

PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Plainfield, N.J.

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2012
Time: 6:30 p.m. PUBLIC SESSION
6:35 p.m. MEETING CLOSED FOR
EXECUTIVE SESSION
8:00 p.m. WORK & STUDY MTG.
(ACTION WILL BE TAKEN)

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

Board of Education Members

Mrs. Renata A. Hernandez, President
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell, Vice President
Mr. Alex O. Edache
Mrs. Keisha Edwards
Mrs. Brenda L. Gilbert
Mr. Dorien Hurtt
Mrs. Lisa C. Logan-Leach
Dr. Susan Phifer
Ms. Jameelah Surgeon
Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles, Interim Superintendent

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

WELCOME to a WORK & STUDY MEETING of the Plainfield Board of Education. Members hope you will find the meeting interesting and informative. We thank you for taking the time to attend. Please be advised this and all meetings of the board are open to the media and public, consistent with the Open Public meetings Act (Ch. 231 Laws of 1975), and that the advance notice required therein has been provided to the Courier News and Star Ledger on Wednesday, January 31, 2012 for advertisement on Saturday, February 4, 2012 and also provided to the Plainfield Public Schools, the District's website, the Plainfield City Clerk, Police Department, and Plainfield Public Library for posting.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

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

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

The Board of Education will recess into its Executive Session.

VI. CONDUCT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

*Meeting Schedule Subject to Change

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

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

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

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

The next Business Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2012, 8:00 pm, in the Plainfield High School Auditorium.

- VII. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT
 - Strengths-Finder Theme
- VIII. REMARKS FROM THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT
- IX. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

**X. RESOLUTION TO ELIMINATE THE VOTE ON THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND
TO MOVE THE ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL
ELECTION IN NOVEMBER – DISCUSSION**

XI. REPORT OF THE CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

A. Fieldtrips

(1) United Nations, New York, NY

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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

RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education 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.

Plainfield High School ninth grade students will attend the United Nations in New York, New York on Monday, February 23, 2012. The United Nations is an international organization whose stated aims are facilitating in international law, international security, economic development, social progress, international peace and achievements in human rights. The students will tour the United Nations with hands on activities in the Secretariat Room and the General Assembly Room. The Coordinator of the Educational Programs has invited fifty (50) ninth grade students and four (4) chaperones to attend this special event.

Fifty (50) ninth grade students and four (4) chaperones will attend the United Nations on Monday, February 23, 2012 in New York, New York. Departure is scheduled from Plainfield High School parking lot on Thursday, February 27, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. The return is scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. The cost of transportation is \$600.00

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approve for the fifty (50) ninth grade students and four (4) chaperones to visit the United Nations on Monday, February 27, 2012 not to exceed \$600.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to 15-190-100018-500A-25-0000 (High School Other Purchase Services).

(2) American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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

RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to 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.

Forty-seven (47) Barlow third grade students and seven (8) chaperones will attend the American Museum of Natural History in New York, NY on March 22, 2012. The main objective is to have students understand the contributions of Native Americans to New Jersey and United States history. Students will also gain an understanding of changes in the earth and sky as well an understanding of extinct organisms. Departure is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. from Barlow School and students will return at 2:35 p.m.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves for forty-seven (47) Barlow students and eight (8) chaperones to visit the American Museum in New York, NY on March 22, 2012. The cost of admissions is \$14.00 per student (total of \$658.00) and \$14.00 per adult chaperone (total of \$112.00). The students will be attending a hands-on exhibit called *Beyond Planet Earth*. The exhibit cost is \$220.00. The total cost of admission is \$990.00. The Target grant of \$700.00 will be applied to this cost. The remainder (\$290.00) will be funded by students and chaperones (\$6.00 per individual). The cost of transportation is \$875.00, and will be provided by Raritan Valley Bus Services and charged to account 15-190-100000-800A-11-0000 (Barlow Fieldtrip Admission Fees). Availability of funds for this item has been verified.

(3) Prudential Center, Newark, NJ

Strategic Plan Link:

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Plainfield High School students will attend the Prudential Center in Newark, New Jersey, March 31, 2012. This field trip will expand the students' learning beyond the walls of the classroom into the vast community outside. This field trip will provide students with historical knowledge and cultural awareness as well as diversity. Cultural events will help enrich the cultural awareness and an appreciation for the arts as well as diversity. The Coordinator of Educational Programs has invited fifty (50) students, grades 10-12 and five (5) chaperones to attend their special program.

Fifty (50) students, grades 10-12 and five (5) chaperones will attend the Prudential Center in Newark, New Jersey. Departure is scheduled from Plainfield High School parking lot on Saturday, March 31, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. The return is scheduled for Saturday, March 31, 2012 at 10:30 p.m. Transportation will be provided through the district.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approve for the fifty (50) students, grades 10-12 and five (5) chaperones to attend the Prudential Center in Newark, New Jersey on Saturday, March 31, 2012. There is no cost to the district excluding transportation. Transportation will be provided through the district.

(4) Statue of Liberty / Ellis Island, New York, NY

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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

RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all 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.

Approximately sixty-four (64) students and eighteen (18) chaperones from Emerson Community School will visit Ellis Island / Statue of Liberty on Thursday May 31, 2012. They will leave from Emerson School at 8:05 am and return by 2:35 pm. Departure for Ellis Island will be by ferry from Liberty State Park (Morris Pesin Drive, Jersey City.)

This trip will meet the following Common Core Standards for Literacy / Social Studies / and Science RI .3/.5/.7/.10 and Math Common Core Standards 4.MD/ 4.G / 4.OA where all students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically about how past and present interactions of people, culture and environment affect issues across time and culture as well as shape American heritage. This will enable students to make informed decisions as productive citizens in local, national and global communities.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approve sixty-four (64) students and eighteen (18) chaperones from Emerson Community School to visit Ellis Island/Statue of Liberty on Thursday May 31, 2012. The cost for admission will be paid through 4th Grade in-house fundraising. The transportation cost is \$840.00, which will be provided by Vogel Bus Company. Availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to 15-000-270000-512A-16-0000 (Emerson Principal Field Trips).

(5) Lion King on Broadway – Minskoff Theatre, New York, NY

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

In keeping with the strategic plan and goals for the district, Cedarbrook K-8 Center's 8th Grade will visit New York City to attend a performance of The Lion King on Broadway at the Minskoff Theatre. The performance will increase or provide for the first time, cultural exposure to theatre and the arts. Students will be able to experience professional "live" performances. Upon their return, students will compose an essay of their experience and share with the Cedarbrook community.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approve Cedarbrook K-8 Center's sixty-four (64) eighth grade students and six (6) chaperones to attend The Lion King on Broadway at the Minskoff Theatre in New York City, on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 departing at 11:30 AM for the 2:00 matinee; and returning at 7:00 PM. The entrance fee is \$87.00 per person (\$5,568.00), plus \$15.00 mailing fee for a total of \$5,583.00. The total transportation fee to NYC will be \$1450.00, (2 buses @ \$725.00 each) provided by Queen City Bus Tours,. Entrance fees will be funded through account 13FTRIPAMD. Transportation fees will be funded through account 13POFLDTRP. Availability of funds have been verified.

(6) The Jersey Explorers Children's Museum, East Orange, NJ

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

To improve the academic performance of all students in PPS.

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

RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring 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.

On February 15, 2012 and February 16, 2012 fifty-four (54) students (students will be split into two groups of twenty-seven) and two (4) chaperones in Mrs. Jenious-Flood's, Mrs. Tillman, and Mrs. Berger's sixth grade classes from Washington Community School will visit The Jersey Explorer Museum, in East Orange New Jersey.

On February 29, 2012, forty-four (44) students and four (4) chaperones from Mrs. R. Jones, Mr. E. Jones and Mrs. Crowell's fourth grade classes will visit The Jersey Explorer Museum, in East Orange New Jersey.

On March 8, 2012 and March 9, 2012 fifty-eight (58) students and four (4) chaperones from Ms. Trent, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Mahers' fifth grade classes (students will be split into two groups of twenty-nine) will visit The Jersey Explorer Museum, in East Orange New Jersey.

On March 15, 2012 forty-four (44) students and four (4) chaperones from Mrs. Sepulveda and Mr. Cesareo's fourth and fifth grade classes will visit The Jersey Explorer Museum, in East Orange New Jersey.

The Jersey Explorer Children's Museum is filled with exciting and unique exhibits and hands on learning experiences. 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students will have the opportunity to "live" their social studies and history lessons on various topics including the Civil Rights Movement, the Underground Railroad, and Ancient Egypt.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approve fifty-four (54) 6th grade students and four (4) chaperones on February. 15 & 16, 2012; forty-four (44) 4th grade students and four (4) chaperones on Feb. 29, 2012; fifty-eight (58) 5th grade students and four (4) chaperones on March 8 & 9, 2012, and forty-four (44) fifth grade students and four (4) chaperones on March 15, 2012 to attend the Jersey Explorers Children's Museum at a cost of \$5.00 per student (to be paid by parents). There is no cost to the district, excluding transportation. Transportation is will be provided through the district.

(7) Blue Mountain Ski Resort, Palmerton, PA

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

The Interim Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, 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 all ensuring that all students (inclusive of English Language learners and special Education Students) meet the New Jersey core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic, social and life-long success.

Eighty students (80) in grades 7-10 and eight (8) chaperones from Plainfield Academy for the Arts & Advanced Studies (PAAAS) will visit Blue Mountain Ski Resort in Palmerton, PA. The trip will expand the students' experiences beyond the walls of the school and community, and will serve as an integral part of their educational experiences and their student career at PAAAS.

The coordinator of the trip has arranged for students to have the opportunity to ski or snowboard including a lesson, equipment rental and lift ticket. Departure is scheduled at 8:00 a.m. on March 2, 2012 with a return at 6:00 p.m. Students have worked diligently in their fundraising activities to fund the cost of their third ski trip.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves eighty (80) students in grades 7-10 and eight (8) chaperones to visit Blue Mountain Ski Resort in Palmerton, PA. The cost of the admission for students and chaperones is \$75.00 per person for a total of \$6,600.00; these expenses will be paid through the Student Activity (fundraising) Account. The cost of transportation is \$1,700.00 and will be charged to 15-000-270000-512A-52-0000 (PAAAS Principal Field Trips). Availability of funds has been verified.

(8) Two River Theater, Red Bank, NJ – August Wilson’s “JITNEY”

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

To improve the academic performance of all students in PPS.

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

RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students are academically successful and reach their full potential. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring that all students (inclusive of English Language Learners and Special Education Students) meet the New Jersey core curriculum Content Standard for optimal academic achievement and life-long success.

Eighty (80) students and eight (8) chaperones enrolled in Theater Arts courses at PAAAS & PHS will travel to the Two River Theater Company located at 21 Bridge Avenue in Red Bank, NJ on February 16, 2012 to witness a 10:00 am matinee performance of August Wilson’s Jitney directed by Ruben Santiago-Hudson in association with Black History Month and in complement to their classroom objectives and activities. The production features a veteran cast of actors performing in a beautifully built facility. Two River Theater will provide 50 free tickets and the 30 remaining tickets will be purchased between the two schools at a rate of \$15.00 per ticket for a total cost of \$450.00. Transportation will be provided by Queen City Tours, Inc. Departure is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. with a return time of 1:40 p.m.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves eighty (80) students and eight (8) chaperones to attend a Two River Theater Company performance of August Wilson’s Jitney on February 16, 2012. The total cost of admission and transportation (\$925.00) for PAAAS will be charged to account number 15-000-270000-512A-52-0000 (PAAAS Principal Field Trips). The total cost of admission and transportation (\$925.00) for PHS will be charged to account number 15-000-270000-512A-25-0000 (PHS Principal Field Trips).

(9) 2012 Disney World Educational Group Activities, Lake Buena Vista, FL

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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

RESOLUTION

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The Plainfield High School Senior Class has been going on senior trips since 1990. This field trip will expand the students' learning beyond the walls of the classroom into the vast community outside. 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 designs. The Coordinator of Educational Activities has invited the Class of 2012 to attend their 2012 Disney World Educational Group Activities in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. Eighty (80) students and six (6) chaperones will attend this special event.

Eighty (80) seniors and six (6) chaperones will attend the 2012 Disney World Educational Group Activities from Friday, May 18, 2012 to Wednesday, May 23, 2012. Departure is scheduled from Plainfield High School parking lot on Friday, May 18, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. The return is scheduled for Wednesday, May 23, 2012 at 11:35 p.m. The cost for transportation (airfare) and lodging per student and per chaperone is \$750.00. Transportation to the Philadelphia Airport will be provided by an Queen City Bus Tours.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approve for eighty (80) seniors and six (6) chaperones to attend the 2012 Disney World Educational Activities from Friday, May 18, 2012 to Wednesday, May 23, 2012, not to exceed \$60,000.00. Transportation to Philadelphia Airport will be provided by Queen City Bus Tours, at a rate not to exceed \$3,200.00 and charged to account 15-190-100018-500A-25-0000 (PHS Principal Field Trip). The cost of transportation (airfare) and lodging will be charged to Plainfield High School General Fund. The availability of funds for this item have been verified.

(10) Field Trips for Inclusion in 2011-2012 Curriculum Guides (AMENDED)

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

The Interim 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 field trips which are in compliance with both and will be reflected in the curriculum guides for the 2011-2012 school year. The bolded location was excluded from the June 21, 2011 Curriculum & Instruction agenda item.

LOCATION	CITY, STATE
A&P Food Store	South Plainfield, NJ
Adventure Aquarium	Camden, NJ
AFJROTC Bridgeton High School	Bridgeton, NJ
AFJROTC Jackson Memorial High School	Jackson, NJ
AFJROTC McGuire Air Force Base	Fort Dix, NJ
AFJROTC Passaic High School	Passaic, NJ
AFJROTC Drill Competition	NJ (location to be determined)
Alstede Farms	Chester, NJ
AMC Loews Theatre	Mountainside, NJ
Annual African American Heritage Parade	Newark, NJ
Annual Fall Leadership Connection Conference	Edison, NJ
Antonio Casola Farms	Holmdel, NJ
Barlow Elementary School	Plainfield, NJ
Berkeley College	Woodbridge, NJ
Bloomfield College	Bloomfield, NJ
Brookdale Community College	Lincroft, NJ
Buehler Challenger and Science Center	Paramus, NJ
Caldwell College	Caldwell, NJ
Camden Aquarium	Camden, NJ
Camp Bernie	Port Murray, NJ
Career Council, Inc.	NJ (location to be determined)
Cathedral International Church	Plainfield, NJ
Cedarbrook K-8 Center	Plainfield, NJ
Cedar Brook Park	Plainfield, NJ

Centenary College	Hackettstown, NJ
Chinese Buffet	South Plainfield, NJ
City Hall	Plainfield, NJ
City of Plainfield Senior Citizen Center	Plainfield, NJ
Clinton K-8 Center	Plainfield, NJ
Coco Water Park	Mt. Laurel, NJ
College of New Jersey	Ewing, NJ
College of St. Elizabeth	Morristown, NJ
Cook K-7 Center	Plainfield, NJ
Cracker Barrel Restaurant and Store	Clinton, NJ
Crossroads Theatre	New Brunswick, NJ
Crowne Plaza	Monroe Township and Cherry Hill, NJ
DeVry Institute of Technology	North Brunswick, NJ
DeVry University	North Brunswick, NJ
Drake House	Plainfield, NJ
Drumthwacket, (Governor's Mansion)	Princeton, NJ
Dunellen Theatre and Cinema Café	Dunellen, NJ
Edison Bowling Center	Edison, NJ
Edison Exposition – Raritan Center	Edison, NJ
Edison National Historic Site	Edison, NJ
Emerson Elementary School	Plainfield, NJ
Essex County College	Edison, NJ
Evergreen Elementary School	Plainfield, NJ
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Madison and Teaneck, NJ
Felician College	Lodi, NJ
Franklin Mineral Museum and Mine	Franklin, NJ
George Street Playhouse	New Brunswick, NJ
Giovanna's	Plainfield, NJ
Green Brook Park	Plainfield, NJ
Green Meadows Farm	Hazlet, NJ
Grounds for Sculpture	Hamilton, NJ
Grover Cleveland Birthplace State Historic Site	Caldwell, NJ
Hartwyck Nursing Home	Plainfield, NJ
HBCU College Fair	Raritan, NJ
Hub Stine Field	Plainfield, NJ
Hubbard Middle School	Plainfield, NJ
Imagine That!	Florham Park, NJ
In-District School Exchange Program	Plainfield, NJ
J&J Enrichment Program	No. Brunswick, NJ
Jefferson Elementary School	Plainfield, NJ
Jenkinson's Aquarium	Point Pleasant, NJ
Jr. Statesmen of America / Debate Team	NJ (location to be determined)
Kean University	Union, NJ
Kidz Village	Kenilworth, NJ
Kingston Quarry	Kingston, NJ
Land of Make Believe	Hope, NJ
LensCrafters	Springfield, NJ
Liberty Science Center	Jersey City, NJ
Maggiano's	Bridgewater, NJ

Maxson Middle School	Plainfield, NJ
Meadowlands Race Track	East Rutherford, NJ
Middlesex County College	Edison, NJ
McCarter Theatre	Princeton, NJ
Montclair Art Museum	Montclair, NJ
Montclair State University	Montclair, NJ
National Honor Society Community Service	NJ (location to be determined)
National Latino/Hispanic College Fair, Inc.	NJ (location to be determined)
New Jersey Children's Museum	Paramus, NJ
New Jersey City University	Jersey City, NJ
New Jersey Institute of Technology	Newark, NJ
Newark Museum	Newark, NJ
NJ Marine Sciences Consortium	Sandy Hook, NJ
NJ Museum of Agriculture	North Brunswick, NJ
NJ Performing Arts Center	Newark, NJ
NJAA Community Service Project Program	Rutherford, NJ
NJIT	Newark, NJ
Old Barracks Museum	Trenton, NJ
Plainfield Academy for the Arts & Advanced Studies (PAAAS)	Plainfield, NJ
Paper Mill Playhouse	Millburn, NJ
PETCO	Watchung, NJ
Plainfield Fire Department	Plainfield, NJ
Plainfield High School	Plainfield, NJ
Plainfield Municipal Court	Plainfield, NJ
Plainfield Police Department	Plainfield, NJ
Plainfield Post Office	Plainfield, NJ
Plainfield Public Library	Plainfield, NJ
Plainfield West Tower Senior Citizen Center/Community Service	Plainfield, NJ
Point Pleasant Beach	Point Pleasant, NJ
Ramapo College	Mahwah, NJ
Raritan Valley Community College	Branchburg, NJ
Red Mill Museum Village	Clinton, NJ
Rahway High School	Rahway, NJ
Regal Hadley Theater	South Plainfield, NJ
Richard Stockton College	Pomona, NJ
Rider College	Lawrenceville, NJ
Robert Wood Foundation	North Brunswick, NJ
Robotics Regional Competition Event	Trenton, NJ
ROTC Drill Competition	New Jersey
Rowan University	Glassboro, NJ
Rutgers Theatre Company	New Brunswick, NJ
Rutgers University	New Brunswick, Piscataway & Newark, NJ
Saint Peter's College	Jersey City, NJ
Sam Sahara's Water Park	Mt. Laurel, NJ
Schaefer Farms	Flemington, NJ
Seton Hall University	South Orange, NJ
Six Flags Great Adventure	Jackson, NJ
Skate 22 Roller Skating Rink	Union, NJ

Somerset Patriots Stadium	Bridgewater, NJ
South Orange Performing Arts Center – SOPAC	South Orange, NJ
State Theatre	New Brunswick, NJ
Stevens Institute of Technology	Hoboken, NJ
Stillman Elementary School	Plainfield, NJ
Stony Hill Farm	Morristown, NJ
Strike & Spare Bowling Lanes	Green Brook, NJ
The Community Theatre	Morristown, NJ
Thomas Edison Historical Museum	West Orange, NJ
Trailside Nature Center	Mountainside, NJ
Trenton Museum	Trenton, NJ
Trenton State House	Trenton, NJ
Turtle Back Zoo	West Orange, NJ
Union County College	Cranford, NJ
Union County Performing Arts Center	Rahway, NJ
Wightman Farms	Morristown, NJ

B. Assemblies

(1) Ebony Brass Quintet – Plainfield High School

Strategic Plan Link:

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In celebration of Black History Month, the Ebony Brass Quintet will perform at Plainfield High School. The Ebony Brass Quintet will focus on African American jazz. African American jazz is a musical style that originated at the beginning of the 20th century in African American communities in the southern United States. It was born out of a mix of African and European music traditions. Its West African pedigree is evident in its use of blue notes, improvisation, polyrhythms, syncopation, call-response and the swung notes. There was a resurgence of interest in jazz and other forms of African American cultural expressions during the Black Arts Movement and the celebration of Black History month. In 1987, the United States House of Representatives and United States Senate passed a bill that defined African American jazz as a unique form of American music and designated jazz as a rare and valuable national American treasure.

The Ebony Brass Quintet will perform on Monday, February 27, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at Plainfield High School. Included in their performance is the history of jazz and the contributions of various jazz musicians.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approve for the Ebony Brass Quintet to perform on Monday, February 27, 2012 at Plainfield High School not to exceed \$1,000.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-190-100018-500A-25-0000 (High School Other Purchase Services).

(2) Bureau of Lectures & Concert Artists, Inc. - Wonders of the Rainforest Assembly

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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

RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential as productive citizens. To this end, the Bureau of Lectures & Concert Artists provides educational and amazingly entertaining programs.

Bureau of Lectures & Concert Artists, Inc. has agreed to present two (2) outstanding performances to the entire student population, approximately 605 students at Cedarbrook K-8 Center. **Wonders of the Rainforest**, a highly entertaining and educational performance that allows the students an opportunity to meet some of the world's exciting and fascinating Rainforest Animals on May 30, 2012; and on June 4, 2012, Direct from Kenya -The African Acrobats, a multicultural performance exhibiting African Acrobatics, that will feature everything from Contortions, Balancing and Hoop Diving to Human Pyramid Building. The African Acrobats performance will encourage celebration of African-American heritage and awareness.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approve payment for two (2) performances, the first on May 30, 2012 and the second on June 4, 2012 by Bureau of Lectures & Concert Artists. Total cost of both performances is \$1,540.00, to be charged to 15-190-100001-500A-13-0000 (Cedarbrook Other Purchased Services). Availability of funds for this item has been verified.

(3) Jubilation Choir – Plainfield High School

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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

RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education 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.

In celebration of Black History Month, the Jubilation Choir will perform at Plainfield High School. The Jubilation Choir will focus on African American Folk Music. African American Folk Music is viewed as an original historical source. It reflects the diverse thoughts and attitudes of those who live it, perform it and listen to it. African American Folk Music presents emotions, insights and viewpoints that historical documents lack. For hundreds of years, African American Folk Music has addressed social and political conditions. The Jubilation Choir will perform on Friday, February 24, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at Plainfield High School.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approve for the Jubilation Choir to perform on Friday, February 24, 2012 at Plainfield High School not to exceed \$2,000.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-190-100018-500A-25-0000 (High School Other Purchase Services).

C. Professional Development

(1) SPECIAL EDUCATION: Smart IEPs, Teams and Teacher,

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 2: Human Resources

To improve the recruitment, retention and development of district staff

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

RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that a highly qualified competent, skilled and dedicated workforce is essential to the success of the district and the students. Therefore, the Plainfield Public Schools does both require and encourage employees to take continuing education courses to improve their professional knowledge, maintain professional credentials and to operate most effectively and efficiently in the delivery of services to the children of the district.

In order for the Plainfield Board of Education to be in compliance with Indicator 9 of the State Performance Plan: Disproportionality in Special Education by Race/Ethnicity; Child Study Team members, Special Education Teachers, and In-Class Support Teachers will participate in a workshop entitled SPECIAL EDUCATION: Smart IEPs, Teams and Teacher. Comegno Law Group, of Morristown, NJ, will provide information regarding how to quickly deal with special education issues from the classroom through litigation. Participants will be informed about the eligibility, evaluation, and classification process, and the implementation and disciplinary difficulties. Administrators, case managers, and teachers will learn how to efficiently and compliantly resolve disputes. Comegno Law Group will provide professional development on March 5, 2012 from 8:00 am - 3:30 pm to child study team members, special education teachers and in class support teachers.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the Comegno Law Group, of Morristown, NJ, to provide professional development on March 5, 2012 from 8:00 am - 3:30 pm to child study team members, special education teachers and in-class support teachers at a cost of \$2,000.00 for the day. Availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charge to account 20-253-100000-101S-32-0001IDEA.

(2) 2012 NJ Speech-Hearing-Language Association Annual Convention, Long Branch, NJ

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 2: Learning Outcomes

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

Vinette Klisch, Speech/language Therapist will attend the 2012 New Jersey Speech-Language – hearing Annual Convention on April 19, 2012 and April 20, 2012 in Long Branch, NJ. Attendance at the conference is required in order to maintain national certification which is required by Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) and for Plainfield public Schools to receive reimbursement for speech/language services that are provided to Medicaid eligible students. The conference will offer a full range of workshops needed for the therapists to acquire the ten(10) hours of course work as needed to maintain national American Speech-Language hearing Association (ASHA) certification. The cost of the two-day conference is \$275.00 for registration.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Vinette Klisch, Speech/Language Therapist to attend to 2012 New Jersey Speech-Hearing Language Association Annual Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey on April 19, 2012 and April 20, 2012 at a cost of \$275.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account line 20-251-100000-320A-32-0000 (IDEA Educ. Instruc. Consultant).

(3) The NJTESOL-BE Annual Spring Conference, New Brunswick, NJ

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Human Resources

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

The New Jersey Teachers to Speakers of Other Languages and Bilingual Educators (NJTESOL-BE) is a professional organization devoted to representing and servicing the English Language Learners and Bilingual Education professionals of the state of New Jersey. This conference will provide an opportunity to engage its attendees in numerous workshops and exhibitions. This conference allows teachers to network with other ESL/Bilingual educators from across the nation. NJTESOL-BE's mission is to:

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves one (1) administrator, and (thirteen) 13 ESL Coordinators to The NJTESOL/NJBE Annual Spring Conference on May 30-31, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency, New Brunswick, NJ to attend both days; fifteen (15) ESL teachers and fifteen (15) Bilingual teachers will be able to attend one of the two days. Early registration for Non-members is \$154.00 (one day), \$234.00 (two days); members - \$119.00 (one day) 199.00 (two days). Membership fee is \$35.00. Total of forty-four (44) educators; total cost not to exceed \$7896, to be charged to account 20-244-200000-500X-39-0000 (T3 Conference Fees – Prof. Dev.) The availability of funds for this item has been verified.

(4) 2012 National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) Annual Meeting and Exposition, Philadelphia, PA

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 2: Human Resources

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

The Assistant Superintendent, along with the following to be determined district staff; two (2) building administrators, two (2) math supervisors, and three (3) teachers will attend the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Annual Meeting and Exposition at the Philadelphia Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA from April 25-28, 2012. The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics is a public voice of mathematics education supporting teachers to ensure equitable mathematics learning of the highest quality for all students through vision, leadership, professional development and research.

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Annual Meeting and Exposition will offer more than 700 presentations, including Learn-Reflect Strand sessions dedicated to technology. And you won't want to miss the Annual Meeting exhibit hall with cutting-edge vendors who bring the latest and greatest innovations to your classroom. By attending this conference, participants will:

- Engage in meaningful discussions on a wide variety of topics to enrich leadership, knowledge and skills,
- Receive resources, programs, and materials from vendors to help achieve success in the schools,
- Network with other educators and meet new colleagues,
- Learn from powerful keynote speakers.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the Asst. Superintendent, along with the following to be determined staff; two (2) building administrators, two (2) math supervisors, and three (3) teachers to attend the 2012 National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Annual Meeting and Exposition at the Philadelphia Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA from April 25-28, 2012 at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00 (per person) for registration, room, board, and all convention fees. The total cost not to exceed \$12,000. The availability of funds for this Professional Development has been verified using FY12 Title IIA 200-500 and 200-580 accounts.

**(5) Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) Annual Conference,
Philadelphia, PA**

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

This district has identified a need to strengthen the leadership skills of administrators, school faculty, as well as the student body. Attendance at this conference will help provide practical lessons for leaders, and improve teaching and learning. By exposure to the workshops led by nationally recognized researchers/presenters, they will be able to turnkey the information obtained to support the teaching staff.

As approved and stated in the FY12 Perkins Grant, the group that will represent the CTE team consist of four (4) teachers (Joan Cansdale, Jerry Lester, Lenny Jimenez, 4th teacher TBD); and two (2) administrators (Angela Bento, Dion Roach). The team has direct involvement with the approved programs offered in the Plainfield School District as stated in the NJDOE approved five-year CTE Plan and is budgeted through the Perkins Grant.

An additional group that will attend will consist of the Assistant Superintendent, four (4) middle school teachers (Dionne Allen, William Wessells, Melissa Washington, Michele Ginn); and two (2) middle school building administrators (Joi Bethea, Kwame Asante). The funding will be provided through the verified accounts below.

The groups will attend the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) Annual Conference from March 24-26, 2012, in Philadelphia, PA to improve understanding of and build internal capacity in the areas of: *instructional practices, instructional leadership, student learning goals—supporting student learning needs, educating the whole child, closing achievement gaps, school leadership that works, and brain-based education*. The cost per person includes: air/ground transportation - \$100, registration and workshop fees \$500, hotel +13% tax - \$548.00 for four nights, total food allowance - \$264 per person; for a total cost of \$1412.00 per person.

ASCD was founded in 1943 as a membership organization and is a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization. The conference will engage participants in educational topics such as “Making Co-Teaching Work,” Building Background Knowledge for Academic Achievement, and Engaging and Nurturing High Intellectual Performance Among Urban Students”. The workshops will also provide resources and relationships building between Plainfield and international and national educators.

ASCD) Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA (cont'd)

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves thirteen (13) PPS employees (8 teachers, 4 administrators, the Assistant Superintendent) to attend the ASCD Annual Conference from March 24-26, 2012 in Philadelphia, PA; for all aspects of effective teaching and learning not to exceed \$1,412.00 per person. The availability of funds for this Professional Development has been verified and will be budgeted through the Perkins Grant account 20-361-200000-580P-0000 (PERKINS TRAVEL) and the FY12 Title IIA 200-500 and 200-580 accounts.

(6) Public School Bidding - Rutgers University Continuing Studies

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 3: Business Operations

To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of business operations.

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

RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, the specific focus is the step-by-step process of public school bidding and quotations for goods and services and public work construction bids, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Yolanda Henry to attend the Public School Bidding workshop to be held at Rutgers Continuing Studies, in New Brunswick, New Jersey on April 11, 2012 at a cost not to exceed \$215.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 11-000-251000-592T-04-00000 (Purchased Services).

(7) “Leading, Teaching Caring! NJSSNA 2012 Weekend Conference” – March 23-24, 2012

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 2: Human Resources

To improve recruitment, retention and development of district staff.

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

RESOLUTION

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

In an effort to meet the mandates of the New Jersey Department of Education and provide quality professional development opportunities for District School Nurses, the following school nurses Karen Trammell, Marilyn Eagles, Sharlenia Robinson, Donna Moreen, Tammy Smith, Charmaine Hunter, and Marge Leonard and the following preschool nurses Adele Pudner and Ellen Frey will attend the “Leading, Teaching Caring! NJSSNA 2012 Weekend Conference” in New Brunswick, NJ on March 23-24, 2012, Friday after school hours and on Saturday. The statewide conference is sponsored by the New Jersey State School Nurses Association (NJSSNA).

This conference is designed to improve and enhance school nursing skills through various topics relating to school health. This year’s focus is on chronic health conditions and ways to help students achieve by staying healthy.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the following school nurses: Karen Trammell - Cook K-7 Center; Marilyn Eagles - Evergreen Elementary School; Sharlenia Robinson and Donna Moreen - Plainfield High School; Tammy Smith - Stillman School; Charmaine Hunter – Emerson School; and Marge Leonard – Jefferson School; Adele Pudner and Ellen Frey – Preschool Nurses to attend the Leading, Teaching Caring! NJSSNA 2012 Weekend Conference New Brunswick, NJ on March 23-24, 2012. The NJSSNA member conference registration fee is \$199.00 and non-member conference registration fee is \$250.00. The availability of funds has been verified and will be charged to accounts: 15-204-100101-500A-15-0000 (15LDPURSVC) (F.W. Cook K-7 Center) \$199, 15-190-100018-500A-17-0000 (Evergreen School) \$199, 5-190-100001-320a-25-0000 (PHS Prof Services) \$335.35 and 15-190-100018-500a-25-0000 (HS other purchase) \$128.65 (Plainfield High School), 15-000-221000-320A-20-0000 Stillman School \$265, 15-190-1018-320A-16-0000 Emerson Educational Consultant \$199, 15-000-223000-390A-18-0000 (Jefferson Training Professional and Technical Svcs) (Jefferson School) \$265, 20-218-200000-329A-34-0000 (ECPA Other Purchasing Professional). The mileage (Preschool) for reimbursement (not to exceed \$10.00 each) will be charged to account 20-218-200000-580A-34-0000 (ECE Travel). Availability of funds for both accounts has been verified.

(8) National Art Educator's Annual Conference 2012, New York, NY

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

Erin Blaine and Paola Rached, PAAAS graphic and visual art teachers will attend the National Art Educator's Annual Conference 2012, Emerging Perspectives held on March 1-4, 2012 in New York City. This conference will promote the highest possible degree of quality instruction in the visual and graphic arts programs throughout New Jersey in the following ways:

1. Timely and proven practices for helping students achieve 21st-century goals of developing creativity and innovation.
2. Learning strategies and tools for developing 'imagination' skills.
3. Greater expertise in interdisciplinary learning; making connections between art curriculum goals and skills students need to succeed in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).
4. Understanding of the latest scientific research on how the arts inform the highest level of scientific creativity.
5. Creative thinking strategies from the world of neuroscience.
6. Insight into the creative processes of contemporary artists.
7. Valuable resources, curriculum, and program ideas to help PAAAS build its visual and graphic art program.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Plainfield Academy for the Arts and Advanced Studies teachers, Erin Blaine and Paola Rached to attend "Emerging Perspectives" Conference on March 1-4, 2012. The total cost for registration is \$330 (\$165 per person). Availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to the following account 15-0000-220000-320A-52-0000 (PAAAS Professional Services).

(9) BULLYING PREVENTION SUMMIT, Monroe Township, NJ

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

Goal 2: Human Resources

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

Mr. Wilson A. Martinez, Vice Principal and Mrs. Sandra Dabney, Guidance Counselor at Cedarbrook K-8 Center will attend the Bullying Prevention Summit in Monroe Township, New Jersey, sponsored by New Jersey Principal and Supervisor Association (NJPSA) on April 17, 2012.

Attendance at this conference will provide further knowledge of identifying warning signs and characteristics of bullies and their targets. This day-long series of presentations from authors and researchers will focus on three critical issues facing our students-bullying prevention, suicide prevention and teen dating violence. This registration fee is \$75.00 per person.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approve Mr. Wilson Martinez, Vice Principal and Mrs. Sandra Dabney, Guidance Counselor from Cedarbrook K-8 Center to attend the Bullying Prevention Summit in Monroe Township, New Jersey on April 17, 2012. The registration fee totals \$150.00 (\$75.00 per person) and will be charged to account 15-000-221000-320A-13-0000 (Cedarbrook Instruct Educ Improv Svc). Availability of funds for this item has been verified.

(10) Advanced iPad Training, Monroe Township, NJ

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 2: Human Resources

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

Dr. Anthony Jenkins, Principal and Mrs. Rosa Salinas, of Washington Community School will attend the "Advanced iPad Training" workshop on February 23, 2012 in Monroe Township, New Jersey. This advanced iPad training will emphasize the important role school administrators play in blending the learning sciences with technology to create engaging, relevant, and personalized learning experiences. The program will focus on the following: creating an electronic walkthrough observation template specific to your district; using technology to lead and create professional learning networks; learning how to design instruction to increase student engagement; using social media to create a positive image of your school/district; and much more. The cost of the workshop is \$147 per person.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Dr. Anthony Jenkins, Principal of Washington Community School to attend the "Advanced iPad Training" workshop on February 23, 2012 in Monroe Township, New Jersey at a total cost of \$147.00. The availability of funds for these items has been verified and will be charged to account: 15-000-221000-320A-21-0000 (Purchased Prof.-Education Serv.)

(11) **NJAHPERD Workshop**

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

Plainfield High School Physical Education teachers (Diane Lee, Veronica Taylor, Esta Perle, Shauna Viebrock and Keith Butler) and Hubbard Middle School Dance Teacher, Ellen Schwartz will attend the New Jersey Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Convention (NJAHPERD) on March 5, 2012 in Long Branch, New Jersey.

The Association fosters excellence in the area of Physical and Health Education by providing educational opportunities and information on current programs in the state of New Jersey. The workshops will focus on lifetime sports and activities, health, inclusion and many other topics to provide educators with 21st Century resources.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Plainfield High School Physical Education Teachers, Diane Lee, Veronica Taylor, Esta Perle, Shauna Viebrock and Keith Butler; and Hubbard School Dance Teacher Ellen Schwartz to attend the NJAHPERD Convention in Long Branch, New Jersey on March 5, 2012 (PHS), and March 5-6, 2012 (Hubbard). The cost of registration for Plainfield High School is \$300.00 (\$60.00 per person), and will be charged to 15-190-100018-500A-25-0000 (High School Other Purchase Services). The cost for Hubbard School is \$110.00 which includes all workshops, keynote addresses and general attendance for entire conference and will be charged to account 15-190-1000018-320A-23-0000 (Hubbard Professional Ed Service). Transportation will be paid by staff and reimbursed by the District in accordance with District procedures. The availability of funds has been verified.

(12) NJ Music Educators Association Annual Conference: *Music Lasts A Lifetime 2012*, East Brunswick, NJ

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 2: Human Resources

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

Vocal and Instrumental Music teachers from Hubbard Middle School - Jessica LaPine and Christopher Dalton; and from Cedarbrook K-8 Center - Tanya Magalif and Leslie Young, will attend the New Jersey Music Educators Association Annual Conference *Music Lasts A Lifetime 2012* at the Hilton Hotel in East Brunswick, New Jersey on February 23-25, 2012 with a pre-registration deadline of February 10, 2012. This conference is a professional development consisting of workshops hosted by professional musicians and music educators focusing on classroom music, multicultural music, technology, and integrating music in literacy, mathematics, science, writing, and performing musicals.

New Jersey Music Educator Association conference (NJMEA) is a symposium that provides teachers with wealth information in teaching general and instrumental music to students, which assist in shaping students' success in learning, in developing students' intelligence, and becoming successful citizens in our global world.

This conference will:

- ❖ Address NJCCCS in Music using hands-on activities
- ❖ Provide resources and knowledge to generate new and existing standards-based lessons
- ❖ Creatively use instructional strategies that support effective music learning, as well as provide for integration of other curriculum content areas with music
- ❖ Allow teachers to network with other educators
- ❖ Provide valuable material and resources that can be used in classrooms immediately
- ❖ Assist in Professional Improvement Plans Obligation

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Hubbard Middle School vocal and instrumental music teachers Jessica LaPine, and Christopher Dalton; Cedarbrook K-8 Center vocal and instrumental teachers – Tanya Magalif and Leslie Young to attend the New Jersey Music Educators Association Annual Conference *Music Lasts A Lifetime 2012* at the Hilton Hotel in East

NJ Music Educators Association Annual Conference: *Music Lasts A Lifetime 2012* (contd.)

Brunswick, New Jersey on February 23-25, 2012 with a pre-registration date of February 10, 2012. The registration fee is \$185.00 per person for a total not to exceed \$370.00 per school. Hubbard will charge account 15-190-1000018-320A-23-0000 (Hubbard Professional Ed Service); and Cedarbrook will charge 15-000-221000-320A-13-0000 (Cedarbrook Instruct Educ Improv Svc). The availability of funds for this item has been verified.

(13) 2012 Conference for New Jersey Kindergarten Teachers, Atlantic City, NJ

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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

RESOLUTION

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 staff members to participate in out of district Professional Development opportunities. The District has identified a need to improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS.

2012 Conference for New Jersey Kindergarten Teachers will take place at Bally's Atlantic City on NJ on Friday, February 24, 2012. Attendance at this conference will help provide support in providing a developmentally sound academic program to improve teaching and learning for our students. By exposure to the workshops led by nationally recognized researchers/presenters, this district will then turnkey the information obtained and learned in an effort to support the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Beatriz Bolaños and Whitney Jenkins, Kindergarten Teachers at Stillman School to attend the 2012 Conference for New Jersey Kindergarten Teachers in Atlantic City, NJ on Friday, February 24, 2012. Registration fees totaling \$438 will be deducted from account 15-000-221000-320A-20-0000 (Stillman Instruct Imprv Educ Svc). The method of transportation will be via automobile to and from the workshop. Reimbursement will be given for mileage. The availability of funds for this item has been verified.

(14) Neuropsychology of Learning Disabilities on Executive Function

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 2: Human Resources

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

A member from the Special Education Administration and Two (2) Child Study Team psychologists will attend a workshop entitled "*Neuropsychology of Learning Disabilities and Executive Function*." "Executive Function" is a term used to describe a set of mental processes that helps us connect past experience with present action. We use executive function when we perform such activities as planning, organizing, strategizing and paying attention to and remembering details. Participants in this workshop will gain knowledge and skills in understanding executive function as it relates to students with disabilities and their learning processes Participants in this workshop will learn how executive function affect learning, the warning signs of executive function problems, how problems with executive function are identified and strategies to help students with executive function.

Antoinette Adams, Vice Principal Special Education, Kanan Shah and Cassie Balant, School Psychologists, will attend the Neuropsychology of Learning Disabilities on Executive Function on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at Union County Educational Service Commission at a cost of \$425 for a group of three (3).

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the following: Antoinette Adams, Vice Principal Special Education, Kanan Shah and Cassie Balant, School Psychologists will attend the Neuropsychology of Learning Disabilities on Executive Function on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at Union County Educational Service Commission at a cost of \$425 for a group of 3, not to exceed a total \$425.00. The availability of funds for these items has been verified and will be charged to the following account 20-252-200000-320A-32-0000 IDEA/CO.

(15) 2012 Horizon Users Group 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 Interim Superintendent of Schools the authority to employ non-administrative and administrative staff members to participate in out-of-district professional development opportunities.

WHEREAS, the specific focus of the workshop is to focus on the concerns from users and how to get the most out of the food service management system, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Ryan Sears to attend the 2012 Horizon Users Group Conference to be held in Stone Mountain, Georgia on March 20–21, 2012, at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00 (includes hotel, meals and registration) and will be charged to account 11-000-251000-592T-04-00000 (Purchased Services).

(16) National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) Annual Conference, Tampa, FL

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

This district has identified a need to strengthen leadership skills. Attendance at this conference will help provide practical lessons for leaders, and improve teaching and learning. By exposure to the workshops led by nationally recognized researchers/presenters, they will be able to turnkey the information obtained to support the teaching staff.

As approved and stated in the FY12 Perkins Grant, the group that will represent the CTE team consists of one (1) Secondary School Principal (Angela Bento), one (1) Secondary School Vice Principal (Deborah Celestand), and one (1) Lead Teacher (Joan Cansdale). The team has direct involvement with the approved programs offered in the Plainfield School District as stated in the NJDOE approved five-year CTE Plan and is budgeted through the Perkins Grant.

The team will attend National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) Annual Conference from March 8-10, 2012, in Tampa, Florida to improve understanding of and build internal capacity in the areas of: *Instructional practices, Instructional leadership, team building leadership, student learning goals-supporting student learning needs, educating the whole child, closing achievement gaps, school leadership that works, and brain-based education*. The cost per person includes: air/ground transportation - \$275, registration and workshop fees \$500, hotel +13% tax - \$448.00 for four nights, total food allowance - \$204 per person; for a total cost of \$1427.00 per person.

NASSP was founded in 1916, as a membership organization and is a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization. The organization is recognized throughout the education community for school reform that focuses on the Breaking Ranks Framework. The conference will engage participants in educational topics such as "Breaking Ranks School Showcase," "Out of Our Minds: Learning to be Creative", "Leadership and Learning 2012: What's New about Change Leadership", and "The Common Core Standards Are Not So Common". The workshops will also provide resources and relationships building between Plainfield and international and national educators.

National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) Annual Conference, (contd.)

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves three (3) PPS employees (1 Secondary School Principal, 1 Secondary Vice Principal, 1 Lead Teacher) to attend the NASSP Annual Conference from March 8-10, 2012, in Tampa, FL; for all aspects of effective teaching and learning, not to exceed \$1,427.00 per person. The conference will be budgeted through the Perkins Grant account 20-361-200000-580P-0000 (PERKINS TRAVEL); the availability of funds has been verified.

(17) 51st Annual Directors of Athletics Association of New Jersey Workshop, Atlantic City

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 2: Human Resources

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

The Plainfield Public School Districts Administrative Services Department administrative staff (Daniel Cone, Vice Principal of Student Athletics and Support Services) will attend the 51st Annual Directors of Athletics Association of New Jersey Workshop to improve understanding of and build internal capacity in the areas of:

- Increasing the working knowledge and competencies in athletic administration
- Instructional leadership

RESOLVED, the Plainfield Board of Education approves Daniel Cone to attend the 51st Annual Directors of Athletics Association Workshop in Atlantic City, NJ from March 14-17 2012; cost of trip not to exceed \$500. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 11-000-240000-500T-27-0000 (Athletic Travel)

(18) International Reading Association's (IRA) 57th Annual Convention – Chicago, IL

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

This district has identified a need to strengthen the leadership skills of administrators, school faculty, as well as the student body. Attendance at this conference will help provide practical lessons for leaders, and improve teaching and learning. By exposure to the workshops led by nationally recognized researchers/presenters, they will be able to turnkey the information obtained to support the teaching staff.

The Assistant Superintendent, along with the two (2) literacy supervisors, to be determined, will attend the International Reading Association's (IRA) 57th Annual Convention at the McCormick Place Convention Center West Building and the Hyatt Regency McCormick, in Chicago, IL, April 29 – May 2, 2012.

The IRA Convention provides exceptional professional development and a wide range of sessions with diverse perspectives on literacy instruction and research. This year's theme *Celebrating Teaching*, was chosen to honor the many contributions classroom teachers, reading teachers, and literacy instructional leaders make every day to their students' literacy achievement. The main stage speakers this year are Dr. Steve Perry, whose philosophy, *"It's not where you start, but where you end"*, and Mr. Ron Clark, who consistently delivers a message of hope, with a *'never-say-never'* attitude of dedication and hope. There will be many opportunities to engage in workshops, author sessions and luncheons, featured speakers, as well as, research sessions. This conference will include multiple thematic strands of sessions focusing on current literacy topics that include:

- Early literacy, comprehension and critical thinking, adolescent/adult literacy
- Instruction for English Language Learners
- Culturally responsive teaching, and the Common Core

International Reading Association's (IRA) 57th Annual Convention – Chicago, IL (contd.)

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the Asst. Superintendent, along with two (2) literacy supervisors, to be determined, to attend the IRA 57th Annual Convention at the McCormick Place Convention Center West Building and the Hyatt Regency McCormick, in Chicago, IL, April 29 – May 2, 2012, at a cost not to exceed \$2,250.00 per person; this includes travel, registration, room, board, and all convention fees. The total cost not to exceed \$6,750.00. The availability of funds for this Professional Development has been verified and will be budgeted through the FY12 Title IIA 200-500 and 200-580 accounts.

(19) Common Core Training

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

RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that a highly qualified, competent, skilled, and dedicated workforce is essential to the success of the District and the students. Therefore, it has provided the Interim Superintendent of Schools the authority to employ staff members to perform additional assignments within our District.

Due to Common Core Standards changes and the implementation of new standards, beginning September 2012; and to support further student understanding in the common core subjects (literacy, mathematics, science and social studies) as well as, build teacher pedagogy and understanding the new standards, the Office of Educational Services requests to provide afterschool workshops for grades K-12. These workshops will consist of one hundred thirty (130) teachers (representing each school and each core subject) with a stipend of \$28.00 per hour for a total not to exceed six (6) hours. Educational Services will also develop 35 facilitators (representing each school) for continued support after the initial common core training, with a stipend of \$28.00 per hour for a total not to exceed twelve (12) hours - six (6) hours of instruction and six (6) hours for preparation.

Common Core Standards - 2012

One hundred thirty (130) teachers in grades K-12 will attend six (6) sessions on Common Core Standards to support September 2012 change of practice/integration of new standards. The workshop will take place after school from 3:05 PM - 4:35 PM, once per week for six (6) weeks.

Thirty-five (35) facilitators (representing each school) will conduct six (6) sessions on Common Core Standards; as an on-going support for the newly implemented September 2012 change/integration of new standards. These sessions will be on an on-going basis afterschool from 3:05 PM – 4:35 PM once per week for six (6) weeks.

Common Core Training (contd.)

Program	Number of Staff	Total Number of Hours Per Individual	Stipend Per Person	Not To Exceed A Total Of
Common Core Standards Training K-12	130 Teachers	6	\$28.00	\$21,840.00
Common Core Standards Training K-12	35 Facilitators	12	\$28.00	\$11,760.00
			TOTAL	<u>\$33,600.00</u>

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the Common Core training to support September 2012 change of practice/integration of new core standards for a total of one hundred thirty (130) teachers in grades K-12 at a cost not to exceed \$21,840.00; thirty-five (35) facilitators at a cost not to exceed \$11,760.00; for a total cost not to exceed \$33,600. Funds have been verified and will be charged to NCLB account 20-272-200000-101A-26-0000 (Teacher Stipends).

(20) Best Practices – Reading Comprehension

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

RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that a highly qualified, competent, skilled, and dedicated workforce is essential to the success of the District and the students. Therefore, it has provided the Interim Superintendent of Schools the authority to employ staff members to perform additional assignments within our District.

To support student understanding in literacy and to build teacher pedagogy and understanding of reading comprehension, the Office of Educational Services requests to provide one (1) instructional program for teachers with a stipend of \$28.00 per hour for a total not to exceed six (6) hours. Facilitators of the instructional program will receive a stipend of \$28.00 per hour not to exceed twelve (12) hours - six (6) hours of instruction and six (6) hours for preparation.

Best Practices – Reading Comprehension Strategies

Forty (40) teachers in grades K-8 will attend four (4) sessions on Best Practices to support teaching Reading Comprehension Strategies to students. The workshop will take place after school from 3:05 PM - 4:35 PM, once per week for four (4) weeks.

Program	Number Of Teachers	Total Number Of Hours Per Individual	Per Person	Not To Exceed A Total Of
Best Practices – Reading Comprehension Strategies Grades K-8	40	6	\$28.00	\$6,720.00
Best Practices – Reading Comprehension Strategies Grades K-8	2 Facilitators	12	\$28.00	\$672.00
TOTAL				<u>\$7,392.00</u>

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the Best Practices to support teaching Reading Comprehension for a total of forty (40) teachers in grades K-8 at a cost not to exceed \$6,720.00; and two (2) facilitators at a cost not to exceed \$672.00 and to be charged to NCLB account 20-272-200000-101A-26-0000 (Teacher Stipends).

(21) The Leadership and Learning Center – Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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

RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that a highly qualified, competent, skilled, and dedicated workforce is essential to the success of the District and the students. 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.

Global education leader Houghton Mifflin Harcourt's (HMH) Educational Consulting Services group has acquired The Leadership and Learning Center, a world-class professional development research and solutions provider, to expand its core capabilities with experienced professionals and proven practices that provide measurable and sustainable school improvement and student achievement gains.

The Leadership and Learning Center believes that a comprehensive strategic partnership with Plainfield Public Schools will accelerate the development of structures that dramatically improve and align adult performance in throughout the district. This sustainable approach to targeting adult actions that will promote increased student achievement is a core focus of The Center.

The Center has extensive experience in working with complex educational systems to improve student achievement effectively and efficiently. They have developed a tiered, intensive approach to professional development to assist PPS in increasing student achievement through specific practices.

The Leadership and Learning Center will offer the following Common Core State Standards professional development:

- Introducing the Common Core State Standards for Administrators, \$3,500.00 per course for up to thirty (30) participants, total cost \$3,500.00;
- Understanding the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics, \$3,500.00 per course for up to 30 participants; (2 courses, for a total of \$7,000.00);
- Understanding The common Core State Standards for English Language Arts, \$3,500.00 per course for up to 30 participants; (2 courses, for a total of \$7,000.00);
- Common Core State Standards Certification Training, three (3) days of training, follow-up site visit, continuous support, license to utilize once certified to present/implement content, \$3,000 per participant – 25 participants, total cost of \$75,000.00.

The Leadership and Learning Center – Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (contd.)

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves payment of a fee in the amount not to exceed, \$92,500.00, for providing professional development of the Common Core State Standards, along with Common Core State Standards Certification for 25 participants to be charged to account 20-278-200000-320A-26-0000 (T2 Edu Consultants-PD). The availability of funds for this item has been verified.

D. Consultants

(1) Larry Hamm - Civil Rights Activist, Humanitarian, Lecturer

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

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

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

On Wednesday, February 15, 2012, Mr. Hamm will lecture on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s book entitled, *Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community?* to PHS students. On Saturday, March 17, 2012, Mr. Hamm will return to discuss the book with PHS students, after they have participated in several Saturday Book Studies, beginning February 17th and ending on March 17, 2012. The cost of Mr. Hamm's lecturer/discussion will be \$500.00 per visit for a total cost of \$1,000.00.

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve payment to Mr. Lawrence Hamm for lecture/discussion to take place on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 and Saturday, March 17, 2012 at a cost of \$500.00 per visit; for a total cost of \$1,000.00 This item will be charged to account

E. Fairleigh Dickinson University Middle College – Plainfield High School AP Courses

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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

RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education 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-eight (28) Plainfield High School students are currently enrolled in Advanced Placement Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, French, English and American History at Plainfield High School. The Advanced Placement (AP) classes meet the following core content standards, 3.1, 3.2, 4.1, 4.2, 5.1, 5.2, 6.1, 6.2, 7.1 and 7.2. Students are engage in intense discussions, solve problems collaboratively, develop time management skills, discipline, study habits and learn to write clearly and persuasively. AP courses help students to acquire the skills and habits needed to be successful in college. By participating in the Fairleigh Dickinson University Middle College Program, the students will receive college credit for each AP course that they are enrolled in from September 8, 2011 to June 21, 2012. Each course is \$210.00 and students cannot enroll in more than four AP courses per school year.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approve for twenty-eight (28) students, in grade 12 to participate in the Fairleigh Dickinson University Middle College Program for college credit not to exceed \$7,560.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-190-100018-500A-25-0000 (High School Other Purchase Services).

F. 2012 Parent of English Language Learner Academy

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in Plainfield Goal 5: Increasing Parental and Family Involvement Public Schools and to increase Parental and Family involvement.

RESOLUTION

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

In an effort to increase parent/ school communication and for parents to be able to help their children, the Office of Bilingual Education will offer the 2012 Parent English Language Learner Academy. The academy will provide parents with English language instruction and strategies to help their children achieve academically. The academy will hold parent classes from March 1, 2012 to June 29, 2012 (twice a week - 34 two hour sessions). At each session, there will be two teachers providing instruction that accommodate parents who are at the beginner-intermediate and advanced English levels. The academy will be held at Plainfield High School. The dates and times will be announced.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approve the operation of the 2012 Parent of English Language Learner Academy. These classes will be held two times a week for a total of 34 sessions. The dates and times will be announced. Two teachers will be hired for this initiative. The cost of this academy is not to exceed \$6000. Title III line 20-243-200000-101B-39-0000 will be used to fund this initiative.

G. Provision of Special Education Services

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal: Learning Outcomes

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

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

RESOLUTION

IDEA 2004 and N.J.A.C. 6A:14 requires that districts develop the capacity to meet the needs of a wider variety of disabilities by providing appropriate programs in district in order to meet the least restrictive mandate for children with disabilities. Plainfield Public Schools has a responsibility to provide these students with a free and appropriate public education designed to meet their special needs. Each newly proposed resource program, special class program, and service must be located in a space that has been approved by the County Superintendent of Schools. Additionally, Plainfield Public Schools is responsible for submitting a rationale for each new program/service established to the County Superintendent of Schools.

This is an amendment to the October 18, 2011 Board Resolution to change the room assignments for the classes as indicated below.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approve the applications for the “Establishing a Special Education Program or Service” for the designated schools and programs during the school year 2011-2012.

SCHOOL	PROGRAM	TEACHER	ROOM NUMBER
Woodland	K-2 (Autism)	Tracey Lehnhoff	126
Woodland	3-5 (Autism)	D. Papocchia	118

H. Provision of Special Education Services

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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

RESOLUTION

N.J.S.A. 18A:46 requires Boards of Education to identify and provide for students with various disabilities, and certain students in this district have been so identified and require special education and related services.

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

PUPIL	SCHOOL OR PRIMARY INSTITUTION	CLASSIFICATION	APPROXIMATE COST TUITION AND TRANSPORTATION
J.C-F.	Bright Beginnings Learning Center	OHI	\$24,500.00
C.J.	First Children	PSD	\$35,894.10
K.C-E.	Lakeview School	PSD	\$36,190.80
D.P.	Lake Drive School	AI	\$3,990.00 - Fall Sports
T.S.	Lamberts Mill Academy	ED	\$25,438.82
G.M.	Raritan Valley Academy	OHI	\$7,704.00
A.V-S.	Somerset Hills School	State Responsible	\$26,440.20
TOTAL:			<u>\$160,157.92</u>

I. Provision of Special Education Services

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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

RESOLUTION

N.J.S.A. 18A:46 requires Boards of Education to identify and provide for students with various disabilities, and certain students in this district have been so identified and require special education and related services.

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

CONSULTANT/PROVIDER	SERVICES PROVIDED	RATE OF SERVICE
Eden Autism Services	Parent/Staff Trainings	\$200.00/Hour
Eden Autism Services	Travel Expenses	\$40.00/Hour
Kean University	Independent Evaluations/ Case Manager Fee	\$700.00/Eval. \$250.00/Case Mgr. Fee

J. Jefferson Elementary School Saturday Academy

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

In support of obtaining these goals, the Jefferson Elementary School Saturday Academy Program, will provide academic support and enrichment for students in grades 3rd through 6th in Literacy, Mathematics, and Science to provide support for the NJASK assessments. The Saturday Academy's purpose is to offer extended learning opportunities for our students who need academic assistance in the core subjects.

All teaching and instruction will be aligned with NJCCCS and delivered by certificated staff members. For the 2011-12 school year, Jefferson Elementary School Saturday Academy Program will operate on eight Saturdays from February 25, 2012 to April 28, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., utilizing six teachers for three hours of instruction, not to exceed 144 hours of instruction. The program will not meet April 7 and 14, 2012 due to Spring Recess.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the operation of the Jefferson Elementary School Saturday Academy Program for the 2010-11 school year. The availability of funds has been verified and will be charged to account 15-421-100000-101S-18-0000 (Teacher Stipends).

K. Elementary Schools Grade Span Reconfiguration

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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

RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education 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 Plainfield Board of Education recognizes the need to address overcrowding at several elementary schools in our District. The District desires to take the necessary measures to ensure that every effort is made to provide a safe and appropriate learning environment for all students. Based on a review of the District's projected enrollment numbers, the Interim Superintendent of Schools recommends a change in the grade configurations at several schools, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the grade span reconfiguration at the following schools:

School	From	To
Barlow Elementary	K-6	K-5
Emerson Community School	K-6	K-5
Evergreen Elementary School	K-6	K-5
Jefferson Elementary School	K-6	K-5
Stillman School	K-6	K-5
Washington School	K-6	K-5
Woodland School	K-6	K-5

XII. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer – December 2011

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 3: Business Operations

To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of business operations.

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

RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

FUND	CASH BALANCE	APPROPRIATION BALANCE	FUND BALANCE
(10) General Current Expense Fund			
(11, 16, 17,18) Current Expense	17,663,809.39	6,970,241.12	24,210,636.07
(12) Capital Outlay	-	12,498,191.01	-
(13) Special Schools	-	-	-
(15) Reform Schools	1,591,581.85	4,407,776.44	-
Capital Reserve			
(20) Special Revenue Fund	199,137.23	4,706,476.32	677,139.92
(30) Capital Projects Fund	-	-	-
(40) Debt Service Fund	295,658.01	577,611.09	383,619.17
(60) Enterprise Fund	179,986.31	305,784.33	832,634.23
TOTAL	19,930,172.79	29,466,080.31	26,104,029.39

B. Payment of Bills — January 13, 2012 – February 16, 2012

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 3: Business Operations

To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of business operations.

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

RESOLUTION

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

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

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

On the General Account

in the amount of \$

On the Agency Account

in the amount of \$

On the Food Service Account

in the amount of \$

IN THE GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$

TO BE PRESENTED AT THE FEBRUARY 21, 2012 BUSINESS MEETING

C. 2011 – 12 Budget Transfers

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 3: Business Practices

To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of business operations.

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

RESOLUTION

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

TO BE PRESENTED AT THE FEBRUARY 21, 2012 BUSINESS MEETING

D. Tentative 2012-13 Budget Calendar

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

RESOLUTION

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
December 2011	BOE meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Receive 2010-11 CAFR and MD&A (audit report)
January 2012	FY13 School Allocations distributed to Principals
February, 2012	Cabinet review of school and department budgets
Friday, February 17, 2012	Superintendent's FY13 Budget released
Tuesday, February 21, 2012	BOE meeting: 2012-13 Budget Discussion.
Tuesday, February 21, 2012	Governor's State Budget Message (authorized by P.L. 2009, c.269)
Thursday, February 23, 2012	State Aid Notices
Tuesday, February 28, 2012	BOE meeting: 2012-13 Budget Discussion. . Adoption of Preliminary Budget.
Monday, March 5, 2012	Last date to submit Preliminary Budget to Executive County Superintendent if requesting a waiver.
Thursday, March 8, 2012	BOE meeting: 2012-13 Budget Discussion
Thursday, March 15, 2012	BOE meeting: Discuss and adopt final 2012-13 Budget to be submitted to the Executive County Superintendent.
Tuesday, March 20, 2012	Last date to submit final 2012-13 Budget to Executive County Superintendent (March 4 th each year changed pursuant to 18A:7F-5, 18A:7F-6)

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Proposed Budget advertised. (notice published at least 4 days prior to public hearing date)

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Public Hearing (public hearing must occur between March 22 and March 29)

April 6 – April 13 - Spring Recess

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

BOE Election

Tuesday, May 1, 2012

BOE Reorganization (Any day of the first or second week following the annual school election)

** All dates following the introduction of the preliminary budget are estimates and depend upon NJDOE guidance and requirements. Historically, issuance of state aid figures and CAP calculations follow the Governor's budget address and thus budget submission and approval deadlines may be extended.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the 2012-13 Budget Calendar.

E. Enrollment Consultant

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

RESOLUTION

TO BE PRESENTED AT THE FEBRUARY 21, 2012 BUSINESS MEETING

F. Submission of DOE Specifications

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 3: Business Practices

To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of business operations.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Plainfield Board of Education has previously authorized certain capital projects, and

WHEREAS, the District, pursuant to the Education Facilities Construction and Financing Act, P.L. 2000 and the New Jersey Department of Education implementing regulations N.J.A.C. 6A:26-1 et seq is requesting that the following projects be reviewed as an "other capital project" and

WHEREAS, if the facility is to house students it is therefore subject to the educational adequacy requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 6A:26-5, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Plainfield Board of Education authorizes the submission of the following projects:

1. **PHS Cafeteria HVAC**
2. **PHS Domestic Hot Water Heater**
3. **Hub Stine Storage Building**
4. **PHS Window & Exterior Door Replacement**
5. **Barlow Cafetorium Addition & Gymnasium Renovation**
6. **Woodland Cafetorium Addition**

G. Approval To Submit A Grant Application To The New Jersey Department Of Transportation For The FY 2012 Safe Routes To School Project

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Plainfield adopted a resolution authorizing Remington, Vernick & Arango Engineers, consultants for the City of Plainfield, to make application for the FY 2012 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City of Plainfield must approve by resolution the application for the grant; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education of the City of Plainfield formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

H. Hub Stine Field Renovation Project Donation

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

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education accepts the donation of \$25,000.00 from Eugene Monroe to be used towards the Hub Stine Field Renovation Project.

I. Bid # 2012-19 Two (2) 2013 54 Passenger School Bus

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A: 18A-1 (et seq) advertised for sealed bids for Two (2) 2013 54-Passenger School Bus on January 20, 2012, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with that advertisement bids were received, publicly opened and read aloud at the Board of Education Office on February 3, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. with the following results:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
Truck King Intl Bus Sales Keansburg, NJ	\$89,300.00/per Bus
Wolfington Body Mt. Holly, NJ	\$92,900.00/per Bus
H.A. DeHart & Son Inc. Thorofare, NJ	\$102,431.25/per Bus

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education accepts the lowest responsible and responsive bid of Truck King Intl Bus Sales Company in the amount of \$89,300.00/ per bus for a Grand Total of \$178,600.00.

XIII. REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

A. Adoption of Policy – Second Reading

The following is recommended for adoption:

RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

Policy Number
9326

Title
Minutes

Amended

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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