

PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Plainfield, N.J.

Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2010

Time: 6:30 p.m. PUBLIC SESSION
6:35 p.m. MEETING CLOSED FOR
EXECUTIVE SESSION
8:00 p.m. WORK & STUDY MTG.

Place: ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
AUDITORIUM
1200 MYRTLE AVE.

Board of Education Members

Mr. Agurs Linward Cathcart, Jr., President
Mr. Martin P. Cox, Vice President
Ms. Patricia I. Barksdale
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell
Ms. Sandra L. Chambers
Mr. Christian Estevez
Mrs. Brenda L. Gilbert
Mrs. Lisa C. Logan-Leach
Ms. Katherine Peterson
Dr. Steve Gallon III, Superintendent

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

WELCOME to a WORK & STUDY MEETING of the Plainfield Board of Education. Members hope you will find the meeting interesting and informative. We thank you for taking the time to attend. Please be advised this and all meetings of the board are open to the media and public, consistent with the Open Public meetings Act (Ch. 23I Laws of 1975), and that the advance notice required therein has been provided to the Courier News and Star Ledger on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 for advertisement on Friday, February 5, 2010 and also provided to the Plainfield Public Schools, the District's website, the Plainfield City Clerk, Police Department, and Plainfield Public Library for posting.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

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

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

The Board of Education will recess into its Executive Session.

VI. CONDUCT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

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

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

<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>* Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Policy Committee	1 st Tues. ea. mo.	Admin. Building	6:30 p.m.
Personnel/Exec.Ses.	2 nd Tues. ea. mo.	Admin. Building	6:30 p.m.
Curric. & Instr.	2 nd Tues. ea. mo.	Admin. Building	8:00 p.m.
Finance Committee	2 nd Tues. ea. mo.	Admin. Building	8:00 p.m.
Bldgs. & Grds. Cmte.	2 nd Tues. ea. mo.	Admin. Building	8:00 p.m.
School Community Rel.	2 nd Tues. ea. mo.	Admin. Building	8:00 p.m.
Business Meeting	3 rd Tues. ea. mo.	Admin. Building	7:00 p.m.

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

*Meeting Schedule Subject to Change

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

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

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

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

The next business meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Tuesday, February 16, 2010, 7:00 pm, in the Administration Building auditorium.

VII. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

VIII. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

IX. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

X. PRESENTATION

- NJSBA: Roles and Responsibilities of Board Members

XI. REPORT OF THE CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

A. Field Trips

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

RESOLUTION

1. Union County Performing Arts Center

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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

One hundred sixty-six students (166) consisting of Kindergarten and first grade students and sixteen (16) chaperones from Emerson School will visit the Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway, NJ on March 5, 2010. The focus of the trip is for students to explore the elements of theater, personification, and author's use of language by attending the performance; *Click, Clack, and Moo*. It will be a rich and rewarding experience for the students. They will have the pleasure of enjoying a live performance of classic literature. Students will take part in this culminating activity reflective of Social Studies, Science, Literacy, Math, and Visual and Performing Arts standards. Departure is scheduled at 9:00 a.m. with a return at 1:00 p.m.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves one hundred sixty-six students (166) consisting of Kindergarten and first grade students and sixteen (16) chaperones from Emerson School to visit the Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway, NJ on March 5, 2010. The cost of admission is \$8.00 per person at a total cost of \$1,328.00. Chaperones will pay for their individual admission. District transportation will be provided. The total cost of \$1,328.00 will be charged to account 15-000-270000-512A-16-0000. Availability of funds for this item has been verified.

2. *The Asbury Park Press/Home News Tribune Spell Down 2010 at Monmouth University*

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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Thirteen (13) Plainfield Board of Education District Spelling Bee Winners consisting of students in grades 5-8 will participate in *The Asbury Park Press/Home News Tribune Spell Down 2010* at Monmouth University. Students will be accompanied by four (4) chaperones (including two (2) District personnel and two (2) parents). It will be a rich and rewarding experience for the students of Plainfield. The winner will have the opportunity to participate in the *Scripps National Spelling Bee* in Washington, D.C.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Plainfield Board of Education District Spelling Bee Winners consisting of students in grades 5-8 to participate in *The Asbury Park Press/Home News Tribune Spell Down 2010* on March 8 and 9, 2010 at Monmouth University. Students will be accompanied by four (4) chaperones (including two (2) District personnel and two (2) parents). District transportation will be provided. There is no direct cost associated with this item.

3. Hubbard Middle School Student Council, Boys/Girls Basketball and Cheerleaders Teams and school Leadership Initiative

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

Goal 5: Family and Community Engagement

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

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Hubbard Middle Schools' Student Council, Boys/Girls Basketball Team, Cheerleaders, and Student Leadership Initiative Committee will participate in the *Read Across America Program*. Students will read to students at four (4) elementary schools (Washington, Jefferson, Stillman and Evergreen) and two (2) K-8 centers (Clinton & Cedarbrook). This motivation and awareness program celebrates the birthday of children's author Dr. Seuss. This event will take place on March 2, 2010 (9 a.m.-12 p.m.). It promotes the excitement of literacy to children of all ages. It will also promote the spirit of community service and partnership.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the Hubbard Middle Schools' Student Council, Boys/Girls Basketball Team, Cheerleaders, and Student Leadership Initiative Committee to participate in *Read Across America* on March 2, 2010. District transportation will be provided. There is no direct cost to the District.

4. Cracker Barrel Restaurant and Store, Clinton, New Jersey

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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Thirty-five (35) bilingual students in grades 6-7 and three (3) chaperones from Hubbard Middle School will attend Cracker Barrel Restaurant in Clinton, NJ on Wednesday, May 12, 2010. The students will learn life skills that are essential to daily active living. Students will have the opportunity to tour the restaurant and store and learn about the restaurant business. Departure is scheduled for 8:45 a.m. from Hubbard Middle School and will return at 12:00 noon.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves thirty-five (35) bilingual students in grades 6-7 and three (3) chaperones from Hubbard Middle School to visit the Cracker Barrel Restaurant on May 12, 2010. District transportation will be provided. There is no direct cost to the District.

5. PHS Social Studies Class

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The Plainfield High School Social Studies classes have visited historic sites in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania since 1976. Those historic sites include Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, Constitution Hall, and the United States Mint. The Plainfield High School Social Studies classes, comprised of approximately forty five (45) students in grades 11-12, will visit the National Historic sites in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on April 30, 2010.

Students will engage in a variety of activities, including becoming familiar with United States currency, and the architecture of Independence Hall that was built and designed by immigrants. Students will develop an appreciation, respect and awareness of the role that Philadelphia played in building and shaping the United States. Also, students will develop an understanding and respect for the significance of the Liberty Bell.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves forty-five (45) students in grades 11-12 and three (3) chaperones to visit the National Historic sites in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on Friday, April 30, 2010. The cost of transportation is \$775.00. The total cost of the field trip is \$775.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-27-000-512A-25-000. There is no admission cost for the National Historic sites.

6. DeVry Institute

Strategic Plan Link:

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Plainfield High School students have been visiting DeVry Institute of Technology since the 2001-2002 school year. The Director of the DeVry Educational Services has invited twenty (20) female students in grades 11-12 and two (2) chaperones to attend the DeVry Institute of Technology in North Brunswick, New Jersey on Friday, February 26, 2010. America's colleges and universities are a natural resource. The learning environments offer rich, relevance and diversity that can make a difference in the lives of children. Academically, the DeVry Institute of Technology has a mission to provide opportunities for a college education for Plainfield students. This event will provide a perspective on history, introduce women's history and culture, and provide a particular attunement to the academic needs of female students. At DeVry Institute of Technology, students will speak with recruiters, financial aid officers, and other support personnel who will provide assistance in selecting a desired college or university. The students will interact with other students as well as outstanding graduates of New Jersey colleges or universities.

Twenty (20) female students in grades 11-12 and two (2) chaperones will visit DeVry Institute of Technology in North Brunswick, NJ on Friday, February 26, 2010. Departure is scheduled for Friday, February 26, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. and will return at 1:30 p.m. Transportation is provided by the event sponsor.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves twenty (20) female students in grades 11-12 and two (2) chaperones to visit DeVry Institute of Technology on Friday, February 26, 2010 at no cost to the District.

7. PHS Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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The Plainfield High School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) organization has attended the New Jersey FCCLA Annual Winter Leadership Connection Conference since 1958. At the New Jersey FCCLA Annual Winter Leadership Connection Conference, students will engage in a variety of activities including, Junior Leader Program, Fall Community Project, the Apple Bake-off and the Banner Competition. Students will have an opportunity to develop leadership skills, learn about national programs and network with other FCCLA student members. Students are encouraged to collaborate and demonstrate creative talents and engage in programs sponsored by the New Jersey FCCLA chapter. The New Jersey FCCLA State adviser has invited the high school FCCLA students to attend their conference in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

The PHS FCCLA, comprised of ten (10) students in grades 10-12 and one (1) chaperone will attend the New Jersey FCCLA Annual Winter Leadership Connection Conference in Cherry Hill, New Jersey from Thursday, March 18, 2010 to Friday, March 19, 2010. Departure is scheduled from Plainfield High School parking lot on Thursday, March 18, 2010 at 5:30 a.m. and return on Friday, March 19, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. The cost for transportation, registration and lodging will be covered by the Perkins Grant.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the PHS FCCLA, comprised of ten (10) students in grades 10-12 and one (1) chaperone to attend the New Jersey FCCLA Annual Winter Leadership Connection Conference in Cherry Hill, New Jersey from Thursday, March 18, 2010 to Friday, March 19, 2010. The cost of registration, lodging, and meals for students and the chaperone is \$170.82 per person and will be charged to account 25PERKTRAVEL. The cost of transportation is \$850.00 and will be charged to account 25PERKTRAVEL. Availability of funds has been verified.

8. P.H.S. Public Speaking Club

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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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 High School Public Speaking Club is involved in a variety of activities, including student led thought talks, public speaking and examining the political landscape of the nation. Students learn about today's issues and have the unique opportunity to express their opinions in a public speaking forum. The coordinator of the Pubic Speaking Forensic Forum has invited fifteen (15) students and one (1) chaperone to attend this special event.

The Plainfield High School Public Speaking Club, comprised of fifteen (15) students in grades 11-12 and one (1) chaperone will attend the Public Speaking Forensic Forums on Saturday, February 20, 2010 at Philipsburg High School in Philipsburg, Pennsylvania and on Saturday, March 6, 2010 at Ridge High School in Ridge, New Jersey. Registration is \$285.00 per conference at a total of \$570.00 and meals at \$10.00/per person at a total of \$160.00 for each conference. The total cost of the field trip is \$890.00 and will be charged to account 15-000-27-000-512A-25-000. District transportation will be provided.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the Plainfield High School Public Speaking Club, comprised of fifteen (15) students in grades 11-12 and one (1) chaperone to attend the Public Speaking Forums in Philipsburg, Pennsylvania on February 20, 2010 and Ridge High School in Ridge, New Jersey on March 6, 2010. Registration is \$285.00 per conference at a total of \$570.00 and meals at \$10.00/per person at a total of \$160.00 for each conference. The total cost of the field trip is \$890.00 and will be charged to account 15-000-27-000-512A-25-000. Availability of funds has been verified.

9. P.H.S. Robotics

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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The Plainfield High School Robotics Team has attended the *For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Championship Competition Conference* since 1995. At the *FIRST Championship Competition Conference*, students are provided with an opportunity to design and create a device to meet the needs of the competition guidelines. Students will have an opportunity to develop leadership skills, learn about national programs and network with other students. Students are encouraged to collaborate and demonstrate creative talents and engage in programs offered through the *FIRST Championship Competition Conference*. The *FIRST Championship Competition Conference* adviser has invited the high school Robotics

Team to attend their conference in Atlanta, Georgia from Wednesday, April 14, 2010 to Monday, April 19, 2010.

The PHS Robotics Team comprised of twelve (12) students in grades 9-12, and two (2) chaperones will attend the *FIRST Championship Competition Conference* in Atlanta, Georgia from Wednesday, April 14, 2010 to Monday, April 19, 2010. Departure is scheduled from Plainfield High School on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. and will return on Monday, April 19, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. The trip is financed by corporate donations. The cost of registration, air transportation and lodging is \$500.00 per person and will be paid for by corporate donations directly to the *FIRST Championship Competition Conference*. District transportation will be provided to and from Newark Airport.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves twelve (12) students in grades 9-12 and two (2) chaperones to attend the *FIRST Championship Event Competition Conference* in Atlanta, Georgia from Wednesday, April 14, 2010 to Monday, April 19, 2010 at no cost to the District.

10. P.H.S. Robotics

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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

The Plainfield High School Robotics Team has attended the *For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Regional Event Competition Conference* since 1995. At the *FIRST Regional Event Competition Conference*, students are provided with an opportunity to design and create a device to meet the needs of the competition guidelines. Students will have an opportunity to develop leadership skills, learn about national programs and network with other students. Students are encouraged to collaborate and demonstrate creative talents and engage in programs offered through the *FIRST Regional Event Competition Conference*. The *FIRST Regional Event Competition Conference* adviser has invited the high school Robotics Team to attend the conference in Trenton, NJ.

The PHS Robotics Team comprised of twelve (12) students in grades 9-12, and two (2) chaperones will attend the *FIRST Regional Event Competition Conference* in Trenton, New Jersey from Friday, March 5, 2010 to Sunday, March 7, 2010. Departure is scheduled from Plainfield High School on Friday, March 5, 2010 at 6:30 a.m. and will return on Sunday, March 7, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. District transportation will be provided.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves twelve (12) students in grades 9-12 and two (2) chaperones to attend the *FIRST New Jersey Regional Event Competition Conference* in Trenton, New Jersey from Friday, March 5, 2010 to Sunday, March 7, 2010 at no cost to the District.

11. P.H.S. Guidance

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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Plainfield High School National Honor Society has always participated in community service projects. The community service project includes working in the kitchen at Cathedral International Church. The Director of the Community Service has invited fifteen (15) students and one (1) chaperone to participate in the community service project at the church.

Fifteen (15) students in grades 11-12 and one (1) chaperone will participate in the community service project at Cathedral International in Plainfield, New Jersey every Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Departure is scheduled every Thursday at 4:00 p.m. and a return at 5:30 p.m. District transportation will be provided.

RESOLVED, the Plainfield Board of Education approves fifteen (15) students in grades 11-12 and one (1) chaperone to participate in a community service project at Cathedral International Church in Plainfield, New Jersey at no cost to the District.

12. P.A.A.A.S. – Blue Mountain

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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Forty students (40) in grades 7-8 and four (4) chaperones from Plainfield Academy for the Arts and 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 experience 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 11, 2010 with a return at 6:00 p.m. Students have worked diligently in their fundraising activities to fund the cost of their first ski trip.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves forty (40) students in grades 7-8 and four (4) chaperones to visit Blue Mountain Ski Resort in Palmerton, PA. The cost of the admission for students and chaperones is \$50.00 per person for a total of \$2,200.00 and will be charged to the Student Activity Account. The cost of transportation is \$850.00 and will be charged to the Student Activity Account. This trip will have no cost to the District. Availability of funds has been verified.

13. Berkeley College

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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Barack Obama Academy for Academic and Civic Development (BOACD) is dedicated to preparing its students for continuing education after high school. Universities, colleges and technical schools are terrific resources for continuing education. Berkeley College has invited BOACD students to attend a College Tour at their Woodbridge Campus. The learning environment will be characterized by diversity. Students will be engaged intellectually, culturally and socially. Professors, support staff and college students will interact with students to provide assistance in college selection. Twenty-five (25) students in grades 11-12 and three (3) chaperones will visit Berkeley College in Woodbridge, NJ on Friday, February 19, 2010.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves twenty-five (25) students in grades 11-12 and three (3) chaperones to visit Berkeley College in Woodbridge, NJ on Friday, February 19, 2010. Departure is scheduled for Friday, February 19, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. and will return at 1:45 p.m. Transportation is sponsored and will be provided by Berkeley College at no cost to the District.

B. Staff Development

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

RESOLUTION

1. New Jersey Statewide Middle Schools Conference

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 2: Human Resources

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

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

Anthony Jenkins, Principal of Maxson Middle School, will attend the 2010 New Jersey Middle School Association Statewide Middle Schools Conference, *Because We Believe* on March 19, 2010 at Kean University. Highlighted sessions will include presentations and discussions that address the foundations of successful middle schools as specified in the NMSA publication; *This We Believe* as well as presentations from New Jersey recognized Schools to Watch Middle Schools.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Anthony Jenkins, Principal of Maxson Middle School, to attend the *Because We Believe* New Jersey Middle School Association Statewide Middle Schools Conference at Kean University in Union, NJ on Friday, March 19, 2010. The registration cost is \$125.00 (which includes the following: registration of workshop, attendance at general sessions, continental awards breakfast, luncheon and one (1) year membership). The cost will be charged to account 15-000-240000-800A-24. Availability of funds for this item has been verified.

2. New Jersey Music Educators Association Annual Conference titled *Music! Just Imagine...2010*

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 2: Human Resources

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

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

Vocal, Instrumental and Music teachers Nancy Vahalla, Evergreen School; Stanley Michalowski, Evergreen School; Jessica LaPine, Hubbard Middle School; Christopher Dalton, Hubbard Middle School; Leslie Young, Cedarbrook School; and Robert Segall, Cedarbrook School will attend the New Jersey Music Educators Association Annual Conference *Music, Just Imagine...2010* at the Hilton Hotel in East Brunswick, New Jersey on February 18-20, 2010. 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.

The teachers will implement new techniques and materials that will enhance classroom music instruction and technology. This will include the integration of music with other core curriculum content areas such as: language arts, mathematics, science and social studies. This conference will also fulfill the requirements of the 2009-2010 Professional Improvement Plan (PIP) as well as earn valuable professional development hours in their field. Teachers will turn-key strategies to other vocal, instrumental and music teachers in the District.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves vocal, instrumental and music teachers Nancy Vahalla, Evergreen School; Stanley Michalowski, Evergreen School; Jessica LaPine, Hubbard Middle School; Christopher Dalton, Hubbard Middle School; Leslie Young, Cedarbrook School; and Robert Segall, Cedarbrook School to attend the New Jersey Music Educators Association Annual Conference *Music, Just Imagine...2010* at the Hilton Hotel in East Brunswick, New Jersey on February 18-20, 2010. The registration fee is \$205.00 per person and will be charged to accounts 15-000-22100-390A-17-000 Evergreen School, 15-000-221000-320A-13-0000 Cedarbrook School, and 15-000-211000-300A-23-0000 Hubbard Middle School. The availability of funds for this item has been verified.

3. Rutgers 41st Annual Conference on Reading and Writing

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

Goal 2: Human Resources

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

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

Ms. Caryn D. Cooper, Principal, Barlow Elementary and teachers Maria Ferrer, Lois Kraus, Chadia Saleem, Maria Sinfon, Shondell Anderson from Barlow Elementary School and Stephanie Sawhney from Emerson Community School will attend the Rutgers 41st Annual Conference on Reading and Writing in Somerset, NJ on April 16, 2010. Attendance at this workshop will help provide practical lessons for teachers, and improve teaching and learning.

The workshops will be led by nationally recognized researchers/presenters. Attendees will be required to turnkey the information to support the teaching staff in the District.

This annual conference provides its attendees the opportunity to enhance and explore teaching and learning strategies while building internal capacity in the following areas:

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

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Ms. Caryn D. Cooper, Principal, Barlow Elementary and teachers: Maria Ferrer, Lois Kraus, Chadia Saleem, Maria Sinfon, Shondell Anderson from Barlow Elementary School and Stephanie Sawhney from Emerson Community School to attend the Rutgers 41st Annual Conference on Reading and Writing in Somerset, NJ on April 16, 2010. The cost of registration is \$195.00 per person at a total cost of \$1,170.00 and will be charged to accounts number 15-000-223000-500A-11-0000 (Barlow Elementary School) and 15-400-100000-800A-16-0000 (Emerson Community School). Availability of funds for this item has been verified.

4. Behavior Interventions That Work

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

Goal 4: Safe Learning Environment

To provide a safe, secure, professional and clean environment for students, staff and members of the community.

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.

Clinton Elementary School staff Jennifer Jehle, Michael Robbins, Roberta Powell, Wilma Brown, Miguelina Almonte and Donald Jones, Art teacher from Stillman School will attend the workshop *Behavior Interventions That Work* in Newark, NJ on March 17, 2010.

The District has identified a need to improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS. Attendance at this conference will help provide support in providing a safe, secure, professional environment for students. Participants will then turn-key strategies in an effort to support the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Clinton Elementary School staff Jennifer Jehle, Michael Robbins, Roberta Powell, Wilma Brown, Miguelina Almonte and Donald Jones, Art teacher from Stillman School to attend the workshop *Behavior Interventions That Work* in Newark, NJ on March 17, 2010. The registration fee for the workshop is \$179.00 per person for a total of \$895.00 and will be charged to account 15-190-100018-320A-14-0000 Clinton School and 15-000-221000-320A-20-000 Stillman School. The availability of funds for this item has been verified.

5. NJ Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 2: Human Resources

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

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

Nicole Smith, Resource Teacher Woodland School; Yvette Andriola, Speech Pathologist; Marlene Rosenblum, LDTC; Donna McAuliffe, Psychologist and Marie Blot, Speech Pathologist, Early Childhood Center will attend the NJ Speech-Language-Hearing Association (NJSHA) and the NJ Branch of the International Dyslexia Association (NJIDA) workshop entitled *Dynamic Vocabulary Instruction* in Newark, NJ on March 10, 2010.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Nicole Smith, Resource Teacher Woodland School; Yvette Andriola, Speech Pathologist; Marlene Rosenblum, LDTC; Donna McAuliffe, Psychologist; and Marie Blot, Speech Pathologist, Early Childhood Center to attend the NJSHA/NJIDA workshop entitled *Dynamic Vocabulary Instruction* in Newark, NJ on March 10, 2010. The cost of the workshop is \$165.00 per member and \$185.00 per non-member. The total cost is \$885.00 and will be charged to accounts 15-402-100000-500A-22-0000 (\$185.00) Woodland School and 34PURPROFS (\$700.00) Early Childhood. The availability of funds for this item has been verified.

6. Inclusion and Collaborative Teaching Workshop

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 2: Human Resources

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

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

administrative staff members to participate in out-of-district Professional Development opportunities.

Woodland Elementary School teaching staff Nicole Smith and Twanie Hawkins will attend the *Inclusion and Collaborative Teaching Workshop* on March 18, 2010 in Edison, NJ. Participation in the workshop will help enhance co-teaching, co-assessing, and how to maximize the knowledge and ability of two (2) teachers with different areas of expertise. The workshop focuses on practical teacher strategies.

RESOLVED, that Plainfield Board of Education approves Woodland Elementary School teaching staff Nicole Smith and Twanie Hawkins to attend the *Inclusion and Collaborative Teaching Workshop* in Edison, NJ on March 18, 2010. The cost of the workshop is \$100.00 per person and will be charged to account 15-402-100000-500A-22-0000. The availability of funds for this item has been verified.

7. Strategies for Struggling Math Students

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 2: Human Resources

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

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

Three (3) Maxson Middle School Math teachers David Kole, William Wessells and Gilberto Ladino will attend the *Strategies for Struggling Math Students* workshop in Edison, NJ on March 18, 2010. This workshop incorporates a variety of research-based information and strategies about struggling students in math. It allows participants to work collaboratively and practice a number of hands-on strategies turn-key to teachers in the District. The workshop will take place at PSE&G in Edison, NJ on March 18, 2010. The cost or registration is \$100.00 per person.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves three (3) Maxson Middle School Math teachers David Kole, William Wessells and Gilberto Ladino to attend the *Strategies for Struggling Math Students* at PSE&G in Edison, NJ on March 18, 2010. The cost for registration is \$100.00 per person at a total of \$300.00 and will be charged to account 15-000-240000-800A-24. The availability of funds for this item has been verified.

8. New Jersey State School Nurses Association (NJSSNA) 5th Annual School Nursing Conference

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 2: Human Resources

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

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that a highly qualified, competent, skilled and dedicated workforce is essential to the success of the District and the students. Therefore, it 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, Tammy Smith, Sue Stein, Sharon Hammond, Adele Pudner, and Sharlenia Robinson will attend the 5th Annual School Nursing Conference in New Brunswick, NJ on March 19-20, 2010. The statewide conference is sponsored by the New Jersey State School Nurses Association (NJSSNA).

Training will include the following:

- Implementing Evidence Based School Nursing Practice
- Risk Management for School Nurses
- School Violence: The School Nurse's Role
- Pediatric Long QT Syndrome
- Swine Flu 2009-2010
- Management of Technology Assisted Children with Emergencies in School

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the following school nurses: Karen Trammell, Cook K-8 Center; Tammy Smith, Stillman Elementary School; Sue Stein, Cedarbrook School; Sharon Hammond, Hubbard Middle School; Adele Pudner, Early Childhood; and Sharlenia Robinson, P.H.S. to attend the NJSSNA 5th Annual School Nursing Conference in New Brunswick, NJ on March 19-20, 2010. The NJSSNA member conference registration fee is \$195.00 and non-member conference registration fee is \$250.00. The availability of funds has been verified and will be charged to accounts 15-000-218000-500A-15-0000 (F. W. Cook Elementary School), 15- 000-221000-320A-20-000 (Stillman Elementary School), 15-000-221000-320A-13-0000 (Cedarbrook K-8 Center), 15-000-211000-300A-23-0000 (Hubbard Middle School), 20-218-200000-330A-34-0000 (Early Childhood) and 15-190-100001-320A-25-0000 (Plainfield High School).

9. Legal One – 2 Day Series workshop

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 2: Human Resources

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

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

Gwynetta Joe, Principal Hubbard Middle School; Rosa Salinas, Vice Principal Cedarbrook K-8 Center; and Kevin Stansbury, Vice Principal Maxson Middle School will attend the *Legal One – 2 Day Series* workshop held at the Morris-Union Jointure Commission in New Providence, New Jersey from 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. on April 20, 2010 and May 3, 2010 at a cost of \$300.00 per person. The workshop will provide a comprehensive training program which meets New Jersey's mandate requiring school administrators to complete twelve (12) hours of training on issues of school law, ethics and school governance. Participants will also gain knowledge about student rights and responsibilities; staff rights and responsibilities; and special education.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Gwynetta Joe, Principal Hubbard Middle School; Rosa Salinas, Vice Principal Cedarbrook K-8 Center; and Kevin Stansbury, Vice Principal Maxson Middle School to attend the *Legal One – 2 Day Series* workshop on April 20, 2010 and May 3, 2010 at a cost of \$300.00 per person. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to accounts 15-000-211000-300A-23-0000 (Hubbard Middle School), 15-000-221000-320A-13-0000 (Cedarbrook K-8 Center) and 15-000-218000-500A-24-0000 (Maxson Middle School).

10. Union County Educational Services Commission

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 2: Human Resources

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

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

Preschool nurses Carol Riddlestorffer, Adele Pudner, Angela Ladenheim and Ellen Frey will attend the Union County Educational Services Commission Conference entitled *School Nursing Forum*, in Rahway, New Jersey on March 15, 2010. The cost of registration is \$70.00 per person. The conference will expose participants to current information regarding the latest issues and trends related to quality health care for school children. The presenters are renowned in their field. The physicians serves locally as school physicians and will be discussing Chapter 16, a topic rarely discussed but very pertinent, as well as several other key issues. Professional development hours, which are required to maintain licensure, will be awarded.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves preschool nurses Carol Riddlestorffer, Adele Pudner, Angela Ladenheim and Ellen Frey to attend the Union County Educational Services Commission Conference entitled *School Nursing Forum*, in Rahway, New Jersey, on March 15, 2010. The cost of registration is \$70.00 per person at a total cost of \$280.00 and to be charged to account 34PURPROFS. Availability of funds for this item has been verified.

11. Pool Operation Management

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 2: Human Resources

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

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

Sean Sutton, Assistant Supervisor, will attend a class to become a certified pool spa operator being offered by Pool Operation Management. The class is being offered on February 23-24, 2010 in Somerset, NJ for a registration fee of \$330.00 and travel expenses not to exceed \$130.00. The District has identified a need to increase the number of employees who are certified pool spa operators to maintain the pool at Plainfield High School.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Sean Sutton, Assistant Supervisor, to attend a class to become a certified pool spa operator being offered by Pool Operation Management. The class is being offered on February 23-24, 2010 in Somerset, NJ for a registration fee of \$330.00 and travel expenses not to exceed \$130.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 11-000-262000-800A-31-0000.

12. National Science Teachers Association

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring that instructional staff keep current in the instructional strategies that are proven to increase student achievement. Therefore, it has provided the Superintendent of Schools the authority to employ non-administrative staff members to participate in out-of-district professional development. Attendance at this conference will help provide solutions for practical implementation in organizational leadership for improving teaching and learning.

To enhance professional development and provide networking forums for science educators, each year the National Science Teachers Association conducts an Annual Conference. At the conference, participants may choose from hundreds of workshops, demonstrations and presentations covering every discipline, grade level, and teaching focus. Conference participants hear nationally renowned speakers address the topics in science education and learn about the latest breakthroughs from experts in the field.

This year, educators will work on learning new content, hear about assessment strategies, tackle how to integrate science study with other subjects, and participate in hands-on activities to take back to the classroom.

As a member of the Plainfield Leadership Program with a research topic focused on science, this conference will provide a great opportunity to gather ideas and interact with scientists. This conference will support the national *Race To The Top* and the STEM initiatives with ideas, strategies and resources to support students. The program strands that will be explored will include Meeting the Unique Needs of Urban and Rural Science Learners; Connecting Content: Between, Within, and Among Subjects; Closing the Digital Generation Gap Between Teachers and Students; Rekindling the Fires of Science Teaching and Learning.

Jacqueline Cox, Teacher of Science at Woodland School will attend the 2010 National Science Teachers Association Annual Conference on March 18 – 21, 2010 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Jacqueline Cox, Teacher of Science at Woodland School to attend the National Science Teachers Association Annual Conference in Philadelphia, PA for all aspects of effective science teaching and learning at a cost not to exceed \$1,479.00 which includes: registration \$240.00, hotel \$725.04, research field trip \$79.00, banquet and luncheon \$135.00, transportation \$160.00 and meals \$140.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-402-100000-500A-22-0000.

C. Consultant Services

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

RESOLUTION

1. Devereux Early Childhood Initiative

Goal 1: Percent of Students Increasing Academic Performance

Objective: To Improve the Learning and Academic Performance of All Students.

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and socially, as well as receive the academic and behavioral supports required to reach their full potential in life. Consequently, the District recognizes that students' academic performances are significantly enhanced by appropriate social and emotional adaptive behaviors.

Therefore, the Plainfield Board of Education will sponsor training sessions entitled *The Devereux Early Childhood Assessment Program Implementation* to assist staff with the accurate and full implementation of the *Devereux Early Childhood Assessment Program (DECA)*. The DECA Program uses a five (5) step approach which includes:

1. Classroom observation
2. Screening of individual children
3. Scoring and compiling classroom profiles
4. Implementation of targeted interventions
5. Monitoring the effectiveness of interventions

This two day training will occur on March 23 and 24, 2010. Thirteen (13) continuing education hours will be awarded upon completion. The training will be provided by the Devereux Early Childhood Initiative in Villanova, PA. The staff that will be trained include the following: Preschool Intervention Referral Team (PIRT), Master Teachers, Office of Early Childhood Educational Supervisors and Coordinators, and identified teachers representing each of the Plainfield Early Childhood Programs. The total number of staff that will be trained is forty (40) persons at a cost of \$193.00 per person. The training will be take place at the Office of Early Childhood, Conference Room in Plainfield, NJ. Payment for the training will be made payable to the Devereux Foundation, - DECI in the amount of \$3,700.00.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves payment in the amount of \$3,700.00 to *Devereux Early Childhood Initiative* for training of forty (40) staff members at a cost of \$193.00 per person and will be charged to 34PURPROFS. Availability of funds for this item has been verified.

2. Keynote Speaker - Annual P.I.E.C.E.S. Early Childhood Conference

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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

Edward Miller is the founding partner, Program Director, Senior Researcher and Adviser of the U.S. Alliance for Childhood. He has conducted research and published books and articles related to education and is a former editor of the *Harvard Education Letter*. Mr. Miller has agreed to provide the keynote address to approximately 400 participants consisting of: directors, teachers, teacher assistants, educational coordinators, nurses, family workers, Office of Early Childhood staff and community members at the Annual *P.I.E.C.E.S. Early Childhood Conference* on March 12, 2010 at Plainfield High School.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves payment in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Edward Miller of U.S. Alliance for Childhood and will be charged to account 34PURPROFS. Availability of funds for this item has been verified.

3. Kagan Professional Development Services

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

Goal 2: Human Resources

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

The Plainfield Public Schools supports and encourages employees to take continuing education courses to improve their professional knowledge, maintain professional credentials and perform effectively and efficiently in the delivery of services to the students of the District.

The District has identified a need for strengthening its professional development framework. Participation in Kagan Professional Development workshops is a long-term training and coaching program that will serve to enhance the full range of classroom implementation and systemic change in schools. Kagan coaches help teachers implement powerful and proven structures to create the maximum benefit for all students. Forty (40) teachers will participate in the in-service training on March 12, 2010.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves payment to Kagan Professional Development Services, San Clemente, CA for in-service training of forty (40) teachers at Plainfield Academy for the Arts & Advanced Studies on Friday, March 12, 2010. Workshops will be held in house at a cost of \$4,500.00 to cover registration, trainer expenses, and materials and will be charged to account number 52INSTSUPP. Availability of funds of this item has been verified.

4. The Center for Mathematics, Science and Computer Education (CMSCE) at Rutgers University

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in PPS, and encourage students already achieving proficiency to continue their academic success.

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 Center for Mathematics, Science and Computer Education at Rutgers University has a long history of working with teachers and their students in offering high quality professional development and educationally rich programs.

CMSCE proposes to conduct the following professional development workshops with the Plainfield Staff on March 12, 2010. Our targeted audience will be all K-12 teachers, in all content and grade levels. Enrollment will be based on first come, first serve basis.

- Virtual Field Trips:

Objective: To experience the world beyond the walls of the classroom. This workshop will assist teachers in planning and facilitating virtual field trips for all content, grade levels. An educational experience for a classroom when a field trip is out of the question, take your students on a journey to a virtual museum, farm, or zoo. Students can travel to surface of the ocean, to the skies above or explore the land around them.

Two sessions: half day sessions at \$800.00 per half day session = \$1,600.00

- Innovative Technology Strategies in the Classroom

Objective: To demonstrate to HS and MS teachers strategies for using technology to engage students. This session will demonstrate strategies to assist teachers in engaging their students in the one computer classroom and using students' own technology such as cell phones and portable media players.

Two sessions: half day sessions at \$800.00 per half day session = \$1,600.00

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves payment in the amount of \$3,200.00 to The Center for Mathematics, Science and Computer Education at Rutgers University and charged to account 11-000-221000-800A-26-0000. The availability of funds for this item has been verified.

5. Maracas, Spanish Programs for Young Learners

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in PPS, and encourage students already achieving proficiency to continue their academic success.

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.

Maracas, Spanish Programs for Young Learners in Scotch Plains, NJ is a consulting firm that targets ELL learners. This firm has a reputation for offering high quality professional development and educationally rich programs.

Maracas, Spanish Programs for Young Learners proposes to conduct the following professional development workshop on March 12, 2009. The targeted audience will be ninety

(90) teachers from World Language, ESL, Bilingual, and Dual Language. The location of the workshop is to be announced.

Multiple Intelligences: A Foundation for World Language and ESOL Curriculum Development and Teaching: This 3-5 hours two (2) half-day sessions will engage World Language teachers, ESL teachers and ESL coordinators in an interactive language experience, focusing on the value of cooperative language learning and an assessment of parent interactive classes. The presentation will consist of a detailed discussion of Multiple Intelligences Theory as well as interactive demonstrations and opportunities for educators to assess their own instruction and learning. This will be followed by a presentation of ways to incorporate multiple intelligences based learning into the language classroom. Every attendee will have the unique chance to engage in cooperative planning and development of sets of activities that can be brought back to the classroom and used as a part of their instructional repertoire. Participants will also come away with an understanding of how to involve parents in the learning experience and activate them as essential partners in the language learning program for your schools. We will also work on the development of a parent communication template to be used for all world language programs.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves payment in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Maracas, Spanish Programs for Young Learners workshop on March 12, 2010 for ninety (90) teachers and charged to account 11-000-221000-800A-26-0000. The availability of funds for this item has been verified.

6. American Institute for History Education

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

Goal 2: Human Resources

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

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards in a safe, positive learning environment.

The American Institute for History Education will present a variety of instructional strategies that will aid in the ongoing professional development of District staff on March 12, 2009. Mr. Anthony Fitzpatrick will present skills, strategies and activities that align to NJ State Core Curriculum Content Standards for easy infusion into their classrooms. The presentation will be a half day session servicing all Middle School and High School Social Studies teachers, and is open to any other content teacher interested in infusing social studies into their curriculum.

RESOLVED that the Plainfield Board of Education approves payment of a fee in the amount

of \$2,000.00 to The American Institute for History Education and charged to account 11-000-221000-800A-26-0000. The availability of funds for this item has been verified.

D. PPS Passport to Summer Learning

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

RESOLUTION

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

Goal 5: Family and Community Engagement

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

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

The provision of opportunities for students to extend learning beyond the regular school year plays an important role in their achievement and success. The development, planning, implementation, and monitoring of summer learning opportunities will provide students in the Plainfield Public Schools with increased exposure to and engagement in learning activities that are aligned to the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards.

This exposure and engagement will enable targeted groups of students to increase learning, earn units, improve grade point average, and/or accelerate matriculation through the District's required curriculum. Such extended summer school and learning opportunities may be provided to students within the school District at no charge to eligible and/or targeted students, as per N.J.A.C. 6A:32-10.

Plainfield Public Schools will provide available remedial and enrichment opportunities to students in grade 12 required for graduation and/or for students in grade 8 required for promotion. Additionally, extended learning opportunities will be provided to targeted elementary schools and students in grades K-7. These opportunities will be provided to students in the required courses of Literacy, Mathematics, Social Studies, and/or Science. Direct teacher instruction and/or technology-based interventions will comprise the delivery model for these areas. Additionally, English Language Learners and Special Education students in selected grades will be provided an opportunity to extend their learning as reflected in the appropriate curriculum for ELL student or IEP for Special Education students.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:32-10.2, the operation of a summer session requires annual approval by the Executive County Superintendent no later than May 30, 2009. Documentation required for submission has been prepared and submitted for approval in accordance with established guidelines. Approval has been granted by the County pending the BOE approval and resolution.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the implementation of Passport to Summer Learning based on the application for a summer session to be submitted to the Executive County Superintendent pursuant to N.J.A.C 6A:32-10.2 and that subsequent to approval, planning, development, staff and funding availability, implement a summer session program to students in grade 12 to establish requirements for graduation; students in grade 8 to establish requirements for promotion; elementary students in grades K-7 targeted for enrichment; ELL students as available funding and eligibility permits and as reflected in their curriculum; and Special Education students, as per their IEP. These opportunities will be extended, contingent upon student enrollment, available staff, and District, state, and federal funding, as permitted by and/or required by law.

E. Hubbard Middle School – Health Fair and Field Day

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

RESOLUTION

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

Goal 4: Safe School Environment

Goal 5: Family and Community Engagement

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in PPS and encourage students already achieving proficiency to continue their academic success and social development.

To promote safety and increase parental and community involvement, the Health Fair and Field Day will promote health a healthy lifestyle and provide community resources to our students and parents.

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 receive resources and instructions that will provide lifelong benefits. Hubbard Middle School will hold a Health and Field Day on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 from 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on the grounds of Hubbard Middle School to provide the Hubbard community (students and parents) with instruction, recreational activities, and community resources consistent with the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards for Health and Physical Education (2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6).

The rain date for this event is May 27, 2010. This event will be run by the Health and Physical Education Department in conjunction with the school nurse and the Student Intervention Family Support Services team. All Hubbard Middle School students in grades 6-8 will have the opportunity to participate in athletic competition, learn about health concepts, and parents will be invited to secure services and information from invited community resources.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Hubbard Middle School to hold the Health and Field Day on Friday June 4, 2010 with a rain date of June 7, 2010. The event is opened to Hubbard Middle School students and families to promote healthy choices and

lifestyles and increase parent and community involvement. There is no direct cost to the District.

F. NJASK Literature Based Assessment Workshops

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

RESOLUTION

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

Goal 2: Human Resources

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

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

Michael Wojcik and Ernest Ciardi will provide four full day hands-on workshops to Emerson, Clinton K-8 Center and Barlow Schools' thirty-two (32) teachers in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 on the tentative dates of February 24 and March 4, 5 and 10, 2010. Through this series of workshops and modeling sessions, teachers will be trained in areas such as creating practice NJASK writing prompts, poetry prompts, expository prompts, and in getting our students to use compositional risks to score higher on open-ended reading and writing sections. Hands-on activities include:

- using concrete activities to master abstract/advanced skills
- using picture books to teach figurative language
- using everyday objects to teach figurative language

Michael Wojcik's leadership experience includes 39 years in public education and administrative experience including special education, guidance, scheduling child study team support services, state mandated testing training and curriculum and instruction. During his tenure as Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and instruction for Hackensack Public Schools, he was responsible for implementing major educational reforms with the Hackensack School District resulting in national and state recognition. He successfully eliminated the "achievement gap" resulting in six of seven District schools making AYP with NCLB and three schools being removed from New Jersey Department of Education *Needs Improvement List*.

During Ernest Ciardi tenure as District Supervisor of Language Arts Literacy for West New York School District, he has presented workshops for grades K–12 demonstrating strategies to teach NJASK, HSPA skills and the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards using classroom materials. In addition, he has served as a presenter at the *N.J. Federal Programs Administrators Conferences* for the past 11 years.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves payment in the amount of \$3,000.00 to Ernest Ciardi for providing four (4) full days of professional development and \$2,250.00 to Michael Wojcik for providing three (3) full days of professional development to thirty-two (32) teachers tentatively scheduled for February 24, 2010 and March 4, 5 and 10, 2010 for a *total of* \$5,250.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified.

The total will be divided amongst the three schools and charged in the following manner:

Emerson School

Cost: \$1,750.00

Account: 15-190-100018-320A-16-0000

Clinton K-8 Center

Cost: \$1,750.00

Account: 15-190-100018-320A-14-0000

Barlow School

Cost: \$1,750.00

Account: 15-000-223000-500A-11-0000

G. Kean University - Project Adelante

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

RESOLUTION

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

The Board of Education is committed to providing opportunities for all students (inclusive of English Language Learners and Special Education Students) to meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic success.

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

Project Adelante is a college-bound program at Kean University which encourages at-risk Latino students in grades 6-12 to graduate from high school and to pursue a post-secondary education by providing students with career counseling. *Project Adelante's* main academic focus is to improve student achievement in the areas of Language Arts Literacy, Mathematics, Science and Technology.

The *Project Adelante* classes are held at Kean University Campus during the school year on Saturdays and weekdays during the month of July 2010. Board transportation will provided for up to 50 students to attend the Project Adelante College bound program at Kean University during the 2009-2010 school year,

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves payment to Kean University for *Project Adelante* in the amount of \$30, 000.00 and charged to NCLB title III account.

H. Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools

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

RESOLUTION

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 2: Human Resources

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

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that a highly qualified, 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.

Members of the Middle State Association of College and Schools (MSACS) Validation Team will visit Plainfield High School to assess its self-study and planning year for accreditation. The Validation Team consists of five educators from surrounding states. The team's mission will include interviews with students, staff, administrators and community stakeholders. They will evaluate the artifacts and assess the objectives and action plans generated by the Standards Committee. The MSACS Validation Team will evaluate and recommend the granting of accreditation for Plainfield High School. The MSACS was established in 1890 to promote the improvement of secondary education and to promote and ensure coordination and understanding between secondary schools and institutions of higher learning. Plainfield High School was evaluated for accreditation by the MSACS in 1993. The MSACS Validation Team will visit the high school from Monday, April 19, 2010 through Thursday, April 22, 2010. The cost of accommodations, meals and the banquet will be provided by the District. Reimbursement payments to the five (5) members of the MSACS Validation Team for travel will be provided by the District. The cost of transportation to Plainfield High School will be provided by the District.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves five (5) members of the MSACS Validation Team to visit Plainfield High School from Monday, April 19, 2010 through Thursday, April 22, 2010 at a cost not to exceed \$17,604.20 for the cost of accommodations, meals, banquet and travel reimbursement and will be charged to account 15-000-240000-500A-25 000. The deposit for the banquet is \$5,094.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified.

I. Provision of Special Education Services

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

RESOLUTION

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves those 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 schools for the disabled during the 2009 - 2010 school year:

<u>SCHOOL OR INSTITUTION</u>	<u>PRIMARY CLASS.</u>	<u>APPROX. COST</u>
<u>TUITION AND TRANSPORTATION:</u>		
Matheny Med. & Ed. Ctr.	MD	\$52,400.00
Neptune Township	CI	\$10,586.55
Piscataway Township	TBI	\$15,156.09
Washington Academy	ED	\$41,558.00
Washington Academy	ED	\$41,558.00
Washington Academy		\$41,558.00
YCS- Ernest May Academy	ED	\$54,905.00

J. Amended IDEA American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds

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

RESOLUTION

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal: Learning Outcomes

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

The *IDEA/American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)* is a onetime resource that is funded by the Federal government through the New Jersey Department of Education allocation of funds. The grant period begins October 2009 and ends September 2011.

The IDEA/ARRA funds will be used to improve student achievement and help close the achievement gap through school improvement and reform. ARRA funds will be spent in ways that are likely to lead to improved results for students, long-term gains in school and school system capacity, and increased productivity and effectiveness. The IDEA/ARRA funds will support new and existing programs that hold promise for increasing success of students with disabilities and will follow *IDEA* guidelines. Fifteen percent of the funds will be used to implement Coordinated Early Intervention Services (CEIS) to students in kindergarten through grade 12 who have not been identified as needing special education and related services, but who need additional academic and behavioral support to succeed in a general education environment.

The following item was approved at the Business Meeting on August 18, 2009 and must be amended to include Non-Public funds (Basic) \$55,434 and Non-Public Preschool \$1,843. A Non-Public meeting was held on January 26, 2010 to discuss allocation of Non-Public funding.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to submit the following Amended application for the *IDEA/American Recovery and Reinvestment Act* (ARRA) fund:

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Program Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Administrator</u>
Amendment to the FY2009/2011 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act / American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Basic Grant to include Non-Public funds	Nonpublic proportionate share funds will be utilized for materials and services for special education students parentally-placed in nonpublic schools.	\$55,434.00 Non-Public Basic	Antoinette Adams
Amendment to the FY2009/2011 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act / American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Basic Grant to include Preschool Non-Public funds	Preschool Grant funds will be used for services for special education students and for supplies.	\$1,843.00 Preschool Basic	

K. Submission of Application

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

RESOLUTION

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential as productive citizens. The competitive grant application *Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools* will be submitted to provide support to expand elementary school and secondary school counseling programs. In addition, the grant will provide greater student access for mental health services and evidence based strategies to support elementary and secondary school students. The maximum funding is \$350,000 dollars per year for three years.

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

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Program Description</u>	<u>Administrators Responsible</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Office of Safe and Drug –Free Schools	To expand elementary and secondary school counseling programs and provide greater student access to mental health services and evidence based strategies to increase learning.	Angela Kemp, Assistant Superintendent Denise Shipman, Coordinator of Pupil Progression Services	\$350,000.00 per year for three years

L. Provision of Special Education Services

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

RESOLUTION

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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

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

<u>CONSULTANT/PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICES PROVIDED</u>	<u>RATE OF SERVICES</u>
Regina M. Doyle	Behaviorist (Assessments/Planning)	\$95.00/Hour

M. Acceptance of Grant Funds – Black United Fund of New Jersey

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

RESOLUTION

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential as productive citizens. To this end, the Plainfield *Teen Parenting Program Infant Toddler Center* provides comprehensive educational and support services for adolescent parents enrolled at PHS and their infant children. The goal of the program is to decrease dropout rate and increase graduation rates for parenting adolescents. In addition, the program provides developmentally appropriate early childhood education for infants and toddlers.

The Plainfield Board of Education's Plainfield Teen Parenting Program Infant and Toddler Center, through their advisory board, has been awarded \$4,000.00 by the Black United Fund of New Jersey. The funds are to be used for upgrades to the playground equipment located just outside of the Infant Toddler Center. The enhancement of the playground ensures that the children have an environment to exercise their gross motor skills; which is essential to the optimal growth and development of the children.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the acceptance of the supplemental funding of \$4,000.00 from the Black United Fund of New Jersey for enhancements to the *Teen Parenting Program Infant Toddler Center's* playground equipment.

N. Winceyco – Cedarbrook K-8 Center Assembly

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

RESOLUTION

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for 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 Third through Seventh grade students at Cedarbrook K-8 Center will be provided the opportunity through music and song to take an exciting tour through key points in our nation's history, creatively mixing it with modern day events.

Winceyco in Vauxhall, NJ has agreed to present two (2) exciting assemblies at 8:45 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. on February 18, 2010 that encourages celebration of African-American heritage and awareness for grades 3-7 and staff.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves payment to Winceyco in the amount of \$2,150.00 for two (2) performances on February 18, 2010 at Cedarbrook K-8 Center to bring awareness and celebrate African-American past and present history, and charged to 15-000-240000-500A-13-0000. Availability of funds for this item has been verified.

O. Author/Illustrator - Supita Bardhan-Quallen

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

RESOLUTION

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students reach high academic achievement by providing literacy instruction that meets the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. Plainfield Board of Education is also committed to integrating technology into the curriculum and providing Inquiry Based Learning.

Goal 5: Community and Family Engagement

Plainfield Board of Education is committed to engaging parents and other adult family members as partners in the education of students through workshops.

Students and families at C.H. Stillman School have participated in Author/Illustrator Workshops since 2001. These Literacy workshops include instruction in various genres including mysteries, science, sports fiction, fantasy, African-American history and poetry. To continue this culture of learning, children's book author Supita Bardhan-Quallen has agreed to conduct workshops for C.H. Stillman School's students and families. Children's book author Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen has agreed to provide four (4) Author/Illustrator Workshops for the entire student body and parents of C.H. Stillman School on March 30, 2010 from 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves payment in the amount of \$950.00 to Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen for providing four (4) Author/Illustrator Workshops for the entire student body and parents of C.H. Stillman School on March 30, 2010 and will be charged to account 20-235-2-00000-610S-20-000. Availability of funds for this item has been verified.

XII. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer – December 2009

Strategic Plan Link:
Goal 3: Business Operations

To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of business operations.

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

RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education certifies in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6:23-2.11(c)4 that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the year, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education directs the Superintendent to initiate whatever actions may be determined to be appropriate to comply with N.J.A.C. 6:23-2.11(c)41 and N.J.A.C. 6:23-2.11(b).

TO BE PRESENTED AT THE FEBRUARY 16, 2010 BUSINESS MEETING

B. Payment of Bills — January 14 – February 11, 2010

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 3: Business Operations

To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of business operations.

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

RESOLUTION

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

The Board Secretary presented certain warrants to the Board of Education with a recommendation they be paid, and pursuant to NJAC 6:20-2.13(d), the Board Secretary certifies that with respect to the payment of bills referenced below no budgetary line item account has been over expended in violation of NJAC6:20-2.13(a).

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

On the General Account

in the amount of \$

On the Agency Account

in the amount of \$

On the Food Service Account

in the amount of \$

IN THE GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$

TO BE PRESENTED AT THE FEBRUARY 16, 2010 BUSINESS MEETING

C. 2009-10 Budget Transfers

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 3: Business Practices

To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of business operations.

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

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the following 2010 Budget adjustments which reflect the appropriations sufficient to meet expenditures:

BUDGET TRANSFERS - FUND 11, FUND 12 AND FUND 13			
January 1, 2010 to January 31, 2010			
<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
11-1XX-100-XXX	Regular Programs - Instruction		
11-2XX-100-XXX 11-000-216,217	Special Education, Basic Skills/Remedial and Bilingual - Instruction and Other Student Related and Extraordinary Support Services		
11-3XX-100-XXX	Vocational Programs - Local - Instruction		
11-4XX-100-XXX	School-Spon. Co/Extra-Curr. Activities, School Sponsored Athletics, and Other Instructional Programs -Instruct		
11-800-330-XXX	Community Services Programs/Operations		
	Undistributed Expenditures		
11-000-100-XXX	Instruction		
11-000-211,213,218,219,222	Student Support Services - Attendance and Social Work, Health, Other Support Svcs-Regular, Other Support Svcs-Special, Education Media Services/School Library		
11-000-221,223	Improvement of Instruction Services and Instructional Staff Training Services		
11-000-230-XXX	Support Services - General Administration		250,000.00
11-000-240-XXX	Support Services - School Administration		
11-000-25X-XXX	Central Svcs & Admin Info Technology		
10-606	Increase in Maintenance Reserve		
11-000-26X-XXX	Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services		
11-000-270-XXX	Student Transportation Services		
10-605	Increase in Sale/Lease-Back Reserve		
11-000-290-XXX	Other Support Services		

11-XXX-XXX-2XX	Personal Services - Employee Benefits	250,000.00	
11-000-310-XXX	Food Services		
	TOTAL GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE		
	Capital Outlay		
12-XXX-XXX-73X	Equipment		
12-XXX-4XX-XXX	Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services		
	TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY		
13-XXX-XXX-XXX	TOTAL SPECIAL SCHOOLS		
10-000-100-56X	Transfer of Funds to Charter Schools		
10-000-520-930	General Fund Contribution to Whole School Reform		
	GENERAL FUND GRAND TOTAL	250,000.00	250,000.00

BUDGET TRANSFERS - FUND 15			
January 1, 2010 to January 31, 2010			
<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
15-1XX-100-XXX	Regular Programs - Instruction		4,649.00
15-2XX-100-XXX 15-000-216,217	Special Education, Basic Skills/Remedial and Bilingual - Instruction and Other Student Related and Extraordinary Support Services		
15-3XX-100-XXX	Vocational Programs - Local - Instruction		
15-4XX-100-XXX	School-Spon. Co/Extra-Curr. Activities, School Sponsored Athletics, and Other Instructional Programs -Instruct		3,500.00
15-800-330-XXX	Community Services Programs/Operations		
	Undistributed Expenditures		
15-000-100-XXX	Instruction		
15-000-211,213,218,219,222	Student Support Services - Attendance and Social Work, Health, Other Support Svcs-Regular, Other Support Svcs-Special, Education Media Services/School Library	661.85	
15-000-221,223	Improvement of Instruction Services and Instructional Staff Training Services	3,987.15	
15-000-230-XXX	Support Services - General Administration		
15-000-240-XXX	Support Services - School Administration		3,000.00
15-000-25X-XXX	Central Svcs & Admin Info Technology		
15-606	Increase in Maintenance Reserve		
15-000-26X-XXX	Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services		
15-000-270-XXX	Student Transportation Services	6,500.00	
15-605	Increase in Sale/Lease-Back Reserve		

15-000-290-XXX	Other Support Services		
15-XXX-XXX-2XX	Personal Services - Employee Benefits		
15-000-310-XXX	Food Services		
	TOTAL GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE		
	Capital Outlay		
15-604	Increase in Capital Reserve		
15-604	Interest Deposit to Capital Reserve		
15-XXX-XXX-73X	Equipment		
15-000-4XX-XXX	Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services		
15-000-4XX-931	Capital Reserve-Transfer to Capital Projects		
15-000-4XX-933	Capital Reserve-Transfer to Debt Service		
15-000-520-930	General Fund Contribution to Whole School Reform		
	WHOLE SCHOOL REFORM GRAND TOTAL	11,149.00	11,149.00

D. Acceptance of Grant Funds – Black United Fund of New Jersey

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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

RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential as productive citizens. To this end, the Plainfield Teen Parenting Program Infant Toddler Center provides comprehensive educational and support services for adolescent parents enrolled at PHS and their infant children. The goal of the program is to decrease dropout rate and increase graduation rates for parenting adolescents. In addition, the program provides developmentally appropriate early childhood education for infants and toddlers.

The Plainfield Board of Education's Plainfield Teen Parenting Program Infant and Toddler Center, through their advisory board, has been awarded \$4,000 by the Black United Fund of New Jersey. The funds are to be used for upgrades to the playground equipment located just outside of the Infant Toddler Center. The enhancement of the playground ensures that the children have an environment to exercise their gross motor skills; which is essential to the optimal growth and development of the children.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the acceptance of the supplemental funding from the Black United Fund of New Jersey for enhancements to the Infant Toddler Center's playground equipment.

E. Enrollment of Student Who is a Non-Resident

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 2: Human Resources

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

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

RESOLUTION

An employee of the Plainfield Public Schools is requesting permission that her son who does not reside in the school district, be enrolled in kindergarten at Woodland Elementary School, and

The Board of Education has a policy #5118 which allows employees to request a waiver of tuition fees for enrollment, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the student to enroll at Woodland School and waive tuition fees in the Plainfield Public Schools for the 2009-2010 school year. Parent/Guardian will provide any necessary transportation.

F. Security Alarm Monitoring, Service & Repairs Bid #2010-16

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 3: Business Practices

To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of business operations.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Plainfield Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A: 39-3 (et seq) advertised for sealed bids for a Security Alarm Monitoring, Service & Repairs on February 1, 2010 and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the advertisement bids will be received, publicly opened and read aloud at the Board of Education Office on February 11, 2010 at 10:00am.

TO BE PRESENTED AT THE FEBRUARY 16, 2010 BUSINESS MEETING

G. Mandatory Board Member Training

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Christian Estevez to take the web-based Accountability Act Mandated Training, Governance II: Finance, which must be completed by Friday, March 12, 2010 at a cost of \$50.00. This web-based version will provide an opportunity for training under the School District Accountability Act. The account charged is 11-000-230000-580A-01-0000.

XIII. REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

A. Adoption of Policies – First Reading

The following is recommended for adoption:

RESOLUTION

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

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

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

Policy Number
4111

Title
Recruitment, Selection & Hiring

XII. ADJOURNMENT

GLO/bsc