

PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Plainfield, N.J.

Date: Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Time: 6:30 p.m. PUBLIC SESSION  
6:35 p.m. MEETING CLOSED FOR  
EXECUTIVE SESSION  
7:00 p.m. BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

Place: **PHS LIBRARY**  
950 Park Ave.

Board of Education Members

Ms. Patricia I. Barksdale, President  
Ms. Bridget B. Rivers, Vice President  
Mr. Rasheed Abdul-Haqq  
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell  
Mr. Agurs Linward Cathcart, Jr.  
Mr. Martin P. Cox  
Mr. Christian Estevez  
Mrs. Lisa C. Logan-Leach  
Ms. Vickey Sheppard  
Dr. Garnell Bailey, Interim Superintendent  
Candace Goode, Student Liaison  
Malcolm Moye, Student Liaison  
Janel Spicer, Student Liaison  
Lateefah Stembridge, Student Liaison

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

WELCOME to a BUSINESS 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 Tuesday, March 25, 2008 for advertisement on Friday, March 28, 2008 and also provided to the Plainfield Public Schools, the district's website, the Plainfield City Clerk, Police Department, Plainfield Public Library and Comcast Cable for posting.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, 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, now therefore be it

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

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

and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the minutes of this closed session be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists. The Board of Education will recess into its executive session.

## VI. CONDUCT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

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

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

<u>Type of Meeting</u>	* <u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Policy Committee	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Confr. Rm	6:30 p.m.
Personnel/Exec.Ses.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Confr. Rm.	6:30 p.m.
Curric. & Instr.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Confr. Rm.	8:00 p.m.
Finance Committee	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Confr. Rm.	8:00 p.m.
Bldgs. & Grds. Cmte.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Confr. Rm.	8:00 p.m.
School Community Rel.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Confr. Rm.	8:00 p.m.
<b>BUSINESS MEETING</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. ea. mo.</b>	<b>Altn. Plfd. Schs.</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>

(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, 504 Madison 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.

## VII. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

## VIII. REMARKS FROM THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

- **Textbook Presentation**

## IX. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

At the business meetings, privilege of the floor will be provided for sixty minutes for public comment prior to committee reports. Members of the public in attendance will have the opportunity to raise concerns during this period of the meeting. Members of the public may speak once for a maximum period of three (3) minutes by the clock; this time is not transferable by one individual to another. An extension of two (2) additional minutes will be granted only upon a majority vote of the board members present.

## X. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

## XI. REPORT OF DELEGATES/LEGISLATIVE REPORT

## XII. REMARKS FROM THE STUDENT LIAISONS

## XIII. RECOGNITION

Donald Van Blake

WHEREAS, Donald Van Blake served for over twenty-two years as the boy's tennis coach at Plainfield High School and also initiated several youth programs for the children of Plainfield, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Van Blake founded the Plainfield Tennis Council, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Van Blake's motto was always "Tennis, Tennis, Tennis, Tennis Everyone", and

WHEREAS, Donald Van Blake is being inducted into the United States Tennis Association's Hall of Fame on April 3, 2008, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Plainfield Board of Education take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge the many contributions of Donald Van Blake to the Plainfield community and congratulate him on the great honor of being inducted into the USTA Hall of Fame.

## XIV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board Secretary presents the following minutes:

March 4, 2008	Special Tentative 2008/09 Budget Meeting
March 4, 2008	Policy Committee Meeting
March 11, 2008	Work & Study Meeting
March 25, 2008	Special 2008/09 Budget Hearing Business Meeting

as printed for Board adoption.

## XV. REPORT OF THE CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

### A. Monthly Enrollment Report

The Curriculum and Instruction Committee reports that on March 2008 there were 6392 students enrolled in the Plainfield Public Schools. This compares with 6420 on February 2008 and 6656 on March 2007. The Enrollment is as follows:

	Mar-07	Feb-08	Mar-08
<b>BARLOW</b>	293	266	266
<b>CEDARBROOK</b>	373	384	382
<b>CLINTON</b>	325	334	331
<b>COOK</b>	208	215	215
<b>EMERSON</b>	372	399	396
<b>EVERGREEN</b>	443	413	414
<b>JEFFERSON</b>	369	316	315
<b>STILLMAN</b>	259	250	250
<b>WASHINGTON</b>	447	478	480
<b>WOODLAND</b>	235	217	217
<b>ELEMENTARY TOTAL</b>	3324	3272	3266
<b>HUBBARD</b>	637	594	600
<b>MAXSON</b>	887	737	732
<b>MIDDLE TOTAL</b>	1524	1331	1332
<b>HIGH SCHOOL</b>			
<b>GRADE 9</b>	485	502	494
<b>GRADE 10</b>	424	445	441
<b>GRADE 11</b>	384	381	375
<b>GRADE 12</b>	431	352	351
<b>SP ED</b>	84	85	75
<b>PHS TOTAL</b>	1808	1765	1736
<b>ALPHA ACADEMY</b>			
<b>GRADE 9</b>		3	4
<b>GRADE 10</b>		12	11
<b>GRADE 11</b>		11	15
<b>GRADE 12</b>		19	22
<b>SP ED</b>		7	6
<b>ALPHA ACADEMY TOTAL</b>		52	58
<b>TOTAL Elem/Mid/High/Alpha</b>	6656	6420	6392
<b>EARLY CHILDHOOD</b>		1210	1227

B. Report of Special Services

The Department of Special Services presents the following report of March 2008

**Number of Evaluations Completed:**

	<b>Feb. 2006</b>	<b>Feb. 2007</b>	<b>Mar. 2007</b>	<b>Mar. 2008</b>
Number of Reevaluation Planning Meetings Completed	Not Reported	30	33	22
Number of Initial Identification Meetings (K – 12)	Not Reported	23	24	11
Number of Initial Identification Meetings (Preschool)	Not Reported	4	9	4
Number of Annual Reviews (Mandated yearly)	Not Reported	65	80	76
*Number of Initial and Reevaluation Eligibility Meetings Completed	13	36	18	27
Number of Initial and Reevaluation IEP Meetings Completed	13	36	16	30
Number of SFSS Meetings Attended	Not Reported	21	18	11
Number of Parent Contacts (Non-IEP Contacts)	Not Reported	352	303	392

**Number of Referrals for Child Study Team Evaluations:**

<b>School:</b>	<b>Number of Teacher Referrals</b>	<b>Number of Parent or Early Intervention Program Referrals</b>
Barlow	2	
Cedarbrook	4	
Clinton		
Cook		1
Emerson		
Evergreen		1
Jefferson		
Stillman	4	
Washington	1	
Woodland		
Maxson	3	
Hubbard		
Plainfield High School		
Preschool (Ages 3 – 5)	6	5
Total Number of Referrals from All Sources: 27		

**Number of New Entrants:**

	<b>Mar. 2007</b>	<b>Feb. 2008</b>	<b>Marc. 2008</b>
Number of New Entrants	11	6	11
Number of IEP Meetings for New Entrants	9	3	4

\*Meetings to determine Eligibility for Special Education and Related Services

C. Services Provision of Special Education Services

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

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:46 requires Boards of Education to identify and provide for children with various disabilities, and

WHEREAS, certain children in this district have been so identified and require special education and related services, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, those Plainfield pupils whose names have been certified by the Interim Superintendent of Schools and are on file with the Secretary of the Board of Education be provided with:  
Tuition, Transportation and Services - Four (4) students

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D. Approval of Out-of-District Professional Development Opportunities

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

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, district employees and members of the Board of Education listed on the chart are attending conferences, conventions, staff training, seminars, or workshops; and

WHEREAS, the attendance at stated functions were previously approved by the chief school administrator and school business administrator as work related and within the scope of work responsibilities of the attendees; and

WHEREAS, the attendance at the functions were approved as promoting delivery of instruction of furthering efficient operation of the district, and fiscally prudent; and

WHEREAS, the travel and related expenses particular to attendance at these functions are within state travel guidelines established by the Department of Treasury in NJOMD circular letter;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education finds the travel and related expense particular to attendance at these previously approved functions;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the expenses are justified and therefore reimbursable and/or payable.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** “that the Board approve out-of-district professional development opportunities for the 2007-2008 school year, as follows:”

**OUT-OF-DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

ENCL.	NAME	SCHOOL	CONFERENCE	LOCATION	DATE(S)	COST
<b>Account charged: 15-000-2230000-580A-25-0000 (24HSTRAVEL)</b>						
1.	Vincent Rosano	PHS	NJTESOL/NJBE	Somerset	May 20-21, 2008	\$200.00
2.	Jay Rossin	PHS	NJTESOL/NJBE	Somerset	May 20-21, 2008	\$200.00
<b>Account charged: 15-000-223000-500A-17-0000 (17TRPURSVC)</b>						
3.	Joanne Hart	Evergreen	A Closer Look at the Year's 100 Best Books	Edison	May 2	\$179.00
4.	Joanne Hart	Evergreen	"Book Look" Workshop	Manalapan	April 23-24	No cost
<b>Account charged: 15-190-100001-590A-22-0000(22GLMISCXP)</b>						
5.	Nicole Smith	Woodland	Practical Co-Teaching Strategies	Edison	May 1	\$199.00
<b>Account charged: 20-437-218000-320B-38-0000 (SBMIDDEVE8)</b>						
6.	Kathy Brown-Bragg	SBYSP	Annual School Based Directors Conference	Secaucus	May 8-9	\$280.00
7.	Kathy Brown-Bragg	SBYSP	Touchpoints in Early Care	New Brunswick	June 17-19	No cost
8.	Lisa Perry	SBYSP	Issues in Contemporary Clinical Practice	Piscataway	June 25	\$110.00
<b>Account charged: 20-010-200000-500A-38-0000 (38SBYSOPUR)</b>						
9.	Guadalupe H. Mercado	SBYSP	Touchpoints in Early Care	New Brunswick	June 17-19	\$75.00
<b>Account charged: 20-241-200000-500A-39-0000 (Title III)</b>						
10.	Wilson Martinez	Supervisor Bilingual	Foreign Language Educators of NJ – Supervisors' Roundtable	Edison	May 9	\$50.00
11.	Dalila Rosenstrauch	Bilingual Teacher	NJTESOL	Somerset	May 20	\$165.00
12.	Mourad Hana	ESL Teacher	NJTESOL	Somerset	May 20	\$130.00
13.	Rosa Gonzalez	Bilingual Teacher	NJTESOL	Somerset	May 20	\$130.00
<b>Account charged: 20-211-221000-580A-34-0000 (34ECTRAVEL)</b>						
14.	Adele Pudner	Nurse Early Childhood	Annual ASAH Region II Conference	North Branch	April 11	\$60.00

15.	Rosa Mannarino	Early Childhood	Bridging the Gap... Theory & Practical Strategies	New Brunswick	May 7	\$189.00
16.	Marlene Rosenblum	Early Childhood	Bridging the Gap... Theory & Practical Strategies	New Brunswick	May 7	\$189.00
17.	Marie Blot	Early Childhood	Bridging the Gap... Theory & Practical Strategies	New Brunswick	May 7	\$189.00
<b>Account charged: 11-000-221000-580A-26-0000 (26IITRAVEL)</b>						
18.	Tara Dowdell	C&I	CIMS/Transition to Teaching Math & Science	Kean University, Union	May 9	\$35.00
19.	Tara Dowdell	C&I	Using Assessment Data to Adjust Curriculum	Monroe Township	April 30	\$150.00

E. Overnight Field Trip - PHS Debate Team

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve a field trip from PHS for Saturday, April 26, 2008 and Sunday, April 27, 2008, for thirty students and three chaperones to attend the Mid-Atlantic Junior States of America Spring Conference at the Sheraton Hotel in Parsippany, New Jersey. The purpose of the trip is for students to participate in a series of debates or thought talks as either main speakers or moderators. Departure is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. from the PHS parking lot on April 26, 2008 with a return at approximately 7:00 p.m. on April 27, 2008. The cost of the trip (lodging for chaperones) is in the amount not to exceed \$225.00 and will be charged to account 15-000-270000-512A-25-0000 (25POFLDTRP). Lodging for students will be paid through fundraising activities and donations. Transportation will be provided by a Board vehicle.



F. School Field Trips

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

**RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve the following field trips in-state (New Jersey), and out-state (New Jersey):

<b>Encl.</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Cost</b>
1.	Barlow	3-5	May 30	High Notes Music Festival, Great Adventure, Jackson	No cost
2.	Cedarbrook	2	June 17	Cedarbrook Park	No cost
3.	Cedarbrook	4	May 9	African American Museum, Philadelphia	\$522.00 admissions \$1,550.00 transportation
4.	Cedarbrook	K-1	June 12	Space Farms, Zoo & Museum, Sussex	\$647.50 admissions \$1,400.00 transportation
5.	Clinton	1	May 9	Trailside Nature & Science Center, Mountainside	No cost
6.	Cook	3-5	June 18	Liberty Science Center, Jersey City	No cost
7.	Cook	1	May 9	Union County Arts Center, Rahway	\$360.00 admissions
8.	Cook	K	June 6	New York Aquarium, Brooklyn, NY	No cost
9.	Cook	K	May 6	Trailside Nature & Science Center, Mountainside	\$35.00 admissions
10.	Cook	K	May 13	Trailside Nature & Science Center, Mountainside	\$70.00 admissions
11.	Cook	3	May 16	NJ Marine Sciences Ocean Institute, Sandy Hook	\$276.00 Transportation
12.	Emerson	3	May 21	Planetarium RVCC, No. Branch	\$100.00 admissions
13.	Emerson	2	May 12	Jenkinson's Aquarium, Pt. Pleasant	\$690.00 transportation
14.	Emerson	4	June 12	Statue of Liberty, Jersey City	\$449.00 admissions \$720.00 transportation
15.	Evergreen	4-5	April 25	Morris Museum, Morristown	\$136.00 admissions
16.	Evergreen	3	June 5	Camden Aquarium, Camden	\$676.98 admissions \$685.00 transportation
17.	Evergreen	4	May 14	Liberty Science Center, Jersey City	No cost
18.	Evergreen	5	May 21	Liberty Science Center, Jersey City	No cost

<b>Encl.</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Cost</b>
19.	Evergreen	3	May 28	Liberty Science Center, Jersey City	No cost
20.	Washington	PreK	April 9	Community Theater, Morristown	Admissions \$272.00
21.	Washington	3	April 24	Menlo Park Theaters, Edison	\$522.00 admissions
22.	Washington	3-5	June 5	Museum of Natural History, New York, NY	\$190.00 admissions \$560.00 transportation
23.	Woodland	K-5	May 8	Kid Junction, Branchburg	\$260.00 admissions
24.	Woodland	3-5	June 4, 5, 12 and 13	Tour of the City of Plainfield, Plainfield	No cost
25.	Hubbard	7-8	May 7	State Theater, New Brunswick	\$396.00 admissions
26.	Maxson	6-8	May 1	NJ Performing Arts Center, Newark	No cost
27.	PHS	10-12	April 29	IBS Hair Show, New York, NY	\$1,400.00 admissions \$695.00 transportation
28.	PHS	9-10	May 9	Ricochet, So. Plainfield	No cost
29.	PHS	9-12	April 25	Pathmark Supermarket, No. Plainfield	No cost
30.	PHS	10-12	May 9	Habitat for Humanity, Plainfield	No cost
31.	PHS	9-12	May 20	Pathmark Supermarket, No. Plainfield	No cost
32.	PHS	12	May 21	Sovereign Bank Arena, Trenton	No cost
33.	PHS	9-12	June 13	Cedarbrook Park, Plainfield	No cost
34.	PHS	11-12	April 22	Info Tech Center, Raritan	No cost
35.	PHS	11	May 20	GPSP, Bridgewater	No cost
36.	PHS	11-12	April 29	NJN Studios, Trenton	\$620.00 transportation
37.	PHS	9-12	April 25	Pathmark Supermarket, No. Plainfield	No cost
38.	PHS	10-12	May 9	Habitat for Humanity, Plainfield	No cost
39.	PHS	9	April 30	Princeton University, Princeton	\$650.00 transportation
40.	SBYSP	9-12	May 30	Teen Parenting Conference, Somerset	No cost
41.	P.H.S.	9-11 College Prep	April 22	Delaware State and Morgan State Universities	No cost

G. Standards-Based Curriculum

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

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Plainfield Public Schools is committed to raising the standards and student performance in Science in accordance with the NJCCCS and National Science Standards, and

WHEREAS, the Plainfield Board of Education desires to have a research-based science curriculum in place for the purpose of increasing AYP, and

WHEREAS, the district has supported the Science Department in seeking out professional development to assist in writing and revising the science curriculum, and

WHEREAS, the science curriculum was written as a collaborative effort utilizing an interdisciplinary approach to integrate literacy, math and technology, and

WHEREAS, the science curriculum will address the needs of the individual learner through vertical articulation and inquiry-based learning, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve the standards-based K-9 Science Curriculum Guide – Spring 2008.

H. P.H.S. and Middle Schools Course Adoption

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

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Plainfield School district is committed to standards-based educational reform, and

WHEREAS, the Plainfield School district is committed to increasing the offering of rigorous and relevant mathematics courses at the Middle Schools, and

WHEREAS, two new mathematics courses for high school; Grade 9 Algebra, entitled Algebra 1A and Grade 10, entitled Algebra 1B, and one new course for the middle schools; Grade 8 Algebra entitle Algebra 1; this will provide the opportunity for more students to experience success in Algebra. Students will be recommended by: 1) Math Prognosis Test, 2) NJASK8, and 3) teacher recommendation from middle school, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Education adopt the high school and middle schools math courses entitled Algebra 1A, Algebra 1B and Algebra 1 beginning with the 2008-2009 school year.

I. Textbook Adoption - Plainfield High School, Middle Schools and Elementary Schools

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

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, there is a need to adopt and purchase textbooks at the high school, middle schools and elementary schools, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Education adopt and purchase textbooks in the following areas for 2008-2009 School year:

Mathematics Dept.

Title: Algebra C+A Volume 1  
By: Cummins, Price, Mally McCain, Majica  
Publisher: Glencoe/McGraw-Hill  
Copyright: 2007

Title: Algebra C+A Volume 2  
By: Cummins, Price, Mally McCain, Majica  
Publisher: Glencoe/McGraw-Hill  
Copyright: 2007

Title: Algebra 1  
By: Larson  
Publisher: McDougal Littell  
Copyright: 2008

Visual & Performing Arts Dept.

Title: Introducing Art  
By: Gene Mittler, Jean Morman Unsworth, Rosalind Ragans, Faye Scannell  
Publisher: Glencoe/McGraw-Hill  
Copyright: 2005

Title: Understanding Art  
By: Gene Mittler, Rosalind Ragans  
Publisher: Glencoe/McGraw-Hill  
Copyright: 2005

Title: Exploring Art  
By: Gene Mittler, Rosalind Ragans  
Publisher: Glencoe/McGraw-Hill  
Copyright: 2005

Title: Music: An Appreciation  
By: Roger Kamien  
Publisher: McGraw-Hill  
Copyright: 2008

Title: ArtTalk  
By: Rosalind Ragans  
Publisher: Glencoe/McGraw-Hill  
Copyright: 2005

Title: Jump into Jazz  
By: Minda Goodman Kraines and Esther Pryor  
Publisher: McGraw-Hill  
Copyright: 2005

Title: Making Music  
By: J. Beethoven, Jill Trinkka  
Publisher: Scott Foresman  
Copyright: 2005

Health & Physical Education Dept.

Title: Teen Health 1  
By: Bronson, Cleary, Hubbard  
Publisher: Glencoe/McGraw-Hill  
Copyright: 2009

Health & Physical Education Dept.

Title: Teen Health 2  
By: Bronson, Cleary, Hubbard  
Publisher: Glencoe/McGraw-Hill  
Copyright: 2009

Title: Teen Health 3  
By: Bronson, Cleary, Hubbard  
Publisher: Glencoe/McGraw-Hill  
Copyright: 2009

English Dept.

Title: Keys to Better College Reading  
By: Carol H. Beader & Haley F. Anton,  
Publisher: Townsend Press  
Copyright: 2005

Title: Voices & Values  
By: Janet M. Goldstein & Beth Johnson  
Publisher: Townsend Press  
Copyright: 2002

J. 2008 P.H.S. Course Offerings Brochure

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

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, a recommendation has been received from the Interim Superintendent of Schools for modifications of the Plainfield High School curriculum, as mandated by the Secondary Education Initiative for Small Learning Communities, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Education adopt the following modifications for the Course Offerings Brochure for the Plainfield High School curriculum which will be available for review at the Central Administration Office for public inspections, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, per mandate, the Board of Education authorize the administration to proceed with planning for implementation in the 2008-2009 school year:

English Dept.

English 9 General  
English 9 Study and Research Skills  
English 10 Standard  
English 10 Honors  
English 11 Standard  
English 11 Honors  
English 12 Standard  
English 12 Honors

Mathematics Dept.

Algebra 1A  
Algebra 1B

World Languages/Bilingual/ESL Dept.

Adapted English 9-12

K. Piano Repairs – Richard Ziss

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

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Plainfield School district is committed to teaching and learning in the arts, and music teachers must fulfill the NJCCCS in the arts, and

WHEREAS, Richard Ziss, West Orange, NJ has agreed to repair pianos in elementary, middle and high schools throughout the district to be used for music instruction and for all school concerts and musical theater productions, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve payment to Richard Ziss in an amount not to exceed \$18,000.00 and charged to account 20-270-200000-400A-35-0000.

L. Participation with Rutgers Center for Mathematics

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

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Rutgers Center for Mathematics, Science & Computer Education is offering workshops for Universal Designs for Learning (UDL) to The Plainfield School District, and

WHEREAS, Special Education Teachers and Bilingual Teachers from grades 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> are welcome to participate. The following workshop dates will be available: April 10, April 16, May 7, May 13, and June 4, and

WHEREAS, The Universal Design for Learning Model will address our teachers' challenges posed by high standards and increasing learner diversity to maximize learning for every student, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve participation at no cost to the district.

M. Report on Professional Learning in Abbott School Districts

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

**RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve the annual Report on Professional Learning in Abbott School Districts which reviews the school's and district's professional development practices and plans for the coming year which support a culture of continuous professional inquiry focused on improving the achievement of all students. This report will be submitted to the New Jersey State Department of Education.

N. Staff Development

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

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is committed to providing opportunities for English Language Learners to meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards, and

WHEREAS, the Dual Language Program is a challenging academic program designed to provide instruction to students in two languages—English and Spanish, and

WHEREAS, the goals of the Dual Language Programs are to: increase achievement for all students, achieve bilingualism and “biliteracy” of participating students, increase student cooperation, cultural sensitivity, and self-esteem, increase culturally responsive teaching throughout the school, foster cultural diversity and respect among all students, promote a sense of community throughout the school, and

WHEREAS, the SIOP Model (Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol) is a method of using specific strategies to enhance and improve the instruction in mainstream settings for ELLs. The intent of the model is to facilitate high quality instruction for ELLs in content area teaching, and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Willaum from Lackawaxen, Pennsylvania has the ability to provide Professional Development workshops on the implementation of Dual Language Immersion Programs and the strategies needed to successfully implement SIOP instructional techniques in a mainstream classroom, and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Willaum has agreed to conduct five full days of Professional Development workshops for selected Bilingual/Monolingual teachers K – 5 and site administrators on the implementation of a Dual Language Program during the month of June 2008, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve payment to Elizabeth Willaum in the amount of \$5,000.00 and charged to account 20-241-200000-320A-39-0000 ( Title III).



O. District Family Calendar

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

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Plainfield Public Schools will require a graphic designer to design the 2008-2009 district family calendar for distribution to all families of students in the school district including preschool students and school district employees, and

WHEREAS, Aljira Design from Newark, New Jersey is a professional experienced graphic design firm who has designed brochures, calendars, and annual reports for school district and corporations has agreed to design the celebratory calendar which will include important visual references/photos of students, teachers, families and community members, and

WHEREAS, the calendar incorporates information for all preschools and K-12 clear graphics and excellent layout of pictures and text are crucial to the readability of the calendar. The graphic designer will provide design, production and print coordination, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve payment to Aljira Design in the amount of \$4,000.00 and charged to account 11-000-221000-590P-26-0000 (26IIPRNTNG).

## **XVI. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### A. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer

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

### **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, in compliance with N.J.A.C 6:23-2.2h, the Board of Education has received the report of the Board Secretary for the month of February 2008, and

FUND	CASH BALANCE	APPROPRIATION BALANCE	FUND BALANCE
(10) General Current Expense Fund			
(11) Current Expense	5,393,993.32	5,876,247.74	5,403,480.98
(12) Capital Outlay		55,748.62	-
(13) Special Schools		141,631.09	-
(15) Reform Schools	(320,058.53)	2,275,494.63	-
Capital Reserve			
(20) Special Revenue Fund	79,048.05	5,280,307.28	(6,825,861.61)
(30) Capital Project Fund	121,729.88	-	3,730.67
(40) Debt Service Fund	(593,693.15)	3,586.72	(853,867.22)
(50) Enterprise Fund	210,915.93	1,880,058.41	676,535.68
<b>TOTAL</b>	4,891,935.50	15,513,074.49	(1,595,981.50)

and,

WHEREAS, in compliance with N.J.A.C 6:23-2.11(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, and

WHEREAS, 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, and

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary's Report and the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the stated period were in agreement, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the 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 the 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, the Board of Education directs the Interim Superintendent to initiate whatever actions may be determined to be appropriate to comply with N.J.A.C. 6:23-2.11(c)4I and N.J.A.C. 6:23-2.11(b).

B. Payment of Bills – March 13, 2008 – April 3, 2008

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

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary presented certain warrants to the Board of Education with a recommendation they be paid, and

WHEREAS, 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), and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the warrants presented for payment are in order, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, 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 \$2,156,793.60

On the Capital Projects Account

in the amount of \$-0-

On the Food Service Account

in the amount of \$ 229,392.52

IN THE GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,386,186.12

C. 2007-08 Budget Transfers

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

**RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve the following 2008 budget adjustments which reflect the appropriations sufficient to meet expenditures:

<b><i>BUDGET TRANSFERS - FUND 11, FUND 12 AND FUND 13</i></b>			
<b><i>March 1, 2008 to March 31, 2008</i></b>			
<b><u>ACCOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>	<b><u>FROM</u></b>	<b><u>TO</u></b>
11-1XX-100-XXX	Regular Programs - Instruction		
11-2XX-100-XXX 11-000-216,217	Special Education, Basic Skills/Remedial and Bilingual - Instruction and Other Student Related and Extraordinary Support Services		
11-3XX-100-XXX	Vocational Programs - Local - Instruction		
11-4XX-100-XXX	School-Spon. Co/Extra-Curr. Activities, School Sponsored Athletics, and Other Instructional Programs -Instruct	8,000.00	
11-800-330-XXX	Community Services Programs/Operations		
	<b>Undistributed Expenditures</b>		
11-000-100-XXX	Instruction	307,000.00	
11-000-211,213,218,219,222	Student Support Services - Attendance and Social Work, Health, Other Support Svcs-Regular, Other Support Svcs-Special, Education Media Services/School Library	94,000.00	
11-000-221,223	Improvement of Instruction Services and Instructional Staff Training Services	31,000.00	
11-000-230-XXX	Support Services - General Administration		24,000.00
11-000-240-XXX	Support Services - School Administration		15,000.00
11-000-25X-XXX	Central Svcs & Admin Info Technology		31,000.00
10-606	Increase in Maintenance Reserve		
11-000-26X-XXX	Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services		314,000.00
11-000-270-XXX	Student Transportation Services		48,000.00
10-605	Increase in Sale/Lease-Back Reserve		
11-000-290-XXX	Other Support Services	180,225	
11-XXX-XXX-2XX	Personal Services - Employee Benefits		
11-000-310-XXX	Food Services		
	<b>TOTAL GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE</b>		
	<b>Capital Outlay</b>		
12-XXX-XXX-73X	Equipment		188,225.00
	<b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>		
13-XXX-XXX-XXX	<b>TOTAL SPECIAL SCHOOLS</b>		
10-000-100-56X	Transfer of Funds to Charter Schools		
10-000-520-930	General Fund Contribution to Whole School Reform		
	<b>GENERAL FUND GRAND TOTAL</b>	620,225.00	620,225.00

<b>BUDGET TRANSFERS - FUND 15</b>			
<b>March 1, 2008 to March 31, 2008</b>			
<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>
15-1XX-100-XXX	Regular Programs - Instruction	1,000.00	
15-2XX-100-XXX 15-000-216,217	Special Education, Basic Skills/Remedial and Bilingual - Instruction and Other Student Related and Extraordinary Support Services		
15-3XX-100-XXX	Vocational Programs - Local - Instruction		
15-4XX-100-XXX	School-Spon. Co/Extra-Curr. Activities, School Sponsored Athletics, and Other Instructional Programs -Instruct		
15-800-330-XXX	Community Services Programs/Operations		
	<b>Undistributed Expenditures</b>		
15-000-100-XXX	Instruction		
15-000-211,213,218,219,222	Student Support Services - Attendance and Social Work, Health, Other Support Svcs-Regular, Other Support Svcs-Special, Education Media Services/School Library	1,000.00	
15-000-221,223	Improvement of Instruction Services and Instructional Staff Training Services	5,500.00	
15-000-230-XXX	Support Services - General Administration		
15-000-240-XXX	Support Services - School Administration		
15-000-25X-XXX	Central Svcs & Admin Info Technology		
15-606	Increase in Maintenance Reserve		
15-000-26X-XXX	Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services		
15-000-270-XXX	Student Transportation Services		7,500.00
15-605	Increase in Sale/Lease-Back Reserve		
15-000-290-XXX	Other Support Services		
15-XXX-XXX-2XX	Personal Services - Employee Benefits		
15-000-310-XXX	Food Services		
	<b>TOTAL GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE</b>		
	<b>Capital Outlay</b>		
15-604	Increase in Capital Reserve		
15-604	Interest Deposit to Capital Reserve		
15-XXX-XXX-73X	Equipment		
15-000-4XX-XXX	Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services		
15-000-4XX-931	Capital Reserve-Transfer to Capital Projects		
15-000-4XX-933	Capital Reserve-Transfer to Debt Service		
	<b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>		
	<b>WHOLE SCHOOL REFORM GRAND TOTAL</b>	7,500.00	7,500.00

D. Acceptance of Funds for Perkins Program

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

**RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education authorizes the Interim Superintendent of Schools to accept the following award of funds for approved Perkins programs in the Academy of Business, Engineering and Technology:

Funding Source	Program Description	Administrators	Amount
New Jersey Department of Education	To improve and continue to implement and update current approved career and technical programs in the Academy of Business, Engineering and Technology.	Angela Bento	\$129,778

E. Acceptance of Funds:

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

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, The Board of Education has approved certain special education programs and authorized applications for special county, state, federal and private funds to support them, and

WHEREAS, notification has been received that certain of these grants have been approved, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves acceptance of the following special county, state, federal and private funds to support educational programs in the district:

<b><u>Funding Source</u></b>	<b><u>Program Description</u></b>	<b><u>Administrator</u></b>	<b><u>Amount of Grant</u></b>
FY 2008 No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Consolidated Formula Subgrant (Project period: September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008)	The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 is a reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)/Improving America's School Act (IASA) 1994, providing funds to help all New Jersey's school children achieve, at a minimum, proficiency in the state standards. The NCLB application includes the following entitlements:	Interim Director of C&I/ Dawn Ciccone	\$4,529,118.00
1) Title I, Part A: Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Education Agencies	Provides programs and resources for disadvantaged students to meet challenging state performance standards.	Interim Director of C&I/ Dawn Ciccone	\$3,090,666.00
2) Title I, Part A: School Improvement	Provides funding for school improvement through programs and strategies.	Interim Director of C&I/ Dawn Ciccone	\$241,927.00

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Program Description</u>	<u>Administrator</u>	<u>Amount of Grant</u>
3) Title II, Part A: Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund activities	Provides funding for preparation, training and recruitment of high quality teachers and principals and professional development activities.	Interim Director of C&I/ Dawn Ciccone	\$563,028.00  <u>Public</u> \$529,809.00 <u>Non-Public</u> \$33,219.00
4) Title II, Part D: Enhancing Education Through Technology	Improves student academic achievement through the use of technology and integrated educational strategies in elementary and secondary schools and promotes computer literacy.	Interim Director of C&I/ Dawn Ciccone	\$20,520.00  <u>Public</u> \$19,056.00 <u>Non-Public</u> \$1,464.00
5) Title III, Part A: Grants and Subgrants for English Language Acquisition and Language Enhancement	Focuses on the teaching of English to Limited English Proficient (LEP) children, including immigrant students and to help LEP students meet challenging state performance standards.	Interim Director of C&I/ Wilson Martinez	\$395,592.00  <u>Public</u> \$391,855.00 <u>Non-Public</u> \$3,737.00
6) Title III, Part A: Immigrant	Provides resources for immigrant students.	Interim Director of C&I/ Wilson Martinez	\$129,049.00
7) Title IV, Part A: Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act	Provides resources for a safe and drug-free learning environment that supports academic achievement.	Interim Director of C&I/ Dawn Ciccone	\$66,944.00  <u>Public</u> \$64,902.00 <u>Non-Public</u> \$2,042.00
8) Title V, Part A: Innovative Programs	Provides a flexible source of funding to help LEAs in the development and implementation of various innovative educational reform initiatives.	Interim Director of C&I/ Dawn Ciccone	\$21,392.00  <u>Public</u> \$20,073.00 <u>Non-Public</u> \$1,319.00

**TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT: \$4,529,118.00**



F. Bid # 2008-23 (1) 29 Passenger Bus and (1) 54 Passenger Bus

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

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A: 39-3 (et seq) advertised for sealed bids for (1) 29 Passenger Bus and (1) 54 Passenger Bus on March 5, 2008, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with that advertisement bids were received, publicly opened and read aloud at the Board of Education Office on March 19, 2008 with the following results:

	American Bus Trenton, NJ	Truck King East Windsor, NJ	Wolfington Bus Mt. Holly, NJ
<b>Cost of New Bus:</b>			
29 Passenger	No Bid	65,433	68,032
<b>Less Trade In:</b>			
24 Passenger GMC	No Bid	800	1,100
<b>Total Cost</b>	No Bid	<b>64,633</b>	66,932
 <b>Cost of New Bus:</b>			
54 Passenger	83,708	77,235	72,192
<b>Less Trade In:</b>			
54 Passenger Freightliner	4,500	4,250	6,600
<b>Total Cost</b>	79,208	72,985	<b>65,592</b>

now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, the Board of Education accepts the responsible bids of Truck King International in the amount of \$64,633.00 for the 29 Passenger Bus and Wolfington Bus Company in the amount of \$65,592.00 for the 54 Passenger Bus.

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

**XVII. REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE**

A. Adoption of Policy – First Reading

The following is recommended for adoption:

**RESOLUTION**

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education now finds it necessary that the policy be implemented, now therefore be it

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

<b><u>Policy Number</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	
5118	Nonresidents	Amended

**XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**