annual Conference sponsored by Prevent Child Abuse, titled “*Strengthening Those Who Touch the Lives of Children*”, a conference for teen moms and dads on May 9, 2012. The conference will be held at The Imperia Conference Center located at 1714 Easton Avenue, Somerset, New Jersey. There is no cost to the District, parents or community for students to participate; transportation will be funded through a stipend from Prevent Child Abuse.

(4) Sensory Processing and ASD: Making Sense—ory Out of Autism - Edison

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcome

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students

The Interim 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. There is a need for continual improvement of efforts and seeking of new research regarding improving the performance of all students.

The information that will be received is crucial since more than 90% of children with autism are documented as having sensory processing difficulties. It is imperative that we receive the tools needed to help children with autism work through the sensory-related difficulties since these difficulties may hinder a child from success in other areas. This means that interns, psychologists, social workers, learning disabilities consultants, speech pathologists, families and all people working with children should understand and learn to recognize the sensory needs of the children who have autism spectrum disorders.

Progressive Employer Solutions, Inc., (PESI) will present a presentation/workshop entitled, *Sensory Processing and ASD: Making Sense—ory Out of Autism* on May 1, 2012 at the Edison Hotel, Edison, NJ. The workshop will provide updated information regarding the latest research, issues and trends related to autism.

The cost for five Plainfield Intervention Referral Team (PIRT) members (Rosa Mannarino, Marie Blot, Tracy Mullen, Donna McAuliffe and Marlene Rosenblum) - to be paid to PESI, PO Box 1000, Eau Claire, WI. The cost of registration - \$179.99; plus \$16.95 per member equals a total cost of \$934.90. In addition, mileage reimbursement of 0.31 per mile will be reimbursed to all five PIRT Members upon presentation of proper documentation.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves five PIRT members (Rosa Mannarino, Marie Blot, Tracy Mullen, Donna McAuliffe and Marlene Rosenblum) to attend a Progressive Employer Solutions, Inc. (PESI) presentation/workshop entitled, *Sensory Processing and ASD: Making Sense – ory Out of Autism* on May 1, 2012 at the Edison Hotel, Edison, NJ. The cost of registration per member is \$196.94; total cost is \$984.70. In addition, mileage reimbursement of 0.31 per mile will be reimbursed to all five PIRT Members upon presentation of proper documentation. Availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to the accounts 20-218-100000-500A-34-0000 (Other Purchase Services).

(5) Rutgers School of Social Work - Continuing Education Workshop

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 2: Human Resources

To improve the recruitment, retention and development of district staff

The Interim 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 Interim Superintendent of Schools the authority to employ non-administrative and administrative staff members to participate in out-of-district professional development opportunities.

Tiana Mayes, Senior Case Manager for the Hubbard Middle School, School Based Youth Services Program, will attend a workshop through the Rutgers University School of Social Work, Office of Continuing Education. The workshop is entitled "*Recognizing and Preventing Substance Abuse in Children and Adolescents.*" The workshop will examine the current trends in substance abuse as it pertains to children and adolescents. Prevention and treatment strategies will also be discussed.

The workshop is scheduled for Thursday, May 10, 2012, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Rutgers University's Piscataway campus. Registration for the workshop is \$105.00.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Tiana Mayes to attend the Rutgers University School of Social Work, Office of Continuing Education workshop: "*Recognizing and Preventing Substance Abuse in Children and Adolescents*" on May 10, 2012 at the Piscataway campus. Registration for the workshop is \$105.00. Availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-442-200000-320A-38-0000 (Consultants and Professional Fees).

(6) 2012 NJ Speech-Hearing-Language Association Annual Convention – Long Branch

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 2: Learning Outcomes

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

The Interim 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 Interim Superintendent of Schools the authority to employ non-administrative and administrative staff members to participate in out-of-district Professional Development opportunities.

Patty A. Lewis, Speech/Language Therapist will attend the 2012 New Jersey Speech-Language–Hearing Annual Convention on April 19, 2012 and April 20, 2012 in Long Branch, NJ.

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. The cost of the two-day conference is \$375.00 for registration.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Patty A. Lewis Speech/Language Therapist to attend to 2012 New Jersey Speech-Hearing–Language Association Annual Convention in Long Branch, NJ on April 19, 2012 and April 20, 2012 at a cost of \$375.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account line 20-251-100000-320A-32-0000 (IDEA Instruc. Consultant).

(7) Career Choices - Clark

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

The Interim 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 Interim Superintendent of Schools the authority to permit staff members to participate in out of district professional development opportunities.

Denise Shipman, Coordinator of Pupil Progression Services, will attend the two-day workshop on Career Choices Curriculum on April 23-24, 2012, in Clark, New Jersey, at the cost of \$199.00 for registration and workshop materials.

The workshops will provide educators the opportunity to focus on project based learning techniques, curriculum integration models and dropout prevention strategies. In addition, the workshops will offer research based strategies on how to integrate career and life planning, enhancing transitional skills for middle and high school students and special funding opportunities for community and school resources.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Denise Shipman to attend the Career Choice Curriculum training on April 23-24, 2012, in Clark, New Jersey, at a cost of \$199.00 for registration and workshop materials. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to 11-000-211000-500A-26-0000 (Other Purchased Services).

(8) 2012 US Congressional Financial Literacy Day Conference – Washington, DC

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 2: Human Resources

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

The Interim 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 Interim Superintendent of Schools the authority to employ non-administrative and administrative staff members to participate in out-of-district Professional Development opportunities.

Zelda Spence, 21st Century Community Learning Centers Project Coordinator will attend the *Annual 2012 US Congressional Financial Literacy Day Conference* on Capitol Hill, Hart Senate Office Building, Room 902 in Washington, DC on April 17, 2012 12:00 PM – 3:30 PM. The Annual Financial Literacy Day on Capitol Hill is required to meet the amended IDEA, Part B grant-funding mandate.

Financial Literacy Day on Capitol Hill was introduced in 2003 by the Council for Economic Education, Junior Achievement, and the JumpStart Coalition, with the Office of Senator Daniel K. Akaka (D-HI) serving as the original honorary host. Over the years, 'Hill Day', as it's come to be known, has evolved from a small gathering of professionals presenting educational rewards of financial literacy curriculums to a public event that attracts hundreds of educators and sponsors from the Northeast region.

The agenda offers a selection of over 60 interactive breakout sessions facilitated by financial literacy experts throughout the US. The sessions are designed to include new and innovative ideas for activities, technical assistance for managing programs, and research based financial literacy learning materials. The data accumulated can then be brought back to the workplace for immediate use to educate America's children on an array of relevant economic matters.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Zelda Spence, 21st CCLC Project Coordinator, to attend the *Annual 2012 US Congressional Financial Literacy Day Conference* at the Hart Senate Office Building, Room 902, Capitol Hill in Washington DC on April 17, 2012 at a total cost not to exceed \$555.00; as per the US General Services Administration. The expense breakdown is as follows: hotel - \$224.00, food allowance - \$60.00, travel (auto) expenses - \$245.00, parking - \$25.00, registration fee - \$0.00. Availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to 20-450-200000-580A-38-0000 (21st Century Travel).

**(9) What Every School Leader Should Know About the Legal Requirements
for ELL Programs and their English Language Learners – Monroe Township**

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 2: Human Resources

To improve the recruitment, retention and development of district staff

The Interim 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 Interim Superintendent of Schools the authority to employ non-administrative and administrative staff members to participate in out of district Professional Development opportunities.

Participants will learn about the latest developments in school law at the state and federal levels regarding the needs of English language learners. The program will include a detailed review of the legal requirements in the New Jersey administrative code. School administrators will understand their responsibilities in ensuring compliance with legal requirements regarding bilingual and ESL programs, the identification of students eligible for services, assessment of students, exit and reentry, graduation and parental notice and involvement.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Dr. Phillip Williamson, Principal of Bilingual/ESL/World Languages, Ilene Weinstein, ESL Resource Teacher and Idelisse Gonzalez, ESL Resource Teacher to attend, What Every School Leader Should Know About the Legal Requirements for ELL Programs and their English Language Learners on April 26th, 2012; from 9 am – 12 pm at the Foundation for Educational Administration Conference Center, Monroe Township, New Jersey for a total cost of \$225.00. The availability of funds for these items has been verified and will be charged to account 20-244-200000-500X-39-0000 (T3 Conference Fees).

(10) The TESOL-BE Annual Spring Conference – New Brunswick

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 2: Human Resources

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

The Interim 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 is has provided the Interim Superintendent of Schools the authority to employ non-administrative and administrative staff members to participate in out-of-district professional development opportunities.

In an effort to meet the mandates of the New Jersey Department of Education and provide quality professional development opportunities for district administrators – Scot R. Burkholder, Principal, Jefferson and Aurora J. Hill, Vice Principal, Evergreen, along with and teachers, Juanpablo Jimenez, World Language teacher (Evergreen), Natalie Pereira, ESL Teacher (Stillman) and Yanira Escobar, First Grade Bilingual Teacher (Stillman) will attend the New Jersey Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Spring 2012 Conference in New Brunswick, NJ, May 30 - 31, 2012. The conference is sponsored by the New Jersey Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL).

Conference activities will help attendees learn to advocate for our state's ESL/Bilingual Learners and their families, cultivate a multilingual / multicultural society by supporting and promoting policy, programs, pedagogy, research, and professional development that yield academic success, value native language and lead to English proficiency, and promote respect for cultural and linguistic diversity.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves Principal, Scot R. Burkholder (Jefferson), Vice Principal Aurora J. Hill (Evergreen), Juanpablo Jimenez (Evergreen), and Natalie Pereira and Yanira Escobar, (Stillman) to attend The NJTESOL/NJBE Annual Spring Conference, May 30-31, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency, New Brunswick, NJ. The registration fee for the conference and transportation costs not to exceed \$350.00 per attendee. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to accounts 15-000-223000-390A-18-0000 (Jeffsn Training Prof & Tec); 15-190-100018-500A-17-0000 (Evergreen Instructional Purchase) and 15-000-221000-320A-20-0000 (Stillman Instruct. Improv. Educ. Svc.).

D. Partnerships

(1) New Jersey City University and Plainfield Public Schools

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 2: Human Resources

To improve the recruitment, retention and development of district staff

The Interim 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.

Plainfield Public School District will be in a partnership with New Jersey City University. Plainfield Public Schools will provide a location in district where NJCU will hold classes in the areas of ESL and Bilingual Education. The liaison to this partnership will be the Office of Bilingual Ed/ESL/WL.

The purpose of this initiative is to increase the [pool of candidates within district who under an ESL and or Bilingual Ed certification provide services to ELL students. This will commence May 2012. Courses will be scheduled during afternoon and evening times, in accordance with the university's academic schedule.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves a partnership between Plainfield Public Schools and New Jersey City University. Plainfield Public Schools will provide a location in district where NJCU will hold classes in the areas of ESL and Bilingual Education at no cost to the district.

(2) The First W.A.V.E. (Water Adventure and Values Enrichment) - Part II

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in PPS and encourage students already achieving proficiency to continue their academic success.

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 Interim 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 all students in Kindergarten (110) at the Evergreen Elementary School through a comprehensive, integrated, progressive teaching program based upon sound technical and educational principles designed to teach swimming.

The plan is comprised of three main elements:

1. Skill Development
2. Stroke Development
3. Understanding & Awareness

The First W.A.V.E. (Water Adventure and Values Enrichment) is a “learn to swim” program that is done in a community partnership between the Plainfield Area YMCA and the Evergreen Elementary School.

The Plainfield YMCA and Evergreen Elementary School would like to continue their partnership through an innovative program designed for kindergarten students in the City of Plainfield, New Jersey. The First WAVE (Water Adventures and Values Enrichment) program is a high-value program that teaches children how to swim, reinforces reading skills they learn in the classroom and strengthens character values such as respect, honesty, caring, and responsibility in nine lessons. The First W.A.V.E. provides participants the basic components of water safety and teaches proficiency in basic swim skills.

The Y First W.A.V.E. Program Components

Swim Instruction

The YMCA First WAVE is a community-building effort that provides YMCA instructors during the school day, to teach all Evergreen Elementary Kindergarteners water safety, and basic swim instruction in nine (9) one and a half (1.5) hours instructional sessions starting on the Week of April 16, 2012 through Week of June 8, 2012 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays,

The First W.A.V.E. (Water Adventure and Values Enrichment) - Part II (contd.)

and Fridays as an enhancement to the physical educational program. Through teaching swimming, the Plainfield YMCA is enabling students to become healthier, safer and better able to concentrate during the school day.

Teaching Values Education and Enrichment

The swimming and water activities in First WAVE are especially suited to teach and reinforce the values of the YMCA's core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility in our youth. They provide activities that discuss what each of the values mean, and they award our participants for demonstrating those values within their programs. The incentive-based approach to values based education results in a constructive, collaborative atmosphere where children learn to support and foster these values in each other.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves entering into a partnership with the YMCA and provide transportation and a male and female aide to assist with transportation safety and the changing for swimming. The YMCA will provide all instruction and facility time which costs around (\$107 per participant) at no cost to the District or community.

E. Extended School Year Staff

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

RESOLUTION

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

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 88 special education students from July 2, 2012 to July 26, 2012. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-253-100000-101S-32-0000 (teachers) and 20253-100000-106A-32-0000 (teaching assistants) (IDEA funds).

F. Summer Preparation for Learning, Achieving, and Soaring High (SPLASH): A Summer Academic Enrichment Program

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

The Interim 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.

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act require PPS to use funds provided under Part B of the IDEA for coordinated early intervening services (CEIS) for students who are currently not identified as needing special education. CEIS are services provided to students in Kindergarten through grade 12 (with a particular emphasis on students in Kindergarten through grade three) who are not currently identified as needing special education or related services, but who need additional academic and behavioral supports to succeed in a general education environment.

Through an Intervention and Referral Survey, District and State assessments, elementary school at risk students have been identified and will be offered the **Summer Preparation for Learning Achieving and Soaring High (**SPLASH**) program. **SPLASH**, a summer enrichment program for first through third grade general education students will be housed at Washington Community School. It will be in operation from July 2, 2012 through July 26, 2012 from 8:30 am to 2:00 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 **Summer Preparation for Learning Achieving and Soaring (**SPLASH**)**, an academic summer enrichment program for up to one hundred general education students who have been identified as at-risk in first through third grade. For teachers, the cost will be charged to accounts 20-253-00000-1011-32-0001 and 20-253-100000-1011-32-0000, and for teacher assistants the cost will be charged to account 20-253-100000-1061-32-0000 (IDEA/CEIS). The availability of funds for these items has been verified.

G. Provision of Special Education Services

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

The Interim Superintendent of School 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, those seven (7) Plainfield pupils whose names have been certified by the Superintendent of Schools and are on file with the Secretary of the Board of Education will be provided with special education programs in OUT-OF-DISTRICT schools for the disabled during the 2011 - 2012 school year:

PUPIL	SCHOOL OR PRIMARY INSTITUTION	CLASSIFICATION	APPROXIMATE COST TUITION AND TRANSPORTATION
Y.A.	Bright Beginnings Learning Center	MD	\$25,780.00
C.S.	Bright Beginnings Learning Center	PSD	\$25,780.00
G.V.	Cranford Achievement Program	MD	\$22,390.00
M.F.	East Mountain – Carrier Clinic	ED	\$35,512.45
A.M.	NuView Academy – MRESC	ED	\$35,370.00
Z.S.	Titusville Academy	-----	\$35,396.10
C.G-A.	JFK - You & Me Program	PSD	\$28,423.08
TOTAL			<u>\$208,651.13</u>

H. Provision of Special Education Services

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

The Superintendent of School 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 individuals be appointed as Special Education Consultants and Service Providers for the Office of Special Education, Gifted and Psychological Services for the 2011 – 2012 school year at the respective compensation rates:

CONSULTANT/PROVIDER	SERVICES PROVIDED	RATE OF SERVICE
-Dyslexia Center of Princeton	Reading Therapy	\$150.00/Session
-Dyslexia Center of Princeton	Consultation: School Meetings/By Phone/In Person	\$100.00/Meeting (Addl.)
-Debbi Bloomer	Braille Instruction- Level II Services	\$105.00/Hour

I. Larry Hamm – Civil Rights Activist, Humanitarian, Lecturer

Strategic Plan Link:

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 event provides community members with professional development and recognition to further improve community collaborations in support of early childhood initiatives

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

RESOLUTION

The Plainfield School District recognizes that highly qualified, competent, skilled and dedicated workforce is essential in the success of the District, schools, students and community.

Lawrence Hamm, Civil Rights Activist, Humanitarian and Lecturer, has been a relentless advocate for all people and the cause of human rights for more than 30 years. Raised in Newark, New Jersey, he attended public schools and emerged at age 17 as a forceful and articulate spokesperson for the educational needs and aspirations of New students and the community. He was appointed to the Newark Board of Education, making him the youngest school board member in the United States.

Mr. Hamm helped organize the People' Organization for Progress (POP), an independent, grass roots, political organization that is active in the Newark and northern New Jersey. As chairman, Larry has consistently worked toward building unity among community organizations. The struggle and police brutality continues through the efforts of its Chairman, Larry Hamm, and the activism of the organization's members. Lawrence Hamm has received many awards, among them are "One of the Most Influential Blacks in New Jersey Award" (City News) and the "The Hope Shapiro Bread and Roses Peace Award" (New Jersey Peace Action).

On Thursday, May 31, 2012, Mr. Hamm will deliver the keynote address at the Early Childhood Bi-Annual P.I.E.C.E.S. (Plainfield Initiative for Early Childhood Educational Services) Luncheon to the early childhood staff, community members, organizations, and businesses that are in partnership with the Plainfield Public Schools, at a cost of \$500.00.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Mr. Lawrence Hamm as the keynote speaker at the Early Childhood Bi-Annual P.I.E.C.E.S Luncheon on Thursday, May 31, 2012, at a cost not to exceed \$500.00. 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).

J. DeWitt D. Barlow School - BEARS After-School Safety Net Program – (DOLLAR AMOUNT and ACCOUNT AMENDED)

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

Goal 5: Community & Family Engagement

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

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

RESOLUTION

To increase students' academic achievement by offering high-quality supplemental services in core academic areas of Language Arts Literacy and Mathematics for approximately fifty (50) students enrolled in the DeWitt D. Barlow School BEARS After-School Safety Net Program. The program will offer academic remediation for students in Grades 3-6 in preparation for the NJASK test and include parental involvement for NJASK workshops.

NJDOE Title I School In Need of Improvement budget will pay for all aspects of the afterschool program. The program will operate Tuesday - Thursday 3:05 p.m. to 5:05 p.m. on the dates of March 22, 2012 – May 11, 2012; the teacher assistant's hours will be 2:35 p.m. to 5:05 p.m.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the hiring and compensation of instructional staff to work in the DeWitt D. Barlow School BEARS After-School Safety Net Program. Teachers will be compensated at a rate of \$28.00 per hour and Teacher Assistants will be compensated at a rate of \$10.50 per hour, total cost not to exceed \$7,113.75. The program will be funded through account 20-236-100000-110B-11-0000 (T1SIA CO Teacher Stipends).

Name	Position	Amount Per Hour	Not To Exceed A Total Of
Jesus Peraza	Coordinator / Teacher	\$28.00 / per hour	\$840.00
Lois Kraus	Teacher	\$28.00 / per hour	\$840.00
Antonella Rossi	Teacher	\$28.00 / per hour	\$840.00
Margie Barrett	Teacher	\$28.00 / per hour	\$840.00
Shondell Anderson	Teacher	\$28.00 / per hour	\$280.00
Maria Sinfon	Teacher	\$28.00 / per hour	\$560.00
Mary Holt	Teacher	\$28.00 / per hour	\$840.00
Kimberly Moore-Jones	Teacher	\$28.00 / per hour	\$840.00
Rasar Thompson	Substitute Teacher	\$28.00 / per hour	\$840.00
Tiffany Garvin	Teacher Assistant	\$10.50 / per hour	\$393.75

K. Book Study - Facilitator

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all Plainfield Public Schools.

The Interim Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adopting 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.

Mr. Corey Carter, English teacher at Plainfield Academy for the Arts and Advanced Studies (PAAAS) will facilitate an ongoing Book Study with PAAAS and PHS students to read and discuss selected literature (author/title to be determined), beginning April 2012 and concluding June, 2012.

Mr. Carter will be compensated at a rate of \$28.00 per hour, for a total of thirty (30) hours, not to exceed \$840.00.

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves payment to Mr. Corey Carter, English Teacher, PAAAS, for facilitating an ongoing Book Study beginning April 2012 and concluding June, 2012, at a rate of \$28.00 per hour, not to exceed thirty (30) hours; total cost not to exceed \$840.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be budgeted through account 15-000-218000-104A-52-0000 (Salary).

XI. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer – February 2012

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 3: Business Operations

To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of business operations.

The Interim 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 Interim Superintendent to initiate whatever actions may be determined to be appropriate.

TO BE PRESENTED AT THE APRIL 3, 2012 BUSINESS MEETING

B. Payment of Bills — March 16, 2012 – April 12, 2012

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 3: Business Operations

To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of business operations.

The Interim 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 17, 2012 BUSINESS MEETING

C. 2011 – 12 Budget Transfers

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 3: Business Practices

To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of business operations.

The Interim 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 17, 2012 BUSINESS MEETING

D. Legal Settlements

The following is recommended for adoption:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the following settlements:

The Plainfield Board of Education approved the following settlements on the dates indicated and these settlements are hereby ratified and confirmed on this date:

1. November 1, 2011, grievance settlement handled by P&C, SJT v. Plainfield Board of Education for \$23,698.38.

E. Seventy Second Annual NSBA Conference

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 3: Business Practices

To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of business operations.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Plainfield Board of Education has determined that the 72nd Annual NSBA Conference in Boston, MA on April 19-23, 2012 is vital and necessary to the goals of the District and the success of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the specific focus of the seminar is to engage attendees from the across the country participating in workshops on how to achieve maximum results with limited resources, understanding how federal legislation and court decisions will affect school districts, learn about best practices that are helping schools boost student achievement and explore the latest products that can help school districts meet its goals, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education hereby authorizes Alex O. Edache and Renata Hernandez to attend the seminar, which is not to exceed \$4,000.00 and charged to 11-000-230000-580A-01-0000 (Board Travel), and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Member share the information received from the seminar with the Board.

F. Adoption of the 2012-2013 District Calendar

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

RESOLUTION

The 2012-2013 School District Calendar was developed in a collaborative and cooperative manner. After reviewing district calendars from prior years, the Interim Superintendent of Schools reviewed the proposed 2012-2013 School Calendar with Central Office administrative personnel, building administrators, parents, and representation from PEA and PASA. Additionally, the development of the 2012-2013 School Calendar strongly considered the following:

- District-wide Professional Development needs
- Parent Teacher Conference Schedule
- Statewide Assessment/Spring Recess

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the 2012-2013 School District Calendar.

G. Exchange/Upgrade Migration (E-Mail System; Dyntek & Dell)

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 3: Business Practices

To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of business operations.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Plainfield Board of Education believes in and supports the importance of Exchange/ Upgrade Migration Project (Upgrade E-Mail System) technologies as the current e-mail system has outlived its useful life and must be replaced; the benefits with the upgraded system will increase productivity, empower the mobile workforce and allow access to email, calendar, and contact information from any device with an internet connection, and

WHEREAS, the Plainfield Board of Education believes that this communication tool will enables the workforce to collaborate and communicate in the office or on the go. Exchange/ Migration Project gives the employees anytime, anywhere access to information and collaboration tools, while addressing SPAM, viruses and keeping sensitive information secure, along with a Built-in Redundancy (back-up) **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the Exchange/Upgrade Migration Project (E-Mail System) Dyntek System (Hardware and Implementation for \$246,000) and Dell (Software for \$13,000) for a Grand Total of \$ 259,000. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 11-000-252000-600A-08-0000 (Technology Supplies).

H. Approval of Architect Engineer

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 3: Business Practices

To provide the overall efficiency and effectiveness of district and school operations

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the lower field house at Hub Stine Field has outlived its useful life and needs to be replaced, and

WHEREAS, architectural and engineering services are necessary for:

- NJDOE Schematic Approval Phase
- Construction Document Phase
- Bidding and negotiation Phase
- Construction Administration Phase

WHEREAS, Forman Architects Engineers, of Zelienople, PA has the experience and expertise to provide such services, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the appointment of Foreman Architects Engineers at a fee of 8% of construction costs. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 11-000-262000-300A-31-0000 (Purchased Prof. & Tech).

XII. REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

DISCUSSION:

<u>Policy Number</u>	<u>Title</u>
4121	Substitute Teachers

A. Adoption of Policy – Second Reading

The following is recommended for adoption:

RESOLUTION

The Board of Education finds it necessary that this policy be implemented for the management and operation of the Plainfield Public Schools; therefore the following is recommended for adoption:

The Board of Education has reviewed the policy listed below and finds it acceptable for the management and operation of the Plainfield Public Schools, and

The Board of Education now finds it necessary that this policy be implemented, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves, on **second reading**, the following policy:

<u>Policy Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	
1330	Use of School Facilities	Amended
4111/4211	Recruitment, Selection and Hiring	Amended
9270	Conflict of Interest	Amended

XIII. ADJOURNMENT