

PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Plainfield, N.J.

Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2009

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

Ms. Bridget B. Rivers, President
Mr. Martin P. Cox, Vice President
Mr. Rasheed Abdul-Haqq
Ms. Patricia I. Barksdale
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell
Mr. Agurs Linward Cathcart, Jr.
Mr. Christian Estevez
Mrs. Lisa C. Logan-Leach
Mr. Joseph M. Ruffin, Sr.
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, April 1, 2009 for advertisement on Friday, April 3, 2009 and also provided to the Plainfield Public Schools, the District's website, the Plainfield City Clerk, Police Department, Plainfield Public Library and 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, that the Plainfield 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, that 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 14, 2009, 7 pm, in the Administration Building auditorium.

- VII. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

- VIII. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

- IX. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

X. REPORT OF THE CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

A. Field Trip Requests

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

RESOLUTION

1. Plainfield High School Chorus - Grammy Career Day

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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Thirty (30) high school student members of the Plainfield High School Chorus and three (3) chaperones will attend the annual Grammy Career Day on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at New York University in New York, New York. Departure is scheduled from Plainfield High School on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. and a return at 3:00 p.m.

Plainfield High School students have attended the Grammy Career Day since the 2002-2003 school year. Participating students will attend a general session and observe practicing artists present day-to-day activities. In addition, students will 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. There is no cost to students.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves thirty (30) high school student members of the Plainfield High School Chorus and three (3) chaperones to attend the annual Grammy Career Day at New York University, New York, New York on Wednesday, May 13, 2009. 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.

2. Plainfield High School - Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC)

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life-long success.

Twenty-five (25) Plainfield High School AFJROTC cadets in grades 9-12, and three (3) chaperones will attend the AFJROTC Summer Leadership School in Fort Dix, New Jersey from Saturday, June 20, 2009 to Sunday, June 28, 2009. Departure is scheduled from Plainfield High School on Saturday, June 20, 2009 at 6:00 a.m. and a return on Sunday, June 28, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

The Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) has participated in AFJROTC Summer Leadership School since 1992. At the AFJROTC Summer Leadership School, cadets will be able to apply their knowledge of drill precisions and military procedures. The objectives of the AFROTC Leadership School are to enhance the Esprit De Corps of the unit and demonstrate habits of organization, precision, discipline, and training.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves twenty-five (25) Plainfield High School AFJROTC cadets in grades 9-12, and three (3) chaperones to attend the AFJROTC Summer Leadership School from Saturday, June 20, 2009 to Sunday, June 28, 2009. District transportation will be provided. There is no cost to the district.

3. Clinton Elementary School –Jenkins Aquarium

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Fifteen (15) Pre-K students and four (4) chaperones from Clinton Elementary School will attend a field trip to the Jenkins Aquarium located in Point Pleasant Beach, NJ on May 4, 2009. The purpose of the trip is to provide students an opportunity to observe and learn about marine animals in an aquarium setting. Departure is scheduled from Clinton School on May 4, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. and will be returning at 1:00 p.m.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves fifteen (15) Pre-K students and four (4) chaperones to attend the Jenkins Aquarium on May 4, 2009. The cost is \$6.00 per student and \$4.00 per chaperone for a total admissions fee of \$106.00. The availability of funds has been verified and will be charged to account number 20-211-100000-516A-34-0000. Transportation will be provided by the district.

4. Clinton Elementary School – Turtle Back Zoo

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Fifteen (15) Pre-K students and four (4) chaperones from Clinton Elementary School on May 26, 2009, and forty-five (45) second grade students and six (6) chaperones on June 11, 2009, will attend a field trip to Turtle Back Zoo located in West Orange, NJ. Students will observe animals experience and interaction in their natural habitat. This field trip is a culminating activity from the school science curriculum. Departure is scheduled from Clinton School on May 26, 2009 and June 11, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. and a return at 1:00 p.m.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves fifteen (15) Pre-K students and four (4) chaperones to attend Turtle Back Zoo on May 26, 2009, at a cost of \$5.00 per person (admission) at a total of \$ 95.00, and forty-five (45) second grade students and six (6) chaperones on June 11, 2009, at a cost of \$9.00 per person (admission, pony rides and carousel) and not to exceed \$435.00. Transportation will be provided by the district. The availability of funds has been verified and charged to account 20-211-100000-516A-34-0000.

5. Clinton Elementary School – Liberty Science Center

Strategic Plan Link:

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Forty-nine (49) first grade students and six (6) chaperones from Clinton Elementary School will attend a field trip to the Liberty Science Center located in Jersey City, NJ on May 22, 2009. Students will explore and investigate human body and energy exhibits aligned to the classroom science activities and curriculum. Departure is scheduled from Clinton School on May 22, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. and a return at 1:00 p.m. There is no cost to students and chaperones for this field trip.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves forty-nine (49) first grade students and six (6) chaperones from Clinton Elementary School to attend the Liberty Science Center on May 22, 2009. District transportation will be provided. There is no direct cost to the district.

6. Emerson Elementary School – Strike ‘N’ Spare Lanes

Strategic Plan Link:

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Seventy-five (75) students in grades K-5 and ten (10) chaperones that participate in the Family Friendly Center after-school program located at Emerson Elementary School will attend Strike ‘N’ Spare Bowling Lane in Green Brook, NJ on Thursday, May 21, 2009. Departure from Emerson Elementary School is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. and a return at 4:30 p.m.

The Family Friendly Center located at Emerson Elementary School recognizes the importance of integrating real life experiences into student learning while exposing them to various activities in the community. The field trip to Strike ‘N’ Spare Lanes in Green Brook, NJ will enhance classroom instruction by creatively integrating this field trip into the mathematics and physical education curriculum. The main objectives for this field trip are to enhance skills/knowledge. Mathematical standards and physical education Core Curriculum Contents Standards will be covered (NJCCS Math 4.1, 4.5; PE 2.2, 2.5, 2.6; and 9.2).

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves seventy-five (75) students in grades K-5 and ten (10) chaperones that participate in the Family Friendly Center After-School Program at Emerson Elementary School to attend Strike ‘N’ Spare Bowling Lane in Green Brook, NJ on Thursday, May 21, 2009. The cost is \$11.43 per person (admission, games, pizza and juice) and not to exceed \$971.55. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account FFEFLDTRP8. District transportation will be provided.

7. Hubbard Middle School – George Street Playhouse

Strategic Plan Link:

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One-hundred-fifty (150) students in grade six (6) and ten (10) teachers from Hubbard School will attend the play “In Between” at The George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick on

May 22, 2009. Departure from Hubbard Middle School is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on May 22, 2009 and a return at 12:30 p.m.

This field trip will provide exposure to the Performing Arts. The play, "In Between," addresses issues surrounding peer and self-respect, self-esteem, and bullying. Follow-up activities will include research/writing, as well as an improvisational conflict resolution exercise.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves one-hundred-fifty (150) students in grade six (6) and ten (10) teachers from Hubbard School to attend the play "In Between" at The George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick on May 22, 2009. District transportation will be provided. There is no direct cost to the district.

8. Plainfield High School– Marching Band

Strategic Plan Link:

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Plainfield High School Marching Band consisting of forty-five (45) students in grades 9-12 and three (3) chaperones will perform at Frederick W. Cook School on June 5, 2009. Departure is scheduled from Plainfield High School on June 5, 2009 at 8:45 a.m. and a return at 12:00 p.m. District transportation will be provided.

Frederic W. Cook students will benefit academically and culturally from understanding the elements and principles of music. The Plainfield High School Marching Band under the Leadership of Mr. G. Williams will perform for the students in the gym. The elements, such as color, line, shape, form and rhythm, time, space and energy are the foci. An understanding of these elements and practice of the principles ensure the strengthening of interdisciplinary relationships with all content area curricula and their applications in daily life.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the Plainfield High School Marching Band consisting of forty-five (45) students in grades 9-12 and three (3) chaperones to perform at Frederick W. Cook School on June 5, 2009. There is no direct cost to the district.

9. Plainfield High School– Dance Ensemble

Strategic Plan Link:

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Plainfield High School Dance Ensemble, Intermediate Dance and Theatre Dance consisting of forty-three (43) students and three (3) chaperones will perform at F.W. Cook Elementary School on May 29, 2009. Departure is scheduled from Plainfield High School on May 29, 2009 at 8:45 a.m. and a return at 12:00 p.m.

Frederic W. Cook students will benefit academically and culturally from understanding the elements and principles of dance performed by Dance Ensemble, Intermediate Dance, and Theatre Dance students from Plainfield High School under the Leadership of Mr. M. Taylor. Students will perform in the gym. The students will have an opportunity to meet the dancers and discuss the daily activity.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Plainfield High School Dance Ensemble, Intermediate Dance and Theatre Dance to perform at F.W. Cook Elementary School on May 29, 2009. There is no direct cost to the district.

10. Emerson Elementary School – Liberty Science Center

Strategic Plan Link:

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Fifty-eight (58) students in grade two and nine (9) chaperones from Emerson School will visit the Liberty Science Center on June 4, 2009 to explore the elements of science. Departure is schedule from Emerson Elementary School on June 4, 2009 at 8:15 a.m. and a return at 2:15 p.m.

The focus of the trip is to reinforce and further the concepts and knowledge gained from the new McMillan Science curriculum pertaining to woodland forests and ocean habitats. Teachers will devise lessons that will aid students in the recognition of various animal and plant life in different parts of the world.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves fifty-eight (58) students in grade two and nine (9) chaperones to attend the Liberty Science Center on June 4, 2009. The cost of the trip includes two (2) buses totaling \$1,300.00 and will be charged to account 15-000-270000-512A-16-0000.

11. Frederic W. Cook Elementary School – New York Harbor

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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Forty-two (42) students (inclusive of Special Needs and English Language Learners) in grades four through six and five (5) chaperones will attend the New York Harbor. Students will tour New York Harbor via the Water Taxi system at Liberty State Park in Jersey City. Departure is scheduled from Cook School on June 4, 2009; at 8:30 a.m. and returning at 2:20 p.m.

Frederic W. Cook School has received an invitation to attend a free harbor investigation program funded by a grant from the New Jersey Marine Science Consortium at Sandy Hook, New Jersey. The objective of the class field trip is to experience the harbor environment by observing and classifying plants and animals. In addition, students will conduct water samples and quality, and investigate microscopic organisms. Students in grades four through six have learned about different habitats and plant and animal environments.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves forty-two (42) students (inclusive of Special Needs and English Language Learners) in grades four through six and five (5) chaperones will attend the New York Harbor on June 4, 2009. The cost of transportation is \$390.00. The availability of funds has been verified and will be charged to account 15POFLDTRP.

12. Frederic W. Cook Elementary School – New Jersey Marine Science Consortium

Strategic Plan Link:

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Forty-two (42) students (inclusive of Special Needs) in grades four through six and five (5) chaperones will visit NJ Marine Science Consortium, Sandy Hook, NJ on Thursday, May 21, 2009. Departure is scheduled from Cook School at 8:30 a.m. will return at 2:20 p.m.

Frederic W. Cook School has received approval to attend an estuary investigation program via a grant from New Jersey Marine Science Consortium in Sandy Hook, NJ. The main objective of the class field trip is to experience the estuary environment by observing and classifying plants and animals. Students in grades four through six will conduct water samples and investigate microscopic organisms. The trip allows for cross-curricular activities in literacy and science by providing opportunities for students to meet and interact with scientists. Students will determine how geography and environmental issues influence our society, explore how an estuary is a habitat for plant and animal life, and determine how biomes are important to the planet Earth.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves forty-two (42) students (inclusive of Special Needs) in grades four through six and five (5) chaperones to visit NJ Marine Science Consortium, Sandy Hook, NJ on Thursday, May 21, 2009. The cost of transportation is \$390.00. The availability of funds has been verified and charged to account 15POFLDTRP.

13. Plainfield High School – PAC Band

Strategic Plan Link:

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Sixty (60) high school students in grades 9-12 participating in PAC Band and six (6) chaperones will attend the Annual Music Showcase Festival on Friday, May 15, 2009 in

Allentown, Pennsylvania. Departure is scheduled from Plainfield High School on Friday, May 15, 2009 at 7:00 a.m. and a return at 11:00 p.m. The cost of transportation and registration for students and chaperones will be funded by donations and fundraising activities.

Plainfield High School students have been involved in the Music Showcase Festival since the 2004-2005 school year. During the Annual Music Showcase Festival, students will participate in career opportunities available in the Fine Arts. Participating students will attend a general session and evaluate the performance of at least three instrumental ensembles. In addition, students will visit the exhibit area to meet bandleaders from local colleges and universities. Students will have an opportunity to obtain information on pursuing a degree in the Fine Arts.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves sixty (60) high school students in grades 9-12 participating in PAC Band and six (6) chaperones to attend the Annual Music Showcase Festival on Friday, May 15, 2009. The cost of transportation and registration is not to exceed \$5,000.00 and charged to Plainfield High School General Fund. Availability of funds for this item has been verified.

14. Plainfield High School – PAC Band

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Special Education Students) meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

Sixty (60) high school students in grades 9-12 participating in PAC Band and six (6) chaperones will attend the Annual African American Heritage Parade on Sunday, May 24, 2009 in Newark, New Jersey. District transportation will be provided.

Plainfield High School students have been involved in the African American Heritage Parade since 2002-2003 school year. During the Annual African American Heritage Parade, students will perform for an audience, as well as a television audience. This experience will enhance creativity and confidence.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves for sixty (60) high school students in grades 9-12 participating in PAC Band and six (6) chaperones to attend the Annual African American Heritage Parade on Sunday, May 24, 2009. Departure is scheduled from Plainfield High School on Sunday, May 24, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. and a return at 3:00 p.m. District transportation will be provided. There is no direct cost to the district.

15. Plainfield High School – Crossroads Theater

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Seventy (70) high school students in grades 10-12 and four (4) chaperones will attend a theatrical performance at the Crossroads Theater in New Brunswick, New Jersey on Wednesday, April 22, 2009. Departure is scheduled from Plainfield High School on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at 8:50 a.m. and a return at 1:45 p.m. The cost of the performance will be funded by fundraising activities and donations.

Students will engage in a variety of educational activities including discussion sessions before and after the performance and will have an opportunity to develop leadership skills, learn about the theater and network with other students. Students are encouraged to pursue creative talents and programs offered through the Crossroads Theater Educational Program.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves for seventy (70) high school students in grades 10-12 and four (4) chaperones to attend a theatrical performance at the Crossroads Theater in New Brunswick, New Jersey on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 not to exceed \$1,050.00 (cost of performance). District transportation will be provided. The availability of funds has been verified and charged to account PHS General Fund/Dramatics.

16. Emerson Elementary School – Hershey Park

Strategic Plan Link:

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Four fifth grade classes consisting of sixty-nine (69) students (inclusive of English Language Learners and Special Education Students) and eight (8) chaperones from Emerson School will visit Hershey Park, Hershey, Pennsylvania on June 12, 2009. Departure is scheduled from Emerson Elementary School at 6:00 a.m. and returning at 7:00 p.m.

The students will investigate mathematics, language arts, and social studies disciplines. The students will engage in instructional activities that consist of; listening, speaking, and writing. Students will gather information at the arboretum as they classify plants and record characteristics of the organisms. Students will visit the Hershey museum and factory and learn how different candies are made. Students will investigate the history of the company and Hershey's contribution to the community. Finally, students will visit the safari. Students will have an opportunity to observe and record animal behaviors. The culminating activities will be completed and presented.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves four (4) fifth grade classes consisting of sixty-nine (69) students (inclusive of English Language Learners and Special Education Students) and eight (8) chaperones at Emerson School, to attend Hershey Park, Hershey, Pennsylvania. Admission is \$1,840.00 and will be paid with fundraisers and transportation will be \$1,395.00 (2 buses) and will be charged to account 15-000-270000-512A-16-0000.

17. Dewitt D. Barlow Elementary School – American Museum of Natural History

Strategic Plan Link:

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Forty nine (49) students in grade three and ten (10) chaperones from Dewitt D. Barlow Elementary School will travel to the American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY on May 28, 2009. Students will investigate the contributions of the Native Americans to New Jersey and United States history. Departure is scheduled for Thursday, May 28, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. and a return at 2:35 p.m.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves forty nine (49) students in grade three and ten (10) chaperones from Dewitt D. Barlow Elementary School to travel to the American Museum of Natural History on May 28, 2009. The cost of transportation is \$910.00. The availability of funds has been verified and charged to account 15-000-270000-512A-11-000. Parents will pay the entrance fee to the Museum.

18. Dewitt D. Barlow Elementary School – High Note Festival

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Ninety-five (95) students in grades 3-5 participating in the Dewitt D. Barlow School band, chorus, and orchestra and fifteen (15) chaperones from will attend and perform at the High Note Festival at Dorney Park, Allentown, PA on June 5, 2009. Departure is scheduled for Friday, June 5, 2009 from Dewitt D. Barlow School at 8:00 a.m. and a return at 10:00 p.m.

The primary objective is to increase the level of performance of students participating in the band, chorus, and orchestra by demonstrating their understanding of the intricate elements of music. Students will perform and be evaluated by a panel.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves ninety-five (95) students in grades 3-5 participating in the Dewitt D. Barlow School band, chorus, and orchestra and fifteen (15) chaperones from Dewitt D. Barlow Elementary School to attend the High Note Festival at Dorney Park on June 5, 2009. There is no charge to the district. Activity is funded by fundraisers and parents.

19. Dewitt D. Barlow Elementary School – Dance Ensemble

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Special Education Students) meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

Dewitt D. Barlow School is inviting two hundred twenty five students (225) and eighteen (18) faculty members from district elementary schools to view the performance of “Once upon a Mattress” conducted by the Dewitt D. Barlow band, chorus, and orchestra. The performance will take place at Barlow School, on April 24, 2009. Participants will have an opportunity to critique student performances and discuss elements of art.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves two hundred twenty five selected students (225) and eighteen (18) faculty members from all district elementary schools to attend the performance of “Once Upon a Mattress” at Barlow Elementary School on April 24, 2009. Departure is scheduled for Friday, April 24, 2009 at 9:15 a.m. and will return at 11:00 a.m. District transportation will be provided. There is no direct cost to the district.

20. Frederic W. Cook Elementary – Liberty Science Center

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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Seventy-five (75) first and fifth grade students and twelve (12) chaperones from Frederic W. Cook School will attend Liberty Science Center, Jersey City, New Jersey to experience a variety of hands-on science activities. Children will explore science project ideas and improve upon science projects already started in preparation for the upcoming district's science fair.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves seventy-five (75) first and fifth grade students and twelve (12) chaperones to attend the Liberty Science Center, Jersey City, NJ on May 6, 2009. Departure is scheduled on May 6, 2009 for 8:30 a.m. and a return at 12:30 p.m. District transportation will be provided. There is no direct cost to the district.

21. Frederic W. Cook– Newark Museum

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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Thirty-seven (37) students in grade three (inclusive of Special Needs Students and English Language Learners), and four (4) chaperones from F.W. Cook School will visit the Newark Museum, Newark, NJ on Friday, June 12, 2009. Departure is scheduled from Cook School on June 12, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. and a return at 12:00 noon. District transportation will be provided.

Students will observe the tools, crafts, clothing, and lifestyle of Native Americans at the Newark Museum. Students will create their own clay pot in the style of the Native Americans of the Southwest. This field trip supports the grade 3 Early America Curriculum in social studies and is aligned to the NJCCCS (6.4A.2, 6.4.B.1, and 6.5.A.3).

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves thirty-seven (37) students in grade three (inclusive of Special Needs Students and English Language Learners), and four (4) chaperones to the Newark Museum, Newark, NJ on Friday, June 12, 2009. The cost of the trip is \$328.00 (\$8.00 per person for admission). The availability of funds has been verified and will be charged to account 15POFLDTRP.

22. Frederic W. Cook– Liberty Science Center

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.

Thirty-seven (37) students in grade three (inclusive of Special Needs Students and English Language Learners), and four (4) chaperones from F.W. Cook School will attend Liberty Science Center on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 and Wednesday, June 3, 2009. Departure is scheduled from F.W. Cook School on May 13, 2009 and June 3, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. and a return at 12:45 p.m. Students will observe exhibits and displays and will explore states of matter, the human body, and forms of life and different habitats.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves thirty-seven (37) students in grade three (inclusive of Special Needs Students and English Language Learners), and four (4) chaperones from F.W. Cook School to attend the Liberty Science Center, Jersey City, NJ on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 and Wednesday, June 3, 2009. District transportation will be provided. There is no direct cost to the district.

23. Frederic W. Cook– New York Aquarium

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.

Thirty (30) kindergarten students from Cook Elementary School and four (4) chaperones will attend the New York Aquarium, Brooklyn, N.Y. on Thursday, June 4, 2009. Departure is scheduled from Cook School on June 4, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. and a return at 2:30 p.m.

Students will become familiar with an aquarium and the different species of fish and marine life. Students will develop their scientific vocabulary as well as gain an appreciation for our endangered sea creatures.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves thirty (30) kindergarten students from Cook Elementary School and four (4) chaperones from Frederic W. Cook School to attend the New York Aquarium, Brooklyn, N.Y. on Thursday, June 4, 2009. The Frederic W. Cook School PTO is sponsoring a portion of this field trip and will pay the total cost of admissions and partial transportation totaling \$500.00. The balance of the trip (transportation) \$166.00 will be charged to account 15POFLDTRP. Funds have been verified.

24. Cedarbrook Elementary School – Six Flags over Great Adventures

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 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.

Fifteen (15) students in grade six and two (2) chaperones from Cedarbrook School's Safety Patrols will visit Six Flags over Great Adventures, in Jackson, New Jersey for the "Safety Patrol Day" on May 15, 2009. Departure is scheduled from Cedarbrook School on May 15, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. and a return at 5:30 p.m.

This purpose of this trip is to reinforce character education, responsibility, dedication, and commitment. Cedarbrook's Safety Patrol students have sacrificed time in the morning and afternoon to maintain a safe and orderly school environment and have been role models for fellow students.

Safety Patrols will participate in a Safety Patrol Banner Contest, sponsored by AAA and the New Jersey State Police. Banners will display school spirit and the schools commitment to safety. Students will share their experiences and commitment to serve as motivation and inspiration to fellow students. Fundraising will pay the entrance fee.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves fifteen (15) students in grade six and two (2) chaperones from Cedarbrook Elementary School to travel to Six Flags over Great Adventures on May 15, 2009. District transportation will be provided. There is no cost to the district.

25. Maxson Middle School – Crossroads Theater

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.

Fifty (50) students in grades six through eight from Maxson Middle School will attend the performance of “Sheila’s Day” at the Crossroads Theater in New Brunswick, New Jersey on Wednesday, April 22, 2009. Tickets for the production are \$15.00 with funding from the Maxson PTO. Departure is scheduled from Maxson Middle School on April 22, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. and a return at 1:00 p.m. District transportation will be provided.

The play compares the experiences of African women living under apartheid to the experience of African-American women living during the Civil Rights movement. This production will broaden student understanding of the common experiences shared between these two groups of women. The students will complete a character web analyzing, comparing, contrasting, and evaluating the likenesses and differences characterizing the struggle to end apartheid in South Africa and the struggle for equality in America.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves fifty (50) students in grades six through eight from Maxson Middle School to attend the performance of “Sheila’s Day” at the Crossroads Theater on Wednesday, April 22, 2009. There is no direct cost to the district.

26. Evergreen and Clinton Elementary Schools – Museum of Natural History

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.

Twenty-six (26) students from Clinton School, and thirty (30) students in grades four and five from Evergreen School, and eight (8) chaperones from Plainfield Community Outreach will attend a field trip to the Museum of Natural History located in New York City, NY on April 29, 2009. Departure is scheduled from Evergreen and Clinton Schools on April 29, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. and a return at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of this trip is for students to view and learn more about natural history. This will demonstrate a response to historical events, art, and science.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Twenty-six (26) students from Clinton School, and thirty (30) students in grades four and five from Evergreen School, and eight (8) chaperones from Plainfield Community Outreach to attend the Museum of Natural History on April 29, 2009. Plainfield Community Outreach Inc. will pay for all expenses from their Title IV, Part B, 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

27. Woodland Elementary Schools – New York Aquarium

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 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.

Twenty-eight (28) kindergarten, thirty-five (35) grade one, twenty-three (23) grade four, and fifteen (15) kindergarten students (inclusive of Special Education Students), and eighteen (18) chaperones from Woodland School, will visit the New York Aquarium on May 28, 2009. This field trip will better acquaint students with life science and assist in learning about different types of underwater animals and their environment. Departure is scheduled for May 28, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. and a return at 2:15 p.m.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves twenty-eight (28) kindergarten, thirty-five (35) grade one, twenty-three (23) grade four, and fifteen (15) kindergarten students (inclusive of Special Education Students), and eighteen (18) chaperones from Woodland School to participate in a field trip to the New York Aquarium. The cost of the trip is \$1425.00 for transportation and \$6.00 fee per student/chaperones totaling \$714.00. Availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-270000-512A-22-0000.

28. Jefferson Elementary School – Somerset Patriot Stadium

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

Seventy-four (74) students in grades four and five and six (6) chaperones from Jefferson School will attend the Somerset Patriot Stadium in Bridgewater, New Jersey on Tuesday, May 19, 2009. Departure is scheduled from Jefferson School on May 19, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. and a return at 2:30 pm. Upon arrival, students will receive cross-curricular supplemental materials. Students will develop an understanding of how academics are essential in sports and everyday life.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves seventy-four (74) students in grades four and five and six (6) chaperones from Jefferson School to attend the Somerset Patriot Stadium in Bridgewater, New Jersey. Availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to as follows: admission and meals (\$800.00) to account 15-000-240000-800A-18-0000 and transportation (\$670.00) (includes two buses) to account 15-000-270000-512A-18-0000.

29. School Based Youth Services: Teen Parent Program-Mercer County Community College

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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Sixteen (16) students from the School Based Youth Services Teen Parent Program and two (2) staff members will participate in the Seventh Annual Conference sponsored by Prevent Child Abuse-NJ. The conference is entitled "Strengthening Those Who Touch the Lives of Children" and will be held at Mercer County Community College in Somerset, NJ on Friday, May 29, 2009. The conference is designed to bring teen moms together, help them network, and find support and resources that go beyond the greater Plainfield community. Students will choose from a variety of workshops that focus on the unique challenges faced by young mothers. There is no cost to attend the conference. Transportation will be provided by Prevent Child Abuse-NJ. Students will depart from the PHS at 8:15 a.m. with an approximate return time of 3:30 p.m.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves sixteen (16) students from the School Based Youth Services Teen Parent Program and two (2) staff members to attend the "Strengthening Those Who Touch the Lives of Children" conference sponsored by Prevent Child Abuse-NJ on Friday, May 29, 2009, at Mercer County Community College in Somerset, NJ. There is no cost to the district.

30. School Based Youth Services: Teen Parent Program-Land of make Believe

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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Brooke Vuono, Head Teacher of the Infant/Toddler Center, and Teacher Assistants, Jodi Byers, Betty Howell, and Guadalupe Hunter-Mercado, will accompany sixteen (16) students enrolled in the School Based Youth Services Teen Parenting Program and their children to Land of Make Believe in Hope, NJ on Friday, June 5, 2009. The purpose of this trip is to provide an educational and family experience for the teen parents and their children. Departure is scheduled for 8:15 a.m. from the PHS with an approximate return time of 3:15 p.m.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves sixteen (16) students enrolled in the School Based Youth Services Teen Parenting Program and their children, and four (4) to attend the Land of Make Believe in Hope, NJ on Friday, June 5, 2009. Funds are available from the School Based Youth Services Grant. The admission fee is \$231.00 and will be charged to account 20-438-218000-320C-38-0000 (38PLPCARCO). Transportation of \$575.00 will be charged to account 20-431-270000-516A-38-0000 (SBYFLDTRP8).

31. School Based Youth Services - Rutgers University Busch Campus

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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Twelve (12) students from the School Based Youth Services Promise Program and two (2) staff will participate in a conference at Rutgers University Busch Campus on Wednesday, April 29, 2009. The conference entitled "Finding Your Way: The Path to a Healthy Life" is sponsored by the Planned Parenthood of Central New Jersey. The conference is developed for high school students and will provide a variety of workshops that focus on the unique challenges of adolescent boys and girls in today's society. Students will depart from the PHS at 8:30 a.m. with an approximate return time of 2:30 p.m.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves twelve (12) students from the School Based Youth Services Promise Program and two (2) staff members to attend the “Finding Your Way: The Path to a Healthy Life” conference on Wednesday, April 29, 2009, at Rutgers University Busch Campus. Funds are available from the School Based Youth Services grant. The cost of the conference is \$50.00 and transportation is \$310.00 and will be charged to account 20-431-270000-516A-38-0000 (SBYFLDTRP8).

32. School Based Youth Services- New Jersey State Trades Youth

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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Thirty (30) Grade 10-11 students from the Plainfield High School vocational classes and three (3) chaperones will attend the New Jersey State Trades Youth Transition to Work Career Day on Friday, April 24, 2009 at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, New Jersey. Departure is scheduled from the Plainfield High School at 8:30 a.m. and a return at 1:00 p.m.

This state-funded program integrates work-based learning and the establishment of linkages among secondary schools, postsecondary and registered apprenticeships. The program brings the knowledge and expertise of New Jersey's trades people to classrooms around the state. The career day is designed to help students explore available opportunities and how to access career opportunities.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves thirty (30) Grade 10-11 students from the Plainfield High School vocational classes and three (3) chaperones to attend the New Jersey Building Trades Youth Transition to Work Career Day on Friday, April 24, 2009, at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, New Jersey. District transportation will be provided. There is no direct cost to the district.

33. PHS Outstanding Students

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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Five students in the Class of 2009 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 and school. This field trip will also provide students with experiences that cannot be duplicated in school. 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. Dr. Brian Bilal, Principal has invited the top five seniors from the Class of 2009 to participate in post secondary planning and discussion session at Maggiano's Restaurant in Bridgewater, New Jersey.

The five students and Dr. Bilal will attend an educational experience on Friday, May 29, 2009. Departure is scheduled from Plainfield High School on Friday, May 29, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. and a return at 2:00 p.m. District transportation will be provided.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves five seniors and Dr. Brian Bilal, PHS Principal to attend Maggiano's Restaurant on Friday, May 29, 2009 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.

B. Staff Development

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

RESOLUTION

1. Best Practices in Transition Planning

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.

School Social Workers, Mortel Giles-Gant and Melissa Remo and Learning Disability Consultant, Judith Lescarret will attend the Best Practices In Transition Planning Workshop, on Wednesday, April 29, 2009, at Middlesex County Educational Services Commission, Piscataway, NJ. Registration fees are \$10.00 each. Attendance at this one-day workshop will provide information and activities that will enhance the skills and knowledge of staff to deliver better services to students and to help them prepare for their future post high school.

It is recognized that transition planning is of great importance for our students and families. This workshop is targeted for district personnel responsible for planning and providing transition services for students with disabilities.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves School Social Workers, Mortel Giles-Gant and Melissa Remo and Learning Disability Consultant, Judith Lescarret to attend Best Practices In Transition Planning Workshop, on Wednesday, April 29, 2009, at Middlesex County Educational Services Commission, 1690 Stelton Rd., Piscataway, NJ. Registration fees are \$10.00 each totaling \$30.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to 11-000- 219000-390A-32-0000.

2. Section 504 vs. the IDEA in New Jersey

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.

School Social Worker, Tracy Mullen, LSCW will attend Section 504 vs. the IDEA in New Jersey, May 5, 2009 in East Hanover, NJ at the Ramada Inn & Conference Center, East Hanover, NJ. Registration fee is \$309.00. Attendance at this one-day seminar will enhance the knowledge and skill of staff to deliver appropriate services to our students and families.

It is recognized that support staff have a complete understanding of the recent incorporation into the Americans with Disabilities Act and the services available through Section 504. This seminar provides an understanding of the district's legal obligations regarding evaluations. It is particularly discusses the understanding of what constitutes discipline, constitutes Manifestation Determination, due process means, and services must the district make available through Section 504.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves School Social Worker, Tracy Mullen, LSCW to attend Section 504 vs. the IDEA in NEW Jersey, May 5, 2009 in East Hanover, NJ at the Ramada Inn & Conference Center, East Hanover, NJ. Registration fee is \$309.00.

The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to 11-000– 219000– 390A–32–0000.

3. 2009 New Jersey Speech – Hearing - Language Association Annual Convention

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.

Speech/Language therapists must maintain national certification, which is required by Medicaid for Plainfield Public Schools to receive reimbursement for the speech/language services that are provided to Medicaid eligible students. This conference offers the range of workshops needed for the therapists to acquire the 10 hours of course work needed to maintain national ASHA certification. This annual convention provides updates in therapeutic and diagnostic trends. A wide range of information can be shared with teachers and therapeutic strategies can be implemented with students.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Patty A. Lewis's attendance to 2009 New Jersey Speech – Hearing – Language Association Annual Convention in Atlantic City, NJ, April 30, 2009 through May 1, 2009 at a cost of \$840.00 (registration \$405.00,

lodging \$30.00, meals \$75.00 and transportation \$50.00). The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to 11-000– 219000–390A–32–0000.

4. The New Jersey Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (NJTESOL) Spring Conference

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: 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 district professional development opportunities.

The Plainfield Public School District's staff, Wilson Aponte Principal of Evergreen School, Miguel Urosa, Bilingual Teacher Evergreen School, Ana Ramos-Saenz, Bilingual Teacher Evergreen School, Sara Argote, World Language Teacher Barlow School, Maria Acero, Bilingual Teacher Clinton School, Belkis Peralta, World Language Teacher Cedarbrook School, Judy Safi, ESL Coordinator Jefferson School, and Jenny Hernandez, Bilingual Teacher Clinton School will attend The New Jersey Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (NJTESOL) conference on May 20, 2009 in Somerset, New Jersey at a registration rate of \$130.00 per participant.

NJTESOL is an all-inclusive professional organization that brings together teachers and administrators from all educational levels with an interest in teaching English to speakers of other languages. This annual convention provides its attendees the opportunity to share research-based findings and explore ideas in English language teaching and learning with colleagues statewide. NJTESOL's mission and values are to:

- Develop and maintain professional expertise in English language teaching and learning for speakers of other languages worldwide.
- Cultivate professionalism in language education, through accessible high quality education.
- Promote respect for cultural and linguistic diversity and individual language rights
- Collaborate in a global community for the interaction of research and reflective practice for educational improvement in English Language Learners.

RESOLVED, the Plainfield Board of Education approves District staff, Wilson Aponte, Principal of Evergreen School, Miguel Urosa, Bilingual Teacher Evergreen School, Ana Ramos-Saenz, Bilingual Teacher Evergreen School, Sara Argote, World Language Teacher Barlow School, Maria Acero, Bilingual Teacher Clinton School, Belkis Peralta, World Language Teacher Cedarbrook School, Judy Safi, ESL Coordinator Jefferson School, and Jenny Hernandez Bilingual Teacher Clinton School, to attend The New Jersey Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (NJTESOL) conference in Somerset, NJ on

May 20, 2009 at a cost of \$130.00 per participant, not to exceed \$1,040.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to 39OTHPURC5.

5. Summer Advanced Placement Institute – AP Spanish Language

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

Mr. Wilson A. Martinez, Content Area Vice Principal and Mrs. Doris Cera, Plainfield High School Spanish Teacher, will attend the Summer Advanced Placement Institute on July 13 – 17, 2009 at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. Rutgers, the state University of New Jersey, offers this Program in partnership with the College Board. This summer institute provides its attendees the opportunity to enhance and explore teaching and learning strategies while building internal capacity as it relates to the best instructional practices in the AP Spanish language classroom.

The Summer Advanced Placement institute will enable a diverse group of educators to focus on specific pedagogical issues within the Spanish Language Advanced Placement program.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves, Content Area Vice Principal, Mr. Wilson A. Martinez and Spanish Teacher Mrs. Doris Cera to attend the Summer Advanced Placement Institute on July 13 – 17, 2009 at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ at a cost of \$825.00 per participant, not to exceed \$ 1650. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to 39OTHPURC5 (Title III)

6. 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 authorize administrative staff members to participate in out-of-district professional development.

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 “Champions for Children’s Well Being,” in Somerset, New Jersey, on May 21, 2009.

The New Jersey Association for the Education of Young Children is presenting an education conference entitled "Champions for Children's Well Being," in Somerset, New Jersey, May 21, 2009. The cost of registration is \$60.00 per person. Professional development hours of 4.0, which are required to maintain licensure, will be awarded.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves preschool nurses Carol Riddlestorffer, Adele Pudner, Angela Ladenheim, and Ellen Frey attend the conference on May 21, 2009. The cost of registration is \$240.00 (\$60.00 for each person) and will be charged to account 34ECPURCHASE. Mileage reimbursement will be charged to 34ECTRAVEL.

7. New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

Goal 2: Human Resources

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

The 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 Master Teacher, Louise Frankel will attend the New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education, Inc. Seventh Annual Summer Inclusion Conference entitled "Reflection, Instruction, Inclusion Hands on Solutions for Educators and Families," at the college of New Jersey, Ewing, New Jersey, from July 8-9, 2009. The cost of registration is \$205.00 per person (before June 1st) \$240.00 after.

The New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education (NJCIE) is a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to the development of inclusive schools and educational opportunities that enable all children with disabilities to become welcomed, productive adults who may live as independently as possible within their communities.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves Preschool Master Teacher, Louise Frankel. to attend the New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education, Inc. Seventh Annual Summer Inclusion Conference entitled "Reflection, Instruction, Inclusion Hands on Solutions for Educators and Families," at the college of New Jersey, Ewing, New Jersey, from July 8-9, 2009. The cost of registration is \$205.00 per person (before June 1st) \$240.00 after and will be charged to the 2009-10 approved Early Childhood account 34ECPURCHASE. Mileage reimbursement will be charged to 34ECTRAVEL.

8. New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education

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.

Victoria David, Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Initiative Coordinator for the School Based Youth Services Program, will attend on Friday, April 24, 2009, a workshop through the Rutgers University Answer Program. The workshop is entitled "You've Got Questions, We've Got Answers."

It will teach participants about the fundamentals of sexual orientation and gender identity and how to ensure that all young people and their families feel welcomed and included in our classrooms and programs. The first part of the workshop will provide basic information about sexual orientation and gender identity and dispel common myths. The second part will focus on ways to create safe learning environments for students who are lesbian, gay, bisexual and/or transgender (LGBT) or whose family members might be (LGBT). It will also provide concrete lessons for teaching LGBT issues directly to young people. The workshop is scheduled for Friday, April 24, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Bergen Community College in Paramus N.J.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Victoria David to attend the Rutgers University Answer Program workshop, "You Got Questions, We've Got Answers" at Bergen Community College on Friday, April 24, 2009. Registration for the workshop is \$100.00. Funds are available from the School Based Youth Service Grant and to be charged to account 20-432-218000-320A-38-0000.

9. NJTESOL-NJBE 2009 Spring Conference

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 2: Human Resources

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

The Plainfield Public Schools does both require and encourage employees to take continuing education courses to improve their professional knowledge and to operate most effectively and efficiently in the delivery of services to the children of the district.

The NJTESOL-NJBE is presenting educational workshops entitled "2009 Spring Conference," in Somerset, New Jersey, May 19-20, 2009. ESL Teacher Natalie Pereira of Stillman Elementary School will attend the workshop. The cost of registration is \$159.00 per

person. Professional development hours will be awarded and are required to maintain licensure.

The 2009 TESOL Spring Conference is an opportunity for ESL teachers from all over NJ to come together to attend a variety of workshops specifically related to their field. Close to 100 workshops are available for teachers to attend, therefore, making the experience one that is tailored to the individual. Teachers will be able to investigate a variety of topics covering theory and application for ESL classrooms.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves of ESL Teacher Natalie Pereira to attend the workshops on May 19-20, 2009.. The cost of registration is \$159.00 and will be charged to account number 20IIEDCONS. Mileage reimbursement will be charged to 20IIEDCONS.

10. New Jersey Association of School Business Officials 47th Annual Conference

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 3: Business Operations

To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of business operations.

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.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Gary L. Ottmann, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, to attend the 47th Annual Conference to be held in Atlantic City, New Jersey on May 6-7, 2009. At a cost of \$888.00 (\$275.00 for registration, \$100.00 for mileage, \$351.00 for housing, \$162.00 for meals and incidental expenses) and will be charged to account 11-000-251000-580A-04-0000.

11. New Jersey Association of Federal Program Administrators (NJAFPA) Conference

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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.

Dawn Ciccone, Grants Administrator in Business Operations, will attend the NJAFPA Spring Training Institute, a two-day conference in Atlantic City, New Jersey on April 23 and 24, 2009.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Dawn Ciccone, Grants Administrator, to attend a two-day conference at a total cost of \$386.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to 20-234-200000-500P-39-0000 and 20-234-200000-580A-39-0000.

12. New Jersey Association of School Administrators (NJASA)

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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.

Ms. Angela G. Kemp, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Ms. Cristina Crowell, teacher Washington School, Ms. Joi Bethea, Vice Principal, Hubbard School, Ms. Lalelei B. Kelly, Coordinator, Assessment, Data Collection & School Improvement, Ms. Dawn Ciccone, Grants Administrator, Ms. Lesly V. Borge, Coordinator, Professional Development and Support Services, Evelyn Motley, Director, Early Childhood Programs & Services and Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles, Director of Student Intervention and Family Support Services will attend NJASA Grant-Writing Workshop, on April 22, 2009 in Trenton, New Jersey.

The NJASA Grant-Writing Workshop is designed to train individuals to actively seek and apply for grant opportunities. The trainings will focus on six major aspects of grant writing; understanding types of funding, sources of public and private funding, characteristics of a winning proposal, developing focus, creating and submitting proposals, implementing an effective program and receiving a return-on-investment.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board Education approves Ms. Angela G. Kemp, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, , Ms. Cristina Crowell, teacher Washington School, Ms. Joi Bethea, Vice Principal, Hubbard School, Ms. Lalelei B. Kelly, Coordinator, Assessment, Data Collection & School Improvement, Ms. Dawn Ciccone, Grants Administrator, Ms. Lesly V. Borge, Coordinator, Professional Development & Support Services, Evelyn Motley, Director, Early Childhood Programs & Services and Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles, Director of Student Intervention & Family Support Services to attend NJASA Grant-Writing Workshop, on April 22, 2009 in Trenton, New Jersey. Registration is \$129.00 member and \$245.00 for non-member for a total of \$1,844.00.

13. Rutgers University Answer Program Workshop

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 2: Human Resources

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

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.

Tiana Mayes, Senior Case Manager for the Maxson Middle School Based Youth Services Program will attend a workshop through the Rutgers University Answer Program. The workshop is entitled “Ugly Betty: Helping Teens Navigate Media Messages about Body Image and Beauty.” The workshop will teach participants how to assist students with recognizing the myth of “perfection” that is sold to them via the media. The presenter will model effective lesson plans for use with middle and high school students. The workshop is scheduled for Friday, May 1, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Rutgers University Piscataway Campus.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Tiana Mayes, Senior Case Manager for the Maxson Middle School Based Youth Services Program to attend the Rutgers University Answer Program workshop, “Ugly Betty: Helping Teens Navigate Media Messages about Body Image and Beauty” at the Piscataway Campus on Friday, May 1, 2009. Registration for the workshop is \$100.00. Funds are available from the School Based Youth Services grant and to be charged to account 20-437-218000-320A-38-0000 (SBMIDCONST7).

C. Bilingual Psychological Evaluations Amendment

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.

The Department of Special Education, Gifted & Psychological Services receive many referrals on students that are written in Spanish and that require psychological evaluations be administered in Spanish. The district does not employ any personnel who can conduct evaluations in Spanish. To become compliant in meeting the required timelines, assistance is needed. Lucia Diaz-Romero had been conducting such evaluations for the District for the past several years. To assist the district in meeting the required time lines, Lucia Diaz-Romero visits homes in the evenings and on weekends to conduct the evaluations.

Lucia Diaz-Romero reports are well done and provide a major part of the required Child Study Team evaluation.

The following item was approved at the Business Meeting on June 17, 2008 and must be amended to include an increase in rate of pay per evaluation/assessment with a difference of \$35.00 more per evaluation/assessment: Lucia diaz-Romero specializes in evaluation, administration for Spanish speaking children.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves an increase from \$350.00 to \$385.00 per case for Spanish Psychological Evaluations to be provided as needed. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-253-100000-110A-32-0000.

D. Special Services Provider Amendment

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 meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. The Individuals with Disabilities Act ensures the provision of Special Education and or Related Services.

The following item was approved at the Business Meeting on June 17, 2008 and must be amended to include an increase in rate of pay per evaluation/assessment with a difference of \$220.00 more per evaluation/assessment: Cross County Clinical & Educational Services specialize in the evaluation, diagnosis and treatment of English speaking and bilingual children with communication, behavioral and educational deficits.

Bilingual Speech/Language Evaluation/Assessment = \$550.00 per Evaluation/Assessment

Bilingual Speech/Language Evaluation/Assessment = \$770.00 per Evaluation/Assessment

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Cross County Clinical & Educational Services to provide Bilingual Speech/Language Evaluations/Assessments for

the 2008–2009 school year. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 11-000-219000-390A-32-0000.

E. Provision of Special Education Services

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 meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. The Individuals with Disabilities Act ensures the provision of Special Education and or Related Services.

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 six (6) 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 2008-2009 school year:

Tuition & Transportation

XI. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

A Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer – February 2009

**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 14, 2009 BUSINESS MEETING

B. Payment of Bills – March 13, 2009 – April 9, 2009

**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 Capital Projects 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 14, 2009 BUSINESS MEETING

C. 2008-09 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 2009 budget adjustments which reflect the appropriations sufficient to meet expenditures:

TO BE PRESENTED AT THE APRIL 14, 2009 BUSINESS MEETING

D. Bank Account 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, adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the PNC Bank, Bank of America, Valley National, and City National Bank be requested, authorized and directed to honor all checks, drafts and other orders for the payment of money drawn in the name of the Plainfield Board of Education when bearing the true and approved facsimile signatures, as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Signature/Facsimile</u>	
PHS Interscholastic Athletic Fund	Gary L. Ottmann	Board Secretary
	Daniel Cone	Director

E. Grant Submission – FY 2009 Title I SIA Pt. A

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:

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. Eight schools are eligible for Title I SIA Part A funds, in the amount of \$282,653.00. The project period for this grant is September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009.

The New Jersey Department of Education has allocated additional FY 09 Title I Part A funds to 8 public schools in the district. One school (Barlow) will use the funds to continue and enhance the school's successful efforts in raising student achievement. Seven schools (Clinton, Evergreen, Jefferson, Stillman, Washington, Hubbard, Maxson) will use these funds to support programs and activities identified in their Title I Unified Plans and CAPA recommendations, if applicable.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to submit the following applications for Federal funds to support educational programs and increase grant revenue in the district.

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Program Description</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Amount</u>
FY 2009 Title I SIA Pt. A	Type 2 School Reward Grant	Barlow	\$ 100,000.00
FY 2009 Title I SIA Pt. A	School Improvement Grant	Clinton	\$ 19,737.00
FY 2009 Title I SIA Pt. A	School Improvement Grant	Evergreen	\$ 22,246.00
FY 2009 Title I SIA Pt. A	School Improvement Grant	Jefferson	\$ 20,824.00
FY 2009 Title I SIA Pt. A	School Improvement Grant	Stillman	\$ 19,152.00
FY 2009 Title I SIA Pt. A	School Improvement Grant	Washington	\$ 29,857.00
FY 2009 Title I SIA Pt. A	School Improvement Grant	Hubbard	\$ 35,042.00
FY 2009 Title I SIA Pt. A	School Improvement Grant	Maxson	\$ 35,795.00

F. Grant Acceptance – FY 2009 NCLB Entitlement Grant

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

The Superintendent of Schools approves, 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 (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 2009 NCLB Entitlement Grant application, for the Plainfield School District, has been approved by the New Jersey Department of Education in the amount of \$4,569,003.00. The project period for this grant is September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009.

This NCLB grant will provide funding to support student academic achievement, school improvement, professional development, technology in education, English language acquisition, instructional opportunities for immigrant students, 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 (I AM's Temple, King's Temple, Koinonia Academy and New Covenant Christian).

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education accepts the FY 2009 NCLB Entitlement Grant as follows:

<u>Program Name</u>	<u>Award Amount</u>	<u>Administrator</u>
Title I Part A	\$2,972,519.00	Dawn Ciccone
Title I SIA	282,653.00	Dawn Ciccone
Title I SIA Part G	175,000.00	G. Joe/A. Jenkins
Title II A	530,737.00	Angela Kemp
Title II D	24,722.00	Dawn Ciccone
Title III	421,338.00	Angela Kemp
Title III Immigrant	118,880.00	Angela Kemp
Title IV	43,145.00	Dawn Ciccone

G. 2009-2010 Food Service Management Contract

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:

The Plainfield Board of Education, pursuant to NJSA 18A:18A-1 (et seq), sought proposals for the management of its Food Service Program. The following companies submitted proposals:

Sodexo Marriott Services
Chartwells
Aramark

An analysis of the proposals indicates that Sodexo Marriott Services best meets the needs of Plainfield students, with a guaranteed \$142,168 annual return to the district. The contract also includes a management fee not to exceed \$156,159 and an administrative fee not to exceed \$187,391 now therefore be it

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education accepts the food services management contract proposal submitted by Sodexo which calls for an annual guaranteed return of \$142,168 for the 2009-10 school year.

H. PERS Payment Deferral and Required State Aid Reduction

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:

Public Law 2009, c19 (S-21) provides regular school districts the option of deferring 50 percent of the district's 2008-09 regular PERS pension liability. Public Law 2009, c22 (S-15) requires the NJDOE to reduce state aid for regular school districts in the amount of the allowable PERS deferred amount.

Districts have the option of either paying the full amount of their 2008-09 PERS liability or an amount that reflects a 50% reduction (deferral) in the district's 2008-09 regular pension liability. The full PERS pension liability is required for all districts in 2010 and beyond and districts must budget accordingly.

Districts that elect to defer 50 percent of the district's 2009 regular pension liability must begin repaying the deferred amount starting in April, 2012, over 15 years. The amount to be repaid will fluctuate based on pension system investment earnings on the unfunded liability.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the deferring of 50 percent of Plainfield's 2008-09 regular PERS pension liability.

I. Out of State Travel

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

WHEREAS, the Plainfield Board of Education has determined that the 2009 CUBE Annual Conference entitled "Urban Reforms Shaping Federal Education Policy" in Chicago, Illinois from June 25 – 28, 2009 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 the role of urban school boards in parent and family involvement in the education of their children; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following board members to attend the seminar: Wilma Campbell, Agurs Linward Cathcart, Jr., and an additional Board member, which is not to exceed \$4,995.00 and charged to 11-000-230000-580A-01-0000, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above board members share the information received from the seminar with the Board.

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>
1000/1010	Concepts and Roles in Community Relations; Goals and Objectives
1100	Communicating with the Public
1110	Media
1111	District Publications
1120	Board of Education Meetings
1140	Distribution of Materials by Pupils and Staff
1200	Participation by the Public
1220	Ad Hoc Advisory Committees
1230	School-Connected Organizations
1250	Visitors
1312	Community Complaints and Inquiries
1322	Contests for Pupils
1330	Use of School Facilities
1410	Local Units
1600	Relations Between Other Entities and the District
2000/2010	Concepts and Roles in Administration; Goals and Objectives
2121	Line of Responsibility
2130.3	Administrator's Code of Ethics
2131	Chief School Administrator
2210	Administrative Leeway in Absence of Board Policy
2224	Nondiscrimination/Affirmative Action
2240	Research, Evaluation and Planning
2255	Action Planning for T&E Certification
3280	Gifts, Grants and Requests
3320	Purchasing Procedures
3326	Payment for Goods and Services
3327	Relations with Vendors
3440	Inventories
3450	Money in School Buildings

3515.1	Use of Remotely Activated or Activating Communications Devices, Pagers, Cellular Telephones and other Devices
3516	Safety
3541.1	Transportation Routes and Services
3541.3	Nonschool Use of District Vehicles
3541.32	District Owned Vehicles
3541.33	Transportation Safety
3542	Food Service
3542.44	Purchasing
4000/4010	Concepts and Roles in Personnel; Goals and Objectives
4111	Recruitment, Selection and Hiring
4111.1/4211.1	Nondiscrimination/Affirmative Action
41112.2	Certification
4112.4/4212.4	Employee Health
4112.6/4212.6	Personnel Records
4112.8/4212.8	Nepotism
4113/4213	Assignment: Transfer
4115	Supervision
4116	Evaluation
4117.4/4217.4	Reduction in Force/Abolishing a Position
4117.41	Nonrenewal
4118.3/4218.3	Grievances
4119.21/4219.21	Conflict of Interest
4119.22/4219.22	Conduct and Dress
4119.23	Employee Substance Abuse
4121	Substitute Teachers
4122	Student Teachers/Interns
4131/4131.1	Staff Development; Inservice Education/Visitations/Conferences
4138/4238	Nonschool Employment
4138.2	Private Tutoring
4147/4247	Employee Safety
4150/4250	Family Leave
4151/4251	Attendance Patterns
4151.1/4251.1	Personal Illness and Injury/Health and Hardship
4211	Recruitment, Selection and Hiring
4215	Supervision
4216	Evaluation
4219.23	Employee Substance Abuse
4222	Noninstructional Assistants
4231/4231.1	Staff Development; Inservice Education/Visitations/Conferences
5132	Student Uniform

<u>Policy Number</u>	<u>Title</u>
5020	Role of Parents/Guardians
5111	Admission
5113	Absences and Excuses
5114	Suspension and Expulsion
5118	Nonresidents
5119	Transfers
5120	Assessment of Individual Needs
5124	Reporting to Parents/Guardians
5125	Student Records
5126	Awards for Achievement
5127	Commencement Activities
5131	Conduct/Discipline
5131.2	Gangs and Gang-Related Activity
5131.5	Vandalism/Violence
5131.6	Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco
5131.7	Weapons and Dangerous Instruments
5134	married/Pregnant Pupils
5136	Fund-Raising Activities
5141	Health
5141.1	Accidents
5141.2	Illness
5141.3	Health Examinations and Immunizations
5141.4	Child Abuse and Neglect
5141.21	Administering Medication
5142	Pupil Safety
5142.1	Safety Patrols
5145.4	Equal Educational Opportunity
5145.5	Photographs of Pupils
5145.6	Pupil Grievance Procedure
5145.11	Questioning and Apprehension
5145.12	Search and Seizure
5200	Nonpublic School Pupils

B. Adoption of Policies – Second Reading

The Board of Education finds it necessary that these policies 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 policies listed below and finds them acceptable for the management and operation of the Plainfield Public Schools, and

The 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 **second reading**, the following policies:

Policy Number

3260/3270

3400

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3542.1

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3571.4

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6164.1

6164.4

Title

Sale and Disposal of Books, Equipment and Supplies;

Sale Licensing and Rental of Property

Accounts

School Activity Funds

Equipment

Smoking Prohibition

Local Wellness/Nutrition

Free or Reduced-Priced Lunches/Milk

District Records and Reports

Audit

Role of Parents/Guardians

Intervention and Referral Services for General

Education Pupils

Child Study Team

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

GLOL/rpm