

PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Plainfield, N.J.

Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2015

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

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

Board of Education Members

Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell, President  
Mrs. Keisha Edwards, Vice President  
Mr. Terrence S. Bellamy, Sr.  
Mrs. Deborah Clarke  
Mrs. Jackie Coley  
Mrs. Mahogany Hall  
Mrs. Carletta D. Jeffers  
Mr. Frederick D. Moore, Sr.  
Mr. David M. Rutherford  
Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles, Superintendent

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

WELCOME to a WORK & STUDY MEETING of the Plainfield Board of Education. Members hope you will find the meeting interesting and informative. We thank you for taking the time to attend. Please be advised this and all meetings of the board are open to the media and public, consistent with the Open Public Meetings Act (Ch. 231 Laws of 1975), and that the advance notice required therein has been provided to the Courier News and Star Ledger on Monday, January 26, 2015 for advertisement on Saturday, January 31, 2015 and also provided to the Plainfield Public Schools, the District's website, the Plainfield City Clerk, Police Department, and Plainfield Public Library for posting.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A.10:4-11, permits the Board of Education to meet in closed session to discuss certain matters.

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

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

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

The Board of Education will recess into its Executive Session.

## VI. CONDUCT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

\*Meeting Schedule Subject to Change

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

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

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

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

**The next Business Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2015 8:00 p.m., in the Plainfield High School Auditorium.**

- VII. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT
  
- VIII. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT
  
- IX. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

**X. REPORT OF THE CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE**

**A. Field Trips**

**(1) 2015 Disney World Educational Group Field Trip**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

The Plainfield High School Senior Class has been going on senior trips to Florida since 1990. This field trip will expand the students' learning beyond the walls of the classroom into the vast community outside.

The Coordinator of Educational Activities has invited the Class of 2015 to attend their 2015 Disney World Educational Group Activities in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

Sixty-five (65) PHS Seniors and seven (7) chaperones will attend this special event from Thursday, May 14, 2015 to Tuesday, May 19, 2015.

Transportation to Newark International Airport will be provided by the District Transportation Department - departure is scheduled from Plainfield High School parking lot.

There is no cost to the District (excluding transportation to Newark International Airport) – the trip will be funded through the fundraising efforts of Plainfield High School parents and students. The breakdown is as follows:

<b>Departure Date/Time</b>	<b>Return Date/Time</b>	<b>Airfare (per person)</b>	<b>Lodging/Meals (per person)</b>	<b>Total (per person)</b>	<b>Total Cost (all participants)</b>
May 14 <sup>th</sup> / 11:00 AM	May 19 <sup>th</sup> / 8:15 AM	\$325.00	\$425.00	\$750.00	\$54,000.00

This field trip is an integral part of school instruction. The senior trip will provide students with experiences that cannot be duplicated in school. The students will participate in the YES Educational Program. The workshops include: character building, anti-bullying, self-esteem awareness, web design, acting/commercials, and music mixing.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves sixty-five (65) PHS Seniors and seven (7) chaperones to attend the 2015 Disney World Educational Group Activities from Thursday, May 14, 2015 to Tuesday, May 19, 2015 – total cost not to exceed \$54,000.00. There is no cost to the District, excluding transportation to Newark International Airport – which will be provided by the District Transportation Department.

**(2) Bronx Zoo – New York**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

Cedarbrook K-8 Center Third Grade, consisting of one hundred (100) students and eight (8) chaperones will visit the Bronx Zoo, Bronx, NY on May 27, 2015.

Transportation will be provided by Raritan Valley Bus Services. The breakdown is as follows:

<b>Departure / Return Time</b>	<b>Admission</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
8:05 AM / 4:00 PM	\$6.00 – (Total - \$648.00)	\$1,950.00	\$2,598.00

The focus of the trip is to expose students to live animals and explore habitats. Students will then apply their acquired knowledge by writing a standards based informational report based on their experiences. It will be a rich and rewarding experience for the students of Plainfield. They will enjoy observing the animals in their natural habitats and applying their experiences to the NJCCCS and CCCS standards. Students will take part in pre-visit activities as well as post-visit activities relating to science, literacy, and math. Departure is scheduled at 8:05 a.m. and return at 4:00 p.m.

The trip will meet the science standards of 5.3.P.B.1 – observe and describe how plants and animals obtain food from their environment, such as by observing the interactions between organisms in a natural habitat; 5.3.2.C.1-describe the ways in which organisms interact with each other and their habitats in order to meet basic needs; 5.3.2C.2-identify the characteristics of a habitat that enable the habitat to support the growth of many different plants and animals. The trip also meets the ELA standards of W.3.2a - Introduce a topic and group related information together; include illustrations when useful to aiding comprehension; W.3.2b - Develop the topic with facts, definitions, and details; W.3.2c - Use linking words and phrases (e.g., *also, another, and, more, but*) to connect ideas within categories of information; W.3.2d - Provide a concluding statement or section. They will have the pleasure of enjoying the freedom to socialize with their classmates and applying it to the NJCCCS and CCCS standards.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Cedarbrook K-8 Centers' Third Grade, consisting of one hundred (100) students and eight (8) chaperones, to visit the Bronx Zoo, Bronx, NY on May 27, 2015 - total cost will not exceed \$2,598.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-190-100000-800A-13-0000 (Cedarbrook Fieldtrip Adm Fees).

**(3) Washington, D.C. – Historical Sites**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

Evergreen Elementary School's 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes, consisting of seventy-three (73) students along with eighteen (18) chaperones will make an educational trip to Washington, D.C., June 12, 2015.

Transportation will be provided by Raritan Valley Bus Services. The breakdown is as follows:

<b>Departure / Return Time</b>	<b>Admission</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
6:00 AM / 9:00 PM	NO COST	\$2,050.00	\$2,050.00

The trip will include touring the Lincoln Monument, MLK Memorial, the Capitol Building, the Fords Theater and The White House, to appreciate U.S. historical artifacts, and expand their experiences and analyze issues on US history and government.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Evergreen School's seventy-three (73) fifth graders and eighteen (18) chaperones to participate in an educational trip to Washington, D.C., June 12, 2015 – total cost not to exceed \$2,050.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-270000-512A-17-0000 (Principal Field Trips).

**(4) Dorney Park High School Day – Allentown, PA**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

Plainfield High School's 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades, consisting of eighty (80) students, along with seven (7) chaperones will participate in Dorney Park High School Day in Allentown, Pennsylvania, Monday, June 22, 2015.

The cost of this field trip will be funded through parent/student fundraising efforts. Departure is scheduled from Plainfield High School parking lot. Transportation will be provided by the District.

The breakdown is as follows:

<b>Departure/Return Time</b>	<b>Admission (<i>per student</i>)</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
11:00 AM / 10:00 PM	\$25.00	\$2,000.00

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves eighty (80) Plainfield High School students, grades 10-12, and seven (7) chaperones to participate in the Dorney Park High School Day in Allentown, Pennsylvania, Monday, June 22, 2015. The cost of this trip will be funded through fundraising efforts of Plainfield High School parents and students. There is no cost to the District, excluding transportation, which will be provided by the District Transportation Department.

**(5) Field Trips for Inclusion in 2014-2015 Curriculum Guides (AMENDED – November 2014)**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that field trips, used as a device for teaching and learning are integral to the curriculum, and an educationally sound and important ingredient in the instructional program of the school.

As a result, field trips serve as an essential means to extend learning, improve achievements, and enhance the overall development and educational experiences of students in the District. Field trips, however must support the District's curriculum and be aligned with the New Jersey Core Content Standards. The District has identified those State of New Jersey field trips which are in compliance with both and will be reflected in the curriculum guides for the 2014-2015 school year.

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>CITY</b>
Dorothy Snyder Nursing School	Plainfield
Health Occupation Student Association	NJ (location to be determined)
Jr. Achievement of New Jersey	Newark (additional NJ locations)
Newark International Airport	Newark



**B. Professional Development**

**(1) Mathematics Learning Network – Dr. Eric Milou**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that a highly qualified, competent, skilled, and dedicated workforce is essential to the success of the District and the students. The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life.

The Elementary Math Office will provide intensive in-district professional development for K-5 teachers to improve their instructional strategies to address student thinking and affect academic achievement.

Data collected from 2013-2014 observations revealed the majority of lessons being delivered through whole class teacher led instruction with little attention being provided to support struggling students. Improving student achievement relies on improving the teaching and learning in the classroom with the teacher acting as the facilitator of student thinking. The Elementary Math Office seeks to provide pedagogical content coaching as a method to assist teachers in improving their instructional practice for the purpose of increasing academic achievement in mathematics.

The Mathematics Office has identified Dr. Eric Milou of Rowan University in Glassboro, NJ as the professional development provider at the elementary school level. Dr. Milou has taught at Rowan for the past fifteen (15) years and is the current President of the Rowan University Senate. This professional development is an extension of the professional development Dr. Milou provided during the 2013-2014 school year.

This PD will specifically focus on Mathematics Teachers instructional practice for the purpose of assisting identified teachers at the elementary schools in understanding the work required/expected to effectively implement the instructional focus of the standards and Mathematical Practices, as well as address the District Improvement Plan and Professional Development Plan:

- Improving the Mathematics content knowledge of teachers
- Differentiated Instruction and pedagogy strategies in the math classroom
- Understanding Mathematical Practices in mathematics
- Formative assessment methodologies

**Mathematics Learning Network – Dr. Eric Milou (cont'd)**

Dr. Milou has agreed to provide four (4) sessions per day for twelve (12) days – total of forty-eight (48) sessions.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves payment to Dr. Eric Milou in an amount not to exceed \$21,000.00 (for forty-eight session) from February 2015 - May 2015. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to FY2015 NCLB Title IIA 200-320 account.

**(2) 2015 Conference for New Jersey Kindergarten Teachers – Atlantic City**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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

**Goal 2: Human Resources:**

To improve the recruitment, retention and development of District staff

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

Emerson School Kindergarten Inclusion teacher, Thurston Gill, will attend the 2015 Conference for New Jersey Kindergarten Teachers, held in Atlantic City, N.J., February 23-24, 2015.

The expense breakdown is as follows:

<b>Registration</b>	<b>Mileage Reimbursement</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Registration - \$388.00	\$.31 per mile = \$36.58	\$424.58

The conference will offer numerous differentiated instruction techniques designed to help boost success for all students in literacy and math to meet and exceed Common Core Standards. It will also provide essential intervention math and literacy strategies that work with struggling or at-risk students.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Thurston Gill, Emerson School Kindergarten Inclusion teacher to attend the 2015 Conference for New Jersey Kindergarten, in Atlantic City, February 23-24, 2015 – total cost not to exceed \$424.58. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-240000-500A-16-0000 (Principal Purchase Service).

**(3) 2015 National Association of Social Workers (NASW) New Jersey Conference:  
The Meeting of the Profession – Creating a Culture of Collaboration – Atlantic City**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 2: Human Resources:**

To improve the recruitment, retention and development of District staff

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

Kimberly Moore-Jones, LCSW, ACSW, School Social Worker at Dewitt D. Barlow School will attend the 2015 NASW/NJ Conference: The Meeting of the Profession - Creating a Culture of Collaboration, in Atlantic City, NJ, May 3-5, 2015.

The expense breakdown is as follows:

<b>Registration</b>	<b>Mileage Reimbursement</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Registration - \$480.00	\$.31 per mile = \$36.58	\$516.58

The NASW/NJ Conference will allow participants to improve the understanding of and build internal capacity with the working knowledge and competencies in social work practice, school based interventions (managing student behaviors & engaging students in learning),

The annual statewide conference features three (3) full days of continuing education and up to twenty (20) continuing education hours. Workshops and plenary sessions will fine tune skills and the CEU's will allow the maintenance of clinical (LSCW) and professional (ACSW) license/credentials. It is sponsored by the National Association of Social Workers/NJ Chapter (NASW/NJ).

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Kimberly Moore-Jones to attend The 2015 NASW/NJ Conference, May 3-5, 2015, in Atlantic City, NJ – total cost not to exceed \$516.58. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-240000-300A-11-0000 (Barlow Principal Prof & Tech).

**(4) Original Strength Workshop - Part II – Fuquay-Varina, NC**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 2: Human Resources:**

To improve the recruitment, retention and development of staff

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

Veronica Pagel, Athletic Trainer, will attend the Original Strength - Part II workshop in Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina, February 21-22, 2015.

<b>Total Expense</b>
Registration - \$487.00

Veronica Pagel will be responsible for all other expenses associated with attending this workshop.

This course teaches athletic trainers how to incorporate this particular type of movement therapy into their practice.

In addition, this workshop will help bolster the effectiveness of rehab and treatment from the Athletic Training staff on the student-athletes of the Plainfield School District.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Veronica Pagel to attend the Original Strength Workshop - Part II – total cost not to exceed \$487.00 (Veronica Pagel will be responsible for all other expenses). The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 11-000-240000-500T-27-0000 (Other Purchase Services Trav).

**(5) NCTM 2015: Annual Meeting and Exposition – Boston, MA  
(AMENDED - to include additional participants – Original – December 2014, P. 40)**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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

**Goal 2: Human Resources:**

To improve the recruitment, retention and development of District staff

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

The staff listed below will attend the 2015 National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) Annual Meeting and Exposition in Boston, Massachusetts, April 15-18, 2015.

<b>Staff Member</b>	<b>Position /Location</b>	<b>Staff Member</b>	<b>Position / Location</b>
Gwynetta Joe	Principal / Cedarbrook	Najia Solomon	Vice Principal / Hubbard
Onigbogi Olufunke	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher / Hubbard	Lisa Armstead	Vice Principal / Maxson
Lou Pedrick	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher / Cedarbrook	Eban Gibson	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher / Maxson
Lenny Jimenez	Bilingual / PHS		

The conference will assist participants in aligning instructional practices and student learning. Participants will also be informed on the following mathematic topics:

- Formative assessment
- Reasoning and proof
- Research in algebraic thinking
- Research in proof
- Response to intervention

The cost per person is \$1,681.50 per person – total cost for seven (7) non-members will not exceed \$11,770.50. The expense breakdown, per person and the GSA, is as follows:

<b>Registration</b>	<b>Air Transportation</b>	<b>Lodging</b>	<b>Incidentals</b>	<b>Cost (per person)</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
\$382.00	\$358.00	\$693.00	\$248.50	\$1,681.50	\$11,770.50

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the staff above to attend the 2015 NCTM Annual Meeting and Exposition in Boston Massachusetts, April 15-18, 2015 - total cost not to exceed \$11,770.50. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to FY2015 NCLB Title IIA 200-500 and 200-580 accounts.

**C. Early Childhood – 2015-2016 Pre-K Mass Registration**

**Strategic Plan Link**

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes the importance of family involvement in children's education and believes that the opportunities to welcome and engage parents in positive ways that allow for their varying work schedules and can contribute to the success of the Plainfield Preschool Program.

The Office of Early Childhood will conduct its Preschool Mass Registration efforts on the evenings of February 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-9:00 pm; and February 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-8:00 pm. The registration will be preceded by mailings, street banners and coordinated efforts with contracted daycare providers.

The individuals listed below will facilitate the registration effort – working a maximum of fourteen (14) hours each.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
Monica Charris	Master Teacher
Louise Frankel	Master Teacher
April Morecraft	Master Teacher
Tanaisha White	Master Teacher
Shalini Kathuria	Master Teacher
Carrie Ann Floyd	Master Teacher
Lumishka Cooper-Turnbull	Community/Parent Involvement Specialist
Marlene Rosenblum	LDTTC
Donna McAuliffe	Psychologist
Rosa Mannarino	Social Worker
Tracy Mullen	Social Worker
Breonna Johnson	Social Worker
Marie Blot	Speech Pathologist

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the Early Childhood – Pre-K Mass Registration for the 2015-2016 school year. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to accounts 20-218-200000-104A-34-0000 (ECH Salary Prof Staff); 20-218-200000-176A-34-0000 (ECH Salary of Master Teacher); 20-218-200000-105A-34-0000 (ECH Secretary Salary); 20-218-200000-173A-34-0000 (Salary of Community Partner Involvement).

**D. Barlow B.E.A.R. “Safety Net” After School Program**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

To increase students’ academic achievement by offering high-quality supplemental services in core academic areas, DeWitt D. Barlow Elementary School will implement a “Safety Net” after school program.

The “Safety Net Program, entitled the Barlow B. E. A. R. (Barlow Excelling in Arithmetic *and* Reading), is to provide additional extracurricular instruction for 3rd, 4th, 5th grade students who have been identified as academically at risk in Language Arts Literacy and Mathematics.

The program will operate February 18, 2015 through May 21, 2015; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 2:35 - 5:05 p.m. This program will also include a Math/Literacy - Parent Workshop/Dinner on Thursday, March 5, 2015 from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Teachers will be compensated at a rate of \$28.00 per hour; teacher assistants will be compensated at a rate of \$21.00 per hour – total cost for Safety Net program will not exceed \$13,860.00. The cost of the Parent Workshop/Dinner will not exceed \$1,500.00.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the Barlow B.E.A.R. “Safety Net Program, and Math/Literacy - Parent Workshop/Dinner – total cost not to exceed \$15,360.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-230-100000-101S-11-0000 (Title I Unified Plan – 2014-2015 SIA - Part A Application); and the Math/Literacy - Parent Workshop will be charged to account 20-230-200000-610A-11-0000 (Title I - Refreshment).



**E. Clinton School Dragon Academy**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for and insuring that all students meet the Common Core State Standards and achieve academic success and the ability to compete in a broad global society.

In support of these commitments, the Clinton School Dragon Academy will operate Tuesday through Thursday, 3:00-4:30 PM, from March 3, 2015 to May 29, 2015.

The Academy will be staffed with five (5) certified teachers who will be compensated at \$28.00 per hour – total cost not to exceed \$6,300.00.

The funding will be utilized to develop and provide high quality instruction to provide additional academic support to approximately sixty (60) 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade students.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the Clinton School Dragon Academy starting March 3, 2015, and culminating on May 29, 2015, at a cost not to exceed \$6,300.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-230-100000-101S-14-0000 (Title I - Clinton Extended Day Stipends).

**F. Kean University – Project Adelante**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

The Board of Education is committed to providing opportunities for all students to meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic success.

No Child Left Behind legislation requires that school districts receiving Title III funding provide English Language Learners with special programs to meet unique academic needs of at-risk youth including vocational and technical education, career counseling, curriculum-based entrepreneurship education, and assistance in pursuing post-secondary education.

Project Adelante is a college-bound program at Kean University which encourages at-risk Latino youngsters in grades 6-12 to graduate from high school and go on to post-secondary education by providing students with career counseling.

Project Adelante's main academic focus is to improve student achievement in the areas of Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Technology.

The Project Adelante classes are held during the school year at Kean University on Saturdays and weekdays during the month of July 2015. The Plainfield Public Schools' Transportation department will provide transportation for approximately fifty (50) students.

**RESOLVED**, the Board of Education approves PPS students' participation in Project Adelante and payment to Kean University in the amount of \$30,000.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-244-100000-500A-39-0000 (Title III Project Adelante).

**G. PHS Carnival**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

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

The Campy Blue Star Amusements and Garden State Amusements companies will sponsor a carnival at Plainfield High School, May 21-25, 2015. The carnival will be located on the Kenyon Avenue side of the high school. The operating hours will be 5:00 PM to 12:00 AM each day.

The total cost to sponsor this event will not exceed \$25,000.00.

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

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the Campy Blue Star Amusements and Garden State Amusements companies to operate a carnival at Plainfield High School, May 21-25, 2015 – total cost not to exceed \$25,000.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-190-100018-500A-25-0000 (PHS Other Purch).

**H. The Latino Family Literacy Project – Washington Community School  
(AMENDED Dates – Original – October 2014, P. 76)**

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**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

Each program has a built-in evaluation process to measure the success of what the parents learned in class and includes at home skill-based activities for parents and children that support the state standards for each specific age group.

The program will run from December 2014 to March 2015 from 5:00-7:00 pm for a total of ten (10) sessions – for twenty (20) families.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the date change for the operation of the Latino Family Literacy Project 2014. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-244-200000-110A-39-0000 (Title III – Teacher Stipends).

## XI. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

**Strategic Plan Link:**

**Goal 3: Business Operations**

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

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

#### **RESOLUTION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**TO BE PRESENTED AT THE FEBRUARY 17, 2015 BUSINESS MEETING**

**B. Payment of Bills — January 16 – February 12, 2015**

**Strategic Plan Link:**

**Goal 3: Business Operations**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

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

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

On the General Account

in the amount of \$

On the Agency Account

in the amount of \$

On the Food Service Account

in the amount of \$

IN THE GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$

**TO BE PRESENTED AT THE FEBRUARY 17, 2015 BUSINESS MEETING**

**C. 2014 – 15 Budget Transfers**

**Strategic Plan Link:**

**Goal 3: Business Practices**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

**TO BE PRESENTED AT THE FEBRUARY 17, 2015 BUSINESS MEETING**

**D. NCLB FY 2015 Amendment**

**Strategic Plan Link:**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes**

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

**Goal 3: Business Practices**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to accept the FY 2015 NCLB Amendment for Federal funds to support educational programs and increase grant revenue in the district.

<b><u>NCLB 2014-2015 ORIGINAL</u></b>	<b><u>2013-2014 CARRYOVER</u></b>	<b><u>2014-2015 AMENDED</u></b>
TITLE I	\$2,203,053	\$2,457,762
TITLE I SIA	\$174,000	\$174,000
TITLE II A	\$417,636	\$625,424
TITLE III	\$521,600	\$701,451
TITLE III IMMIGRANT	\$85,460	\$85,460



**E. Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC)**

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

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Federal and State law mandate participation in assessment testing; and,

**WHEREAS**, federal funding of key education programs is dependent upon at least 95% participation of the student body in the testing; and,

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey State Board of Education confirmed each school district's implementation of the Core Curriculum Content Standards and to "ensure students meet the expectations and proficiency standards as measured by current and future State and local assessments"; and,

**WHEREAS**, the PARCC assessment replaces prior statewide assessments; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Plainfield Board of Education has a duty to uphold State and Federal laws; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Plainfield Board of Education has received information that some parents may decide to have their child opt out of the PARCC testing.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Plainfield Board of Education has directed the Superintendent to develop a plan to address the needs of those students whose parents have determined they will not participate in testing.

**F. University of Medicine and Dentistry of N.J. Employee Assistance Program (EAP)**

**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**

Numerous studies have shown the benefits of offering an employee assistance program, and the Plainfield Board of Education, the Plainfield Education Association and the Plainfield Association of School Administrators have discussed the need for such a program during negotiations, and the University Behavioral HealthCare Employee Assistance Program has the expertise to provide such services, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the appointment of the University Behavioral HealthCare Employee Assistance Program to provide an employee assistance program at a prorated fee for the 2014 – 2015 SY in the amount of \$9,533.35 and an additional \$700.00 per individual assessment as needed.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

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