

PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Plainfield, N.J.

Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2010
Time: 6:30 p.m. PUBLIC SESSION
6:35 p.m. MEETING CLOSED FOR
EXECUTIVE SESSION
8:00 p.m. WORK & STUDY MTG.
Place: ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
AUDITORIUM
1200 MYRTLE AVE.

Board of Education Members

Mr. Agurs Linward Cathcart, Jr., President
Mr. Martin P. Cox, Vice President
Ms. Patricia I. Barksdale
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell
Ms. Sandra L. Chambers
Mr. Christian Estevez
Mrs. Brenda L. Gilbert
Mrs. Lisa C. Logan-Leach
Ms. Katherine Peterson
Dr. Steve Gallon III, 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 31, 2010 for advertisement on Friday, April 2, 2010 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.	Admin. Building	6:30 p.m.
Personnel/Exec.Ses.	2 nd Tues. ea. mo.	Admin. Building	6:30 p.m.
Curric. & Instr.	2 nd Tues. ea. mo.	Admin. Building	8:00 p.m.
Finance Committee	2 nd Tues. ea. mo.	Admin. Building	8:00 p.m.
Bldgs. & Grds. Cmte.	2 nd Tues. ea. mo.	Admin. Building	8:00 p.m.
School Community Rel.	2 nd Tues. ea. mo.	Admin. Building	8:00 p.m.
Business Meeting	3 rd Tues. ea. mo.	Admin. Building	7:00 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 three-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 13, 2010, 7:00 pm, in the Administration Building auditorium.

- VII. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

- VIII. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT
 - OFAC Report

- IX. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

X. REPORT OF THE CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

A. Field Trips

1. Washington Community School – Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

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 (inclusive of English Language Learners and Special Education Students) meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

Sixty (60) students in grade 4 and eight (8) chaperones from Washington Community School will attend the *Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament* in Lyndhurst, NJ on June 10, 2010. The cost of dinner and show will be paid by each student and chaperone. Departure is scheduled at 9:00 a.m. and returning at 2:30 p.m.

This learning experience will include a wide variety of history lessons beginning with an educational matinee performance that begins with a twenty minute lecture given by the show cast about life in the Middle Ages, Life at the Castle with Knights wearing a Coat of Arms while battling to protect and identify themselves. Also included:

- History lesson presented by a King and his Nobel Court set within the walls of an 11th century-style castle
- Spectacular horsemanship
- Amazing sword play
- Medieval games of skill
- Authentic jousting tournament between six brave knights of the realm
- Medieval Dinner

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves sixty (60) students in grade 4 and eight (8) chaperones from Washington Community School to attend the *Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament* in Lyndhurst, NJ on June 10, 2010. The cost of dinner and show will be paid by each student and chaperone. The cost of transportation is \$1,300.00 for two (2) buses and will be charged to account 15-240-100000-800A-21-0000. Availability of funds for this item has been verified.

2. Emerson Community School

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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Three (3) classes consisting of seventy-five (75) Kindergarten students and fifteen (15) chaperones from Emerson School will visit the Adventure Aquarium in Camden, NJ on May 25, 2010. The focus of the trip is to understand ocean life. It will be a rich and rewarding experience for the students. The students will take part in pre-visit activities as well as post-visit activities relating to social studies, science, literacy, and math.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves three (3) classes consisting of seventy five (75) Kindergarten students and fifteen (15) chaperones from Emerson School to visit the Adventure Aquarium in Camden, NJ on May 25, 2010. Admission cost is \$1,057.50 (\$11.75 per student and chaperone). Fundraisers will be conducted to cover the expense of the admissions. The cost of transportation is \$2,419.00 and will be charged to account 15-000-270000-512A-16-0000. Availability of funds for this item has been verified.

3. Hubbard Middle School

Strategic Plan Link:

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One hundred fifty (150) students in grade 8 and ten (10) chaperones from Hubbard Middle School will travel to Washington, D.C. to visit the museums and galleries of the Smithsonian Institute on June 11, 2010. Departure is scheduled at 6:00 a.m. and returning at 7:30 p.m.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves one hundred fifty (150) students in grade 8 and ten (10) chaperones from Hubbard Middle School to travel to Washington, D.C. on June 11, 2010. The cost of transportation is \$2,000.00. The availability of funds has been verified and charged to account 15-000-270000-512A-11-000.

4. Washington School Preschool Classes

Strategic Plan Link:

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Forty-five (45) students in the Washington School Preschool classes and fifteen (15) chaperones from Washington School Preschool classes will visit the Kidz Village in Kenilworth, NJ on May 5, 2010. The trip is designed to stimulate children's imagination, learning and social interaction. The children will be able to explore the comic bookstore, supermarket, under the sea area or a knight in the castle. Follow-up will include the children being able to re-tell the events of the trip using a story board with picture cues and anecdotes. The cost for admission of the students and chaperones is being covered by one of the parents' gift contribution. Departure is scheduled at 8:45 a.m. and returning at 12:45 p.m. District transportation will be provided.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves forty-five (45) students from Washington School Preschool classes and fifteen (15) chaperones to visit Kidz Village in Kenilworth, New Jersey on May 5, 2010. There is no cost to the District.

5. Emerson School

Strategic Plan Link:

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Four (4) classes consisting of sixty-five (65) students in grade 3 and sixteen (16) chaperones from Emerson School will visit the Trailside Nature & Science Center in Mountainside, NJ on May 26, 2010. The focus of the trip is for students to interact and explore various science/nature exhibits. It will be a rich and rewarding experience for the students of Plainfield. They will have a hands-on experience with concrete exhibits, including reptiles, ecology studies, recycling issues, local geology, local Native American history and animal habitats. Students will take part in pre-visit activities as well as post-visit activities relating to Science, Literacy, and Math.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves four (4) classes consisting of sixty-five (65) students in grade 3 and sixteen (16) chaperones from Emerson School to visit the Trailside Nature & Science Center on May 26, 2010. Transportation will be provided by Amaker-Porterfield at a cost of \$612.00 for two buses and charged to account 15-000-27-0000-512A-16-0000. Availability of funds for this item has been verified.

6. Washington Community School – Overlook Hospital Summit, New Jersey

Strategic Plan Link:

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Seventy four (74) students in grade 5 and five (5) chaperones from Washington Community School will visit Overlook Hospital in Summit, NJ on April 28, 2010. District transportation will be provided. Departure time is scheduled at 9:00 a.m. and returning at 11:00 a.m.

This learning experience will include a wide variety of lessons beginning with educational experiences dealing with the human heart.

- Museum quality
- Students will touch and walk through the inside of the human heart
- Students will learn how the heart works
- Understanding how to maintain a healthy heart

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves seventy four (74) students in grade 5 and five (5) chaperones from Washington Community School to visit Overlook Hospital in Summit, NJ on April 28, 2010. There is no direct cost to the District.

7. Middle States Association

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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Plainfield High School students have been involved in the support of Middle States Association Program since 1992. Plainfield High School students will participate in showcasing their talents at the Middle States Association Program. The students will have the opportunity to visit the Middle States Association exhibition area where information will be available on the history and importance of the Middle States Association. The Chairperson of the Middle States Association Validation Team has invited sixty-five students (65), grades 10-12 and five (5) chaperones to attend their program in Bridgewater, New Jersey. There is no cost to students.

Sixty-five (65) students in grades 10-12 and five (5) chaperones will attend the Middle States Association Program in Bridgewater, NJ on April 19, 2010. Departure is scheduled at 5:30 a.m. and returning 9:30 p.m. District transportation will be provided.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves sixty-five (65) Plainfield High School students in grades 10-12 and five (5) chaperones to attend the Middle States Association Program in Bridgewater, NJ on April 19, 2010 at no cost to the District.

8. PHS Dare to Dream Leadership Conference

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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Plainfield High School students have been involved in the Dare to Dream Leadership Program since 2002-2003 school year. At the *Annual Dare to Dream Leadership Conference*, students will participate in career leadership opportunities. Participating students attend a general session and participate in workshops that include goal setting, self discovery, and planning for the future. The students will also have the opportunity to gain insight into the transition and the self-advocacy process. The Coordinator of the Dare to Dream Leadership Conference has invited fifteen students (15) in grades 10-12 and two (2) chaperones to attend their program at Middlesex County College. There is no cost to students.

Fifteen (15) high school students in grades 10-12 and two (2) chaperones will attend *the Annual Dare to Dream Leadership Conference* at Middlesex County College in Edison, NJ. Departure is scheduled at 8:15 a.m. and returning at 2:30 p.m. District transportation will be provided.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves fifteen (15) Plainfield High School students in grades 10-12 and two (2) chaperones to attend the annual *Dare to Dream Leadership Conference* on May 26, 2010 at no cost to the District.

9. PHS National Honor Society

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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Plainfield High School Honor Society has participated in community service projects since 1980. The National Honor Society students in grades 11-12 will have the opportunity to participate in the *Susan G. Komen North Jersey Race for the Cure*. Participating students will participate in various walking/running courses and volunteer stations in Branchbrook Park in Newark, NJ. The Coordinator of the *Susan G. Komen North Jersey Race for the Cure* has invited forty (40) students in grades 11-12, and three (3) chaperones to participate in this special event.

Forty (40) students in grades 11-12 and three (3) chaperones will attend the *Susan G. Komen North Jersey Race for the Cure* on Sunday, April 25, 2010 in Newark, NJ. Departure is scheduled at 6:30 a.m. and returning at 12:00 noon. District transportation will be provided.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves forty (40) students in grades 11-12 and three (3) chaperones to attend the *Susan G. Komen North Jersey Race for the Cure* on April 25, 2010 at no cost to the District.

10. P.H.S. Class of 2010

Strategic Plan Link:

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Students in the Class of 2010 have achieved success in completing the requirement for graduation 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 can not be duplicated in school. The field trip is an integral part of school instruction and is an incentive for students to continue to excel beyond high school. The Coordinator of Educational Activities has invited the one hundred forty (140) seniors and ten chaperones (10) to participate in activities at Dorney Park, Pennsylvania.

One hundred forty (140) seniors and ten (10) chaperones will participate in activities at Dorney Park in Allentown, PA on June 15, 2010. Departure is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. and returning at 10:00 p.m. Transportation will be provided by the District.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves one hundred forty (140) seniors and ten (10) chaperones to participate in activities at Dorney Park in Allentown, Pennsylvania on June 15, 2010 at no cost to the District.

11. P.H.S. College Fair

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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Plainfield High School juniors have been attending *New Jersey Convention and Exposition College Fairs* since 1980-1981 school year. American colleges and universities are a natural resource. The learning environments they offer are characterized by a richness, relevance and diversity that can make a difference in the America of tomorrow. Academically, the college or university has a mission, to do for students, something that is not available elsewhere. These institutions provide a perspective on history, introduce ethnic history and culture, and provide a particular attunement to the academic needs of students. At the *New Jersey Convention and Exposition College Fair*, students will talk to recruiters, financial aid officers, and other support personnel who will provide assistance in selecting a college or university. The Director of College Recruitment has invited eighty (80) juniors and five (5) chaperones to attend the *New Jersey Convention and Exposition College Fair* in Raritan, New Jersey.

Eighty (80) students in grade 11 and five (5) chaperones will attend the *New Jersey Convention and Exposition College Fair* in Raritan, NJ on Thursday, April 29, 2010. Departure is scheduled at 8:30 a.m. and returning at 12:30 p.m. District transportation will be provided.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves eighty (80) students in grade 11 and five (5) chaperones to attend *the New Jersey Convention and Exposition College Fair* on Thursday, April 29, 2010 at no cost to the District.

12. P.H.S. Seniors

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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Five (5) seniors in the Class of 2010 have achieved success on a continuous basis throughout their high school years 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. The field trip is an integral part of school instruction and is an incentive for students to continue to excel in the classroom and in life. The principal has invited the top five (5) seniors from the Class of 2010 to participate in activities at Maggiano's Restaurant in Bridgewater, New Jersey.

The five (5) seniors and the principal will visit Maggiano's Restaurant in Bridgewater, NJ on Friday, May 28, 2010. Departure is scheduled at 11:30 a.m. and returning at 2:00 p.m. The cost of the luncheon is \$700.00. District transportation will be provided.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves five (5) seniors and the principal to visit Maggiano's Restaurant on Friday, May 28, 2010 at a cost not to exceed \$700.00 The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to Plainfield High School Student Activity Account.

13. PHS Chorus

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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Plainfield High School students have been involved in the *Grammy Career Day* since 2002-2003 school year. At the *Annual Grammy Career Day*, students will participate in career opportunities available in the Fine Arts. Participating students attend a general session and visit classrooms where practicing artists present day to day activities and opportunities in the prospective careers. The students will also have the opportunity to visit an exhibit area where artist from local colleges and universities will be available to provide information on obtaining a degree in the Fine Arts. The Pace University Society of Fine Arts has invited thirty students (30) in grades 10-12 and three (3) chaperones to attend their program at Pace University in New York, New York. There is no cost to students.

Thirty (30) high school students in grades 10-12 and three (3) chaperones will attend the *Annual Grammy Career Day* on Thursday, May 20, 2010 at Pace University in New York, NY. Departure is scheduled at 8:30 a.m. and returning at 3:00 p.m. The cost of transportation is \$745.00.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves thirty (30) students in grades 10-12 and three (3) chaperones to attend the *Annual Grammy Career Day* at Pace University, New York, NY on May 20, 2010. The cost of transportation is not to exceed \$745.00 and will be charged to 401-100000-500A-25-0000. Availability of funds for this item has been verified.

14. Maxson Middle School

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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 Maxson Middle School Spanish classes will visit Martino's Cuban Restaurant for authentic Latin American and Spanish cuisine. The visit to the restaurant will increase student's interest and awareness in the Spanish language and culture. The students will apply what they learned in class about vocabulary associated with food and restaurants.

The Maxson Middle School Spanish classes comprised of thirty-five (35) students in grades 7-8 and three (3) chaperones will visit Martino's Cuban Restaurant in Somerville, NJ on Friday, May 14, 2010. District transportation will be provided. Departure is scheduled at 10:30 a.m. and returning at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$11.00 per person and each individual will be responsible for their cost.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves thirty-five (35) students in grades 7-8 and three (3) chaperones from Maxson Middle School Spanish classes to visit Martino's Cuban Restaurant in Somerville, NJ on May 14, 2010. There is no direct cost to the District.

15. Stillman Elementary School - New Amsterdam Theatre

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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 (inclusive of English Language Learners and Special Education Students) meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

As part of the Stillman Elementary School Literacy Program, thirty-five (35) students in grades 5-6 and five (5) chaperones will visit the New Amsterdam Theatre in New York, NY to see *Mary Poppins* on June 2, 2010. The tickets are \$51.50 per person totaling \$2,800.00 which will be paid for by fundraiser and parent contribution. Students will depart at 11:00 a.m. and will return at 5:30 p.m. District transportation will be provided.

The purpose of the trip is for the students to see a musical show on Broadway where the original songs by the Sherman Brothers have been enhanced for the stage production. The students will observe a setting that has a centerpiece of a four-level Edwardian home detailed that rises and falls at will, and a supporting array of the external scenes. Students will observe acrobatics, choreography and a climactic flying exit for *Mary Poppins*. *Mary Poppins* is a design extravaganza which is determined to whip up a supercalifragilisticexpialidocious entertainment.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves thirty-five (35) students in grades 5-6 and five (5) chaperones from Stillman Elementary School to visit the New Amsterdam Theatre in New York, NY to see *Mary Poppins* on June 2, 2010. Cost of admission is \$51.50 per student and chaperone, and will be paid for in total by fundraising and parent contribution. District transportation will be provided. There is no direct cost to the District.

16. Stillman Elementary School - Museum of Natural History

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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To broaden their experiences in Science and Social Studies fifty-two (52) students in grades 5-6 and five (5) chaperones from Stillman School will visit the Museum of Natural History in New York, NY on May 18, 2010. Departure is scheduled at 8:00 a.m. and returning at 4:00 p.m. Transportation will be provided by a charter bus at a cost of \$675.00. Ticket price is \$17.50 per person totaling \$997.50.

Students will be able to engage in hands-on activities that support the NJCCCS:

- This learning activity will provide students with the opportunity to compare museum exhibits and activities with classroom learning.
- Students will also be able acquire an understanding of the origin/evolution and structure of the universe.
- To apply relationships and points of view to the study of contemporary and past peoples, places, issues and events.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves fifty-two (52) students in grades 5-6 and five (5) chaperones from Stillman Elementary School to visit the Museum of Natural History in New York, NY on May 18, 2010. Transportation will be provided by a charter bus at a cost of \$675.00. The ticket price is \$17.50 per person totaling \$997.50. The total cost is \$1,672.50 and will be charged to account 20POFLDTRP. The availability of funds for this item has been verified.

17. SBYSP Teen Parent Program Students to Attend 8th Annual Prevent Child Abuse Conference

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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 (inclusive of English Language Learners and Special Education Students) meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

Eighteen (18) students from the School Based Youth Services Teen Parent Program and three (3) staff members will participate in the 8th Annual Conference sponsored by Prevent Child Abuse *Strengthening Those Who Touch the Lives of Children* at the Crowne Plaza in Monroe Township, NJ on May 6, 2010. The conference is designed to bring teen mothers 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 mothers raising children, and will provide a variety of topics. There is no cost to the District to attend the conference. The cost of transportation will be covered by Prevent Child Abuse by means of a transportation stipend in amount \$350.00. Departure is scheduled from the Plainfield High School at 8:15 a.m. and returning at 3:15 p.m.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves eighteen (18) students and three (3) staff members from the School Based Youth Services Teen Parenting Program to attend the 8th Annual Conference sponsored by Prevent Child Abuse at the Crowne Plaza in Monroe Township, NJ on May 6, 2010. The cost of transportation will be covered by the organization Prevent Child Abuse. There is no cost to the District.

18. 2010 Project Graduation Program Amendment

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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The Board of Education approved at its Business Meeting on October 20, 2009 Project Graduation Program for the Class of 2010. It is necessary to amend this resolution to cover the cost of additional expenses for one hundred thirty-four (134) students increasing the total to three hundred sixty-nine (369) graduates which will attend the 2010 Project Graduation Program.

The Class of 2010 at Plainfield High School has been involved in Project Graduation since 1993. Activities that are organized for the Project Graduation Program take place when the Graduation Ceremony is finished. The Project Graduation Committee orchestrates an evening of activities that will provide our graduates with a safe, alcohol and substance free night. The Parent Teacher Student Organization has invited three hundred sixty-nine (369) graduates and fifteen (15) chaperones to participate in Project Graduation in Mt. Laurel, New Jersey.

Three hundred sixty-nine (369) high school graduates will attend the Project Graduation Program on June 17-18, 2010. Departure is scheduled from Plainfield High School on Thursday, June 17, 2010 at 9:30 p.m. The return is scheduled for Friday, June 18, 2010 at 5:00 a.m. Deposit for rental and transportation will be provided by District. The 2010 Project Graduation Program will be funded through fundraisers, PTSO, sponsors and community donations.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the funds to cover the cost of the additional expenses for the one hundred thirty-four (134) graduates increasing the total to three hundred sixty-nine (369) graduates to participate in the 2010 Project Graduation Program at cost not to exceed \$7,599.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-27-0000-512A-25-0000.

B. Staff Development

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

RESOLUTION

1. 42nd Annual Conference on Reading and Writing

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 2: Human Resources

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

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.

Miriam Malabanan, Resource Teacher, Educational Services, Donna Mullaney, Special Education Literacy Resource Coach and Terri Scheppard teacher from Barlow Elementary School will attend the Rutgers *42nd Annual Conference on Reading and Writing* in Somerset, NJ on April 16, 2010. Attendance at this workshop will help provide practical lessons for teachers, and improve teaching and learning.

The workshops will be led by nationally recognized researchers/presenters. Attendees will be required to turnkey the information to support the teaching staff in the District. This annual conference provides its attendees the opportunity to enhance and explore teaching and learning strategies while building internal capacity in the following areas:

- Instructional practices
- Strengthening student's comprehension
- Assessment in the early grades
- Differentiating instruction
- Struggling Readers

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Miriam Malabanan, Resource Teacher, Educational Services, Donna Mullaney, Special Education Literacy Resource Coach and Terri Scheppard teacher from Barlow Elementary School to attend the Rutgers 42nd Annual Conference on Reading and Writing in Somerset, NJ on April 16, 2010. The cost of registration is \$195.00 per person and will be charged to accounts 11-000-221000-500A-26-0000 (Educational Services) and 15-000-223000-500A-11-0000 (Barlow). Availability of funds for this item has been verified.

2. The Model School Conference - Plainfield Academy for the Arts & Advanced Studies

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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 non-administrative and administrative staff members to participate in out-of-district professional development.

As approved and stated in the FY10 Perkins Grant, staff that represent the Career Technical Education (CTE) team consists of one (1) teacher, Joan Cansdale and one (1) administrator, Angela Bento. The team has a direct involvement with the approved programs offered in the Plainfield School District as reflected in the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) approved programs offered in the Plainfield School District as reflected in the NJDOE approved five (5) year CTE Plan and previously budgeted Perkins Grant.

Angela Bento, Interim Principal and Joan Cansdale, teacher from PAAAS will attend the *Model School Conference* in Orlando, FL on June 14-18, 2010. Attendance at this conference will help provide practical lessons and professional development for leaders. Also, it will improve teaching and learning. By exposure to the workshops led by nationally recognized researchers/presenters, attendees will be able to turnkey the information obtained to support the teaching staff.

The *Model School Conference* features model high schools, middle schools, elementary schools, and CTE programs that are highly successful at providing every student with a rigorous and relevant education.

Twenty-five of the nation's highest performing and most rapidly improving schools that are using their resources most efficiently and effectively will be involved.

Focused strands dedicated to leadership, student engagement, creativity and innovation, whole school reform, effective interventions, and improving the performance of students with disabilities will be involved.

Instructional practices and leadership approaches presented by schools that have achieved dramatic improvement in student performance will be involved.

Cutting edge research on best practices and the skills and knowledge needed for success in the 21st century.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Angela Bento, Interim Principal and Joan Cansdale, teacher from PAAAS to attend the *Model School Conference* in Orlando, FL on June 14-18, 2010. The cost is not to exceed \$2,200.00 per person and will be charged to the Perkins Grant.

Expense Breakdown:

Air Fare	\$300.00
Hotel	\$900.00
Registration	\$695.00
Food Allowance	\$282.00

3. New Jersey Department of Education Meeting for Preschool Nurses

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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 non-administrative and administrative staff members to participate in out-of-district professional development.

The New Jersey Department of Education is hosting a meeting for preschool nurses in Trenton, New Jersey on May 12, 2010. Attendance is free. Mileage reimbursement cost for attendees is estimated at \$26.00 each. The meeting will expose them to the latest issues and directives related to student health care and learning environments.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves Preschool nurses Carol Riddlestorffer, Adele Pudner, Angela Ladenheim and Ellen Frey to attend a meeting hosted by the NJ Department of Education in Trenton, NJ on May 12, 2010 and that the estimated cost of mileage reimbursement is \$104.00 (\$26.00 for each person) and charged to account 34PSTRAVEL.

4. The New Jersey Action for Healthy Kids

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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 non-administrative and administrative staff members to participate in out-of-district professional development.

The New Jersey Action for Healthy Kids is presenting an education conference entitled *Fuel Up to Play: Physical Activity/Nutrition Conference*, at Monmouth University-Wilson Hall Auditorium, West Long Branch, NJ on May 17, 2010. Conference attendance is free. Mileage reimbursement cost for attendees is estimated at \$24.00 each. The conference will expose them to updated information regarding the latest issues and trends related to quality health care for school children. Professional development hours, which are required to maintain licensure, will be awarded.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves Preschool nurses Carol Riddlestorffer, Adele Pudner, Angela Ladenheim and Ellen Frey to attend the *Fuel Up to Play: Physical Activity/Nutrition Conference* and the cost of mileage reimbursement, is \$96.00 (\$24.00 for each person) and charged to account 34PSTRAVEL. Availability of funds for this item has been verified.

5. New Jersey Association for the Education of Young Children

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 2: Human Resources

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

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 non-administrative and administrative staff members to participate in out-of-district professional development.

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.

Preschool nurses Carol Riddlestorffer, Adele Pudner, Angela Ladenheim and Ellen Frey will attend the New Jersey Association for the Education of Young children conference entitled *Caring for New Jersey's Children* at the Double Tree Hotel, Somerset, New Jersey on May 20, 2010. Conference registration cost is \$60.00 per person. The conference will expose them to updated information regarding the latest issues and trends related to quality health care for school children. Professional development hours, which are required to maintain licensure, will be awarded.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves Preschool nurses Carol Riddlestorffer, Adele Pudner, Angela Ladenheim and Ellen Frey to attend the New Jersey Association for the Education of Young Children Conference entitled *Caring for New Jersey's Children* at the Double Tree Hotel, Somerset, New Jersey on May 20, 2010 at a cost for registration of \$240.00 (\$60.00 for each person) and charged to account 34PURPROFS. Availability of funds for this item has been verified.

6. Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) – National Association of Bilingual Education (NABE) Spring Conference

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 2: Human Resources

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

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.

In an effort to meet the mandates of the New Jersey Department of Education and provide quality professional development opportunities the English as a Second Language (ESL) and Bilingual Staff will attend the *2010 Annual New Jersey TESOL-NABE Spring Conference (21st Century Learning for English Language Learners)* on May 18 and 19, 2010 at the DoubleTree and Garden State Exhibit Center in Somerset, NJ.

At the conference participants will:

- Investigate a variety of topics covering theory and application for ESL classrooms.
- Obtain the latest information on state and national initiatives regarding ESL.
- Review varied resources and teaching materials exhibited by publishers for use with ESL students.
- Participate in professional meetings and network with colleagues.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the following EST and Bilingual staff members to attend the *2010 Annual New Jersey TESOL-NABE Spring Conference (21st Century Learning for ELLs)* at the DoubleTree and Garden State Exhibit Center in Somerset, NJ on May 18-19, 2010

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Account</u>
Candus Hedberg	Evergreen	5/18	\$149.	15-000-221000-390A-17-0000
*Vianey M. Castillo	Evergreen	5/18	85.	15-000-221000-390A-17-0000
Susan Martin	Maxson	5/19	184.	FY '09 NCLB Title III 200-500
Diana Saenz-Torres	Maxson	5/19	184.	FY '09 NCLB Title III 200-500
Belkis Peralta	Cedarbrook	5/19	144.	15-000-221000-320A-13-0000
Dr. Phillip Williamson	Ed. Services	5/18-19	219.	FY '09 NCLB Title III 200-500
Ilene Weinstein	Ed. Services	5/18-19	219.	FY '09 NCLB Title III 200-500
Idelisse Gonzalez	Ed. Services	5/18-19	219.	FY '09 NCLB Title III 200-500
Margoth Regalado	Barlow	5/18	65.	FY '09 NCLB Title III 200-500
Sanjuanita Hana	Cedarbrook	5/18	184.	FY '09 NCLB Title III 200-500
Brenda Martinez	Cedarbrook	5/18	184.	FY '09 NCLB Title III 200-500
Liliana Bohorquez	Clinton	5/18	184.	FY '09 NCLB Title III 200-500
Rosa Gonzalez	Clinton	5/18	184.	FY '09 NCLB Title III 200-500
Michael Carrington	Cook	5/18	184.	FY '09 NCLB Title III 200-500
Victoria Rios	Cook	5/18	184.	FY '09 NCLB Title III 200-500

Ana Ramos Curriculum & Instruction	Emerson	5/18	184. FY '09 NCLB Title III 200-500
Shirley Clore	Emerson	5/18	184. FY '09 NCLB Title III 200-500
Andrea Green	Evergreen	5/18	184. FY '09 NCLB Title III 200-500
Yaneth Sierra	Evergreen	5/18	184. FY '09 NCLB Title III 200-500
Emma Anderson	Stillman	5/18	184. FY '09 NCLB Title III 200-500
Homer Fernandez	Stillman	5/18	184. FY '09 NCLB Title III 200-500
Jean Colrick	Washington	5/18	184. FY '09 NCLB Title III 200-500
Patricia Limberatos	Washington	5/18	184. FY '09 NCLB Title III 200-500
Edith Farrell	Woodland	5/18	184. FY '09 NCLB Title III 200-500
Mustapha Dargal	Hubbard	5/18	184. FY '09 NCLB Title III 200-500
Lynda Gorczyca	Hubbard	5/18	184. FY '09 NCLB Title III 200-500
Vincent Rosano	P.H.S.	5/18	184. FY '09 NCLB Title III 200-500
Jay Rossin	P.H.S.	5/18	184. FY '09 NCLB Title III 200-500
Liza Darmadst	P.H.S.	5/18-19	219. 15-190-100018-500A-25-0000
Maria Ferrer	Barlow	5/18	184. FY '09 NCLB Title III 200-500
Sandra Gil	Evergreen	5/18	184. FY '09 NCLB Title III 200-500

*Ms. Castillo is a presenter at the conference.

7. School Based Youth Services Program State-Mandated Professional Development Day

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 2: Human Resources

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

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.

The School Based Youth Services Program (SBYSP), developed by the New Jersey Department of Human Services and currently located in the Department of Children and Families, provides adolescents and children with the opportunity to complete their education, to obtain skills that lead to employment or additional education, and to lead a mentally and physically healthy life. The NJ SBYSP is the first statewide effort in the nation to place comprehensive services in or near secondary schools. The program is a direct link between the education and social services, health, and employment systems.

Stacy Greene, Coordinator of Student Intervention and Family Support Services will attend the state's mandatory *Professional Development Day* for all School Based Directors and Coordinators. This yearly requirement is designed to support School Based administrators in dealing with the challenging issues that SBYSP addresses in support of our students. This year's Professional Development for Directors is scheduled for Thursday, June 10, 2010, and will be held at The Mercer Oaks in Princeton Junction, NJ.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Stacy Greene to attend the School Based Professional Development Day for School Based Directors and Coordinators on June 10, 2010. The cost to attend the conference is \$58.00 and mileage reimbursement is \$20.00. Funding has been verified and will be charged to account numbers 20-431-2180000-58A-380000 and 20-431-218000-320A-38-0000.

C. Rutgers University

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

RESOLUTION

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

- Percent of Students Increasing Academic Performance
- Number of Schools Making AYP

The Rutgers University–Rutgers Cooperative Extension Department of Nutritional Sciences, a sub contractor of the Union County Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP-Ed Plan), desires to enter into an agreement with the Plainfield Board of Education, to offer behaviorally-focused nutrition classes and workshops for pre-school and elementary students.

The workshops are designed to help educate students about the benefits of making healthy choices and the importance of food safety. The program also supports the district's efforts to provide nutrition education in elementary schools, reinforces its school lunch policy, and is aligned with the health component of the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standard 2.1 (Wellness) and Science Component 5.1 (Scientific Process). Workshops will be conducted during health and science classes at identified schools and will be provided in two, 10-week sessions; with Kindergarten through third grades receiving 30 minutes of instruction and fourth through fifth grades receiving 45 minutes of instructional time, and

The workshops will be offered at three Early Childhood Centers, Plainfield Family Success Center and several Plainfield Public Schools to be identified from October 1, 2010 – September 30, 2011.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education enters into an agreement with Rutgers University–Rutgers Cooperative Extension Department of Nutritional Sciences for the 2010-2011 school year at no cost to the District.

D. Approval 21st Century Community Learning Centers Summer Enrichment Program

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

RESOLUTION

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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 families and community members to engage in meaningful and productive activities to ensure that all students achieve high academic standards and achieve life-long success.

In support of these goals, the Department of Student Intervention and Family Support Services requests approval to implement a 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLCP) Summer Enrichment Program beginning July 5, 2010 to August 13, 2010. The proposed 21st CCLCP Summer Enrichment Program will engage students in an age appropriate summer learning experience that integrates academic and social skills development together with enrichment activities which are designed to address the physical, intellectual, and emotional needs of the students enrolled in the program.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Summer Enrichment Program beginning July 5, 2010 through August 13, 2010. The Summer Enrichment Program will serve approximately 125 students Grades 4-12 in the Plainfield Public Schools with funding from the New Jersey Department of Education - 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program.

E. Provision of Special Education Services

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

RESOLUTION

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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 all students (inclusive of English Language Learners and Special Education Students) meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:46 the Board of Education is required to identify and provide for students with various disabilities, and certain students that have been so identified and require special education and related services.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves The Embrace Kids Learning Center located at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, Cancer Institute of New Jersey to provide educational services for QC a student at Cedarbrook K-8 Center. Funding for these services is through the Department of Special Education, Gifted and Psychological Services account 32HOMEINST at the compensation rate of \$39.00 per hour.

F. Special Education Services Provider

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

RESOLUTION

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the following individual be appointed as Special Services Consultant/Provider for the Department of Special Education, Gifted and Psychological Services for the remainder of the 2009 – 2010 school year to provide services for RB, a Plainfield resident student at the respective compensation rates:

<u>CONSULTANT/PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICES PROVIDED</u>	<u>RATE OF SERVICE</u>
Mount Holly Township Public Schools	Learning Disabilities Assessment	\$325.00 each
	Psychological Evaluation	\$325.00 each
	Social History Assessment	\$310.00 each
	Psychiatric Evaluation	\$450.00 each

G. Provision of Special Education Services

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

RESOLUTION

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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 IN ACCORDANCE WITH 18A.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves those ten (10) 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 for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year:

<u>SCHOOL OR INSTITUTION</u>	<u>PRIMARY CLASS.</u>	<u>APPROX. COST</u>
Bonnie Brae	BD	\$22,100.00
Somerset Academy	ED	\$17,865.00
Washington Academy	MD	\$15,008.00
Washington Academy	MD	\$18,471.00
Washington Academy	ED	\$17,316.00
Washington Academy	MD	\$16,623.00
Washington Academy	MD	\$16,623.00
Washington Academy	ED	\$16,162.00
Washington Academy	ED	\$18,471.00
Washington Academy	ED	\$18,471.00

H. Union County College Agreement

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

RESOLUTION

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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 (inclusive of English Language Learners and Special Education Students) meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

Union County College is a public comprehensive community college and is a member of the New Jersey's system of county colleges. It is the oldest 2-year college in the state of New Jersey. Union County College operates major campuses in Cranford, Elizabeth, Plainfield and Scotch Plains. Union County College offers a number of opportunities for academically talented high school students to enroll in college courses. College credits earned while in high school provide an opportunity to pursue more rigorous course work. Union County will award college credit for any course taken at the college level.

Plainfield High School in partnership with Union County College will provide an opportunity for a maximum of twenty-two seniors to take college level course(s) in 101 Sociology for 3 college credits and /or a remedial mathematics course, 011 Mathematics. The courses will cost \$397.00 (101 Sociology) and \$445.00 (011 Mathematics) respectively. The classes will be held on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Plainfield High School from January 23, 2010 to May 10, 2010. The selection of students is based on the College Entrance Examination administered by Union County College.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves for Union County College to provide two college credit courses (101 Sociology and 011 Mathematics) for a maximum of twenty-two seniors from January 21, 2010 to May 10, 2010 cost not to exceed \$9,262.00. The availability of funds for this has been verified and charged to account 15-000-240000-500A-25-0000.

I. Amended Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Grant –FY 2008/2009

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

RESOLUTION

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal: Learning Outcomes

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

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Grant is an annual resource that is funded by the Federal government through the New Jersey Department of Education allocation of funds. The grant period began September 1, 2008 and ended August 31, 2009.

The IDEA funds are used to improve student achievement and help close the achievement gap through school improvement and reform.

The following item was approved at the Business Meeting on October 14, 2008 and must be amended to include carryover to the FY 2008-2009 Preschool and Basic allocations.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to submit the following Amended application for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Grant for FY2008-2009 to include carryover funds from the previous year.

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Program Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Administrator</u>
Amendment to the FY2008/2009 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to include carryover funds to the Basic Grant	Basic grant funds are used for services and supplies for special education students.	\$1,833,989	Antoinette Adams
Amendment to the FY2008/2009 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to include carryover funds to the Preschool Grant	Preschool grant funds are used for services and supplies for preschool special education students.	\$56,489 Preschool	Antoinette Adams

J. Submission of 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program Continuation Grant Application

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

RESOLUTION

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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 families and community members to engage in meaningful and productive activities to ensure that all students achieve high academic standards and achieve life-long success.

In support of these goals, the Department of Student Intervention and Family Support Services requests approval to submit a continuation application to the New Jersey Department of Education for funding in the amount of \$535,000. Funds from the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program (21st CCLCP) Competitive grant will be utilized to develop and provide high-quality, extended day services for approximately 250 children and their families from (September 1, 2010 - August 31, 2011).

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to submit the following continuation grant application to support learning outcomes and increase grant revenue in the District.

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Program Description</u>	<u>Administrators Responsible</u>	<u>Amount</u>
N.J. Department of Education	21 st Century Community Learning Centers Program enables school districts with the assistance of community partners to plan, implement, or expand projects that benefit the educational, health, social services, cultural and recreational needs of the community. The program is designed to develop education centers for children and families in communities.	Anna Belin-Pyles, Director	\$535,000.00

XI. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer – February 2010

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

To be in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6:23-2.2h and N.J.A.C. 6:23-211(c)3

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 in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6:23-2.11(c)4 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 comply with N.J.A.C. 6:23-2.11(c)41 and N.J.A.C. 6:23-2.11(b).

TO BE PRESENTED AT THE APRIL 13, 2010 BUSINESS MEETING

B. Payment of Bills — March 12, - April 8, 2010

**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 NJAC6:20-2.13(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 13, 2010 BUSINESS MEETING

C. 2009-10 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 2010 Budget adjustments which reflect the appropriations sufficient to meet expenditures:

TO BE PRESENTED AT THE APRIL 13, 2010 BUSINESS MEETING

D. Grant Acceptance of FY 2010 NCLB and ARRA Title I

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in 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 (inclusive of English Language Learners and Special Education Students) meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

The FY 2010 NCLB and ARRA Title I Entitlement Grant applications for the Plainfield School District have been approved by the New Jersey Department of Education, in the amount of \$5,229,391.00. The project period for these grants is September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010.

These grants will provide funding to support student academic achievement, school improvement, professional development, technology in education, English language acquisition and language enhancement, and programs and services for safe and drug-free schools. Funds have been allocated for Plainfield Public Schools and specific Non-Public Schools within the district (King's Temple Christian School, Koinonia Academy and New Covenant Christian Academy).

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education accepts the FY 2010 NCLB and ARRA Title I Entitlement Grants as follows:

<u>Program Name</u>	<u>Award Amount</u>	<u>Administrator</u>
Title I Part A	\$2,828,955.00	Dawn Ciccone
Title II A	256,993.00	Angela Kemp
Title II D	13,153.00	Dawn Ciccone
Title III	444,242.00	Angela Kemp
Title IV	19,577.00	Dawn Ciccone
ARRA Title I	1,560,798.00	Dawn Ciccone
ARRA Title I SIA, Part A	105,673.00	Dawn Ciccone

E. Designation of Bank Signatures

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, the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education authorizes the following staff as official signatories on checks and drafts for the student activity Funds:

Administrator

Secretary

School

RaShawn M. Adams, Principal

Revonda Christmas

Jefferson

XII. REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

A. Adoption of Policies – First Reading

The following is recommended for adoption:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Plainfield Board of Education has reviewed the policies listed below and finds them acceptable for the management and operation of the Plainfield Public Schools, and

WHEREAS, the Plainfield Board of Education now finds it necessary that these policies be implemented, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves, on **first reading**, the following policies that will be available for public inspection and comment, with final Board adoption anticipated at next month’s scheduled business meeting:

<u>Policy Number</u>	<u>Title</u>
4135.2	Employment Contracts
4142/4242	Payroll Authorization/Salary Checks and Deductions
4119.26/4219.26	Staff Use of Internet Social Networks and Other Forms Electronic Communication

B. Adoption of Policy – Second Reading

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>
3327	Vendors
3516	Safety
4111/4211 Regulation	Recruitment, Selection & Hiring
4112.8, 4212.8	Nepotism
4211	Recruitment, Selection & Hiring
5131	Conduct/Discipline
5141	Health
5141.20	Food Allergies
6114	Emergencies & Disaster Preparedness

XIII. ADJOURNMENT