

PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Plainfield, N.J.

Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2012

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

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

Board of Education Members

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

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

WELCOME to a WORK & STUDY MEETING of the Plainfield Board of Education. Members hope you will find the meeting interesting and informative. We thank you for taking the time to attend. Please be advised this and all meetings of the board are open to the media and public, consistent with the Open Public meetings Act (Ch. 231 Laws of 1975), and that the advance notice required therein has been provided to the Courier News and Star Ledger on Wednesday, January 4, 2012 for advertisement on Saturday, January 7, 2012 and also provided to the Plainfield Public Schools, the District's website, the Plainfield City Clerk, Police Department, and Plainfield Public Library for posting.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

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

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

The Board of Education will recess into its Executive Session.

VI. CONDUCT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

*Meeting Schedule Subject to Change

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

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

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

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

The next Business Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2012, 8:00 pm, in the Plainfield High School Auditorium.

VII. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

VIII. REMARKS FROM THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

IX. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

X. REPORT OF THE CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

A. Field Trips

(1) St. Joseph Mathematics Competition – Hubbard Middle School

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

RESOLUTION

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

Thirty (30) students in seventh and eighth grade and two (2) chaperones from Hubbard Middle School will visit St. Joseph High School, Metuchen, New Jersey, on January 14, 2012 to gain real world experience by competing in a formal mathematics competition open to students from the surrounding area. Departure is scheduled from Hubbard Middle School at 9:30 a.m. and a return at 1:00 p.m.

The focus of the trip is to expose students to competing in a mathematics competition as well as to expose them to advanced items in preparation for the PSAT and NJASK. Teachers have devised lessons that will engage students in an in-depth study of problem solving and test taking strategies.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves thirty (30) students in seventh and eighth grade and two (2) chaperones from Hubbard Middle School to visit St. Joseph High School, Metuchen, New Jersey, on January 14, 2012. Admission to the competition has been paid by the school. There is no cost to the District excluding transportation. Transportation will be provided through District buses.

(2) Jr. Statesmen of America Winter Model Congress - PAAAS Debate Team

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

The Plainfield High School Debate Team has attended Junior Statesmen of America Winter Model Congress since 1966. This year PAAAS freshman and sophomores will be joining the high school students. At the Junior Statesmen of America Winter Model Congress, students engage in a variety of activities, including debates, student-led thought talks, and mock trials which critically examine the political landscape. Students learn about today's important issues and have the unique opportunity to express their opinions and challenge the opinions of others in a tolerant, supportive atmosphere. Politically engaged and interested students from diverse backgrounds share their perspectives, learn from each other and have fun as they debate and socialize together. The Coordinator of the Junior Statesmen of America Winter Model Congress has invited the Debate Team to attend their winter Congress in Arlington, Virginia. Fifteen (15) students, grades 9-12 and two (2) chaperones will attend this special event.

The PAAAS Team, comprised of approximately fifteen (15) students, grades 9-10 and two (2) chaperones, will attend the Junior Statesmen of America Winter Model Congress in Arlington, Virginia in from February 24, 2012 to February 26, 2012. Departure is scheduled from Plainfield High School parking lot on Friday, February 24, 2012 at 6:00 a.m. The return is scheduled for Sunday, February 26, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. The Junior Statesmen of America provide an all-inclusive package consisting of registration, lodging and transportation. The cost per student is \$182.50, and \$260.00 per chaperone.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approve for fifteen (15) students and two (2) chaperones to attend the Junior Statesmen of America Winter Model Congress from Friday, February 24, 2012 to Sunday, February 26, 2012 not to exceed \$3,257.50. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to 15-000-270000-512A-52-0000 (PAAAS Principal Fieldtrip).

(3) The State Theatre of New Jersey – Cook K-7 Center

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

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

RESOLUTION

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 State Theatre of New Jersey (New Brunswick, New Jersey) is an essential resource for schools looking to prepare students for the workplace of the future. Their “Performances for Schools” addresses the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards in the visual and performing arts as well as other core curriculum areas. “Performance for Schools” programs offers and assortment of drama, dance, music and performance poetry, from around the world.

Fifty-nine (59) students, grades 6-7, and six (6) chaperones from Frederic W. Cook K-7 Center will attend a performance of the Mayhem Poets at the State Theatre in New Brunswick, New Jersey. The trip will be financed through the student activities account at Frederic W. Cook K-7 Center and/or budget line 15-190-100000-800A-15-0000 (*if there are students who cannot pay*). Departure is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. and return at 12:30 p.m.

RESOLVED, the Plainfield Board of Education approve for fifty-nine (59) students, grades 6-7, and six (6) chaperones to attend a performance of the Mayhem Poets at the State Theatre (New Brunswick, New Jersey) on Tuesday, February 28, 2012, at no cost to the District, (*unless there are students who cannot pay; then Cook will use account 15-190-100000-800A-15-0000 – Fieldtrip Admission Fees; availability of funds have been verified*) , excluding transportation; transportation will be provided through District buses.

(4) Junior Achievement Program – Frederic W. Cook K-7 Center

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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

RESOLUTION

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 Junior Achievement Program of New Jersey provides opportunities for middle school and high school students to begin thinking and planning for their financial futures. The program emphasizes real world situations, such as planning a personal budget, to prepare students for positive life skill situations.

Fifty-nine (59) students, grades 6-7, and eight (8) chaperones from Frederic W. Cook K-7 Center will attend a culminating experience through the Junior Achievement Program at 504 Broad Street in Newark, New Jersey. There is no admission cost associated with this trip. District Transportation will be provided. Departure is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 8:30am. The return is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 1:30pm.

RESOLVED, the Plainfield Board of Education approve for fifty-nine (59) students, grades 6-7, and six (6) chaperones to participate in the Junior Achievement Program at 504 Broad Street in Newark, New Jersey on Tuesday, March 6, 2012. There is no cost to the District, excluding transportation. Transportation will be provided through District buses.

B. Assembly

(1) Soren Bennick Productions – “Power of One Anti-Bullying Assembly”

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 4: Safe Learning Environment:

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

Soren Bennick Productions - combines the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards with communication and performing arts to teach students about important issues such as bullying and harassment.

At DeWitt D. Barlow Elementary School, an anti-violence and bullying assembly will be conducted on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 entitled, “Power of One”. A major component of the program will explore the new state and national legislation on anti-bullying and harassment. Soren Bennick Productions will provide students with two (2) 40-minute skit-based productions involving students from the audience that mixes facts, fiction and real life stories to educate students about the dangers of bullying for both the bully and the victim. In addition, Soren Bennick Productions will also provide students with pre/post Performance activities and a listing of resources on Bullying Awareness and Prevention that will be incorporated throughout the day’s presentation and activities.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves payment to Soren Bennick Productions to be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at DeWitt D. Barlow Elementary School. The availability of funds has been verified and is not to exceed the amount of \$785.00 and charged to account 15-190-100018-610A-11-0000 - Barlow General Supply.

C. Professional Development

(1) School Nurses: Leading, Teaching Caring! NJSSNA 2012 Weekend Conference

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 2: Human Resources:

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

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

RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that a highly qualified, competent, skilled and dedicated workforce is essential to the success of the District and the students. Therefore, it has provided the Superintendent of Schools the authority to employ non-administrative and administrative 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 and to enhance professional development, Aisha Williamson, Nurse Woodland School, will attend the NJSSNA 2012 Weekend Conference: School Nurses; Leading, Teaching Caring!; on Saturday, March 24, 2012 in New Brunswick, NJ. This workshop is designed to improve and enhance school nursing skills through various topics relating to school health. This year's focus is on chronic health conditions and ways to help students achieve by staying healthy.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Mrs. Aisha Williamson to attend the NJSSNA 2012 Weekend Conference: School Nurses; Leading, Teaching Caring!; on Saturday, March 24, 2012 in New Brunswick, NJ, at a cost not to exceed \$225.00, which includes conference registration, workshops, transportation, and meals. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-190-100000-500A-22-0000 - Woodland Instructional Other Purchase Services.

(2) Teachers College - Mini-Institute – New York, NY

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal1: Learning Outcomes:

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

Two (2) teachers from each elementary and middle school, and three (3) administrators, (26 attendees total) will attend the Teachers College – Reading & Writing Projects' February Mini-Institute held in New York, NY, on February 20, 2012 until February 23, 2012, at the cost of \$600 for registration.

The conference will offer workshops that help educators at all levels develop curriculum and methods necessary to ensure that students reach the rigorous new standards for content area literacy embedded in Common Core. Educators will learn a repertoire of skills for teaching readers to think and read analytically about non-fiction text.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves two (2) teachers from each elementary and middle school, and three (3) building administrators (26 attendees total) to attend the Teachers College – Reading & Writing Projects' February Mini-Institute held in New York, NY, on February 20, 2012 until February 23, 2012, at the cost of \$600.00 per person for registration for a total not to exceed \$15,600.00. The availability of funds for this has been verified and will be charged to FY 2012 No Child Left Behind Title 1 School In Need of Improvement budget line.

Professional Development – Office of Bilingual Education/ESL/World Languages

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

The Office of Bilingual Education/ESL/World Languages will provide professional development which will be held after the teacher contracted hours, throughout the school year. The professional development sessions will focus on the different ways English language learners acquire academic information and academic language in the first and the target language, and ways the bilingual teacher can develop and understand the principles of Dual Language conceptual framework in practice.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the following staff members for a stipend to attend the Professional Development sessions. These sessions will be held through- out the school year during designated meeting times. Dates and after teacher contracted times will be posted on mylearningplan.com. The following teachers will be paid a stipend for hours after the work day at a rate of \$28.00/\$400.00 maximum. The availability of funds has been verified and will be charged to 20-244-200000-110A-39-0000 – T3 ESL Bilingual teacher Stipend.

(3) Cutting Edge Strategies to Work Effectively with Resistant Parents

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 5: Community Family Engagement:

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

RESOLUTION

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

Clinton K-8 Center's Principal along with the three (3) members of the School Leadership Council which consist of two members of the PTO Executive Board and one classroom teacher, as well as three (3) members of our Intervention and Referral Services Team, our school Social Worker, Sped Resource Teacher and School Nurse will attend "Cutting Edge Strategies to Work Effectively with Resistant Parents," on Friday, January 20, 2012, 8:30 – 3:00 p.m. in Long Branch, New Jersey. This program will demonstrate strategies on how to engage, encourage, empower, and educate resistant parents. Participants will learn the four keys to coaching parents to support their child's transitions and developmental stages. This workshop aligns and supports Clinton School's Unified Plan, Priority Problem #3: Working with Parents and will further support strategies to increase parental involvement in the academic process of improving student performance.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Clinton K-8 Center's Principal along with the School Leadership Council, Intervention and Referral Services Team to attend the "Cutting Edge Strategies to Work Effectively with Resistant Parents" program costing \$100 per person for a total of \$700. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to T1 CO Program Adm Conference Fees account 20-233-200000-500A-39-0000; T1 Adm Other Expenses account 20-234-2000000-500P-39-0000; and T1 Adm Travel 20-234-200000-580A-39-0000.

(4) “A Step-by-Step Curriculum for Early Learners with an Autism Spectrum Disorder”

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 2: Human Resources:

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

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

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.

Claudine Lewis child study team social worker and Nicole Smith, early childhood resource teacher will participate in a webinar/workshop entitled “A Step-by-Step Curriculum for Early learners with an Autism Spectrum Disorder” on January 30, 2012. This workshop will equip practitioners and teachers with a thorough and comprehensive program to help ensure the early learners in their care are achieving developmental goals and are able to reach their full potential as they grow. This training will discuss how to implement the curriculum, how to take data to track progress, and how to make sure that the curriculum is matching the child’s IEP.

Claudine Lewis and Nicole Smith will attend “A Step-by-Step Curriculum for Early Learners with an Autism Spectrum Disorder” webinar on January 30, 2012 from 11:00am- 2:00pm.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Claudine Lewis child study team social worker and Nicole Smith, early childhood resource teacher to participate in “A Step-by-Step Curriculum for Early Learners with an Autism Spectrum Disorder” webinar on January 30, 2012 from 11:00 am- 2:00 pm at a cost of \$110.00 per person and shall not exceed \$220.00. The availability of funds for these items has been verified and will be charged to the following account: 20-252-200000-320A-32-000 - IDEA/CO.

(5) NJHAPERD Conference, Long Branch, NJ

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

The Jefferson School Physical Education Teacher, Shawn R. Colletta, will attend the New Jersey Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Convention (NJHAPERD) from March 5-6, 2012, in Long Branch, New Jersey. The Association fosters excellence in the area of Physical and Health Education by providing physical educators with educational opportunities and information on current programs in the state of New Jersey. The NJHAPERD advocates high standards for physical and health educators in the public schools of New Jersey. *Ride The Wave of Change* is this year's theme. Professional development sessions will focus on lifetime sports and activities, fitness education, technology, exergaming, dance, inclusion and many other topics that will provide attendees with resources to students, to effectively educate students of the 21st Century.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Mr. Shawn R. Colletta to attend NJHAPERD Conference in Long Branch, New Jersey on March 5-6, 2012. The cost of registration is \$140.00. Transportation will be paid by staff and reimbursed by the District in accordance with District procedures. The availability of funds has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-222000-300A-18-0000 - Jefferson Library Professional & Technical Service.

(6) NJASCD Annual Conference/Institute

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

Goal 2: Human Resources:

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

The NJASCD Annual Conference will take place Wednesday, January 18, 2012, from 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM, in Monroe Township, NJ. This one day institute with the DuFours' theme "Leading and Learning in a Professional Learning Community at Work" will provide a day of learning that focuses on: *creating the conditions to support the collaborative culture of a PLC at Work; explores how effective PLCs respond when students do not learn; examines and provides tools and protocols to assist with specific works that educators undertake.*

Participants for the one-day conference/institute will include the Interim Assistant Superintendent and two (2) building administrators (Joi Bethea, Kwame Asante). The cost for the one day institute is \$145.00 per person for a Team of 3 or more.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approve the Interim Assistant Superintendent and two (2) building administrators (Joi Bethea, Kwame Asante) to attend the NJASCD Annual Conference in Monroe Township, New Jersey on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, from 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM; at a cost of \$145.00 per person for a Team of 3 or more; a total cost not to exceed \$435.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to FY 2012 No Child Left Behind Title 1 School In Need of Improvement budget line.

(7) Standards Solution LLC

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

Goal 2: Human Resources:

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

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

RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that a highly qualified, competent, skilled and dedicated workforce is essential to the success of the District and the students. The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life. In doing so, it is committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring that all students (inclusive of English Language Learners and Special Education Students) meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve life-long success. The District is committed to raising the standards and student performance and providing sustained professional development for staff.

Plainfield High School has identified Standards Solution, LLC, a team of educational consultants that specializes in curriculum, instruction and assessment to conduct eighteen days of professional development workshops, demonstration lessons, in-class support and access to the Standards Solution website for the 2011-2012 school year from January 3, 2012 to February 29, 2012.

The Standards Solution, LLC consultants will:

- conduct professional development workshops in Mathematics and Language Arts to assist all instructors to better understand the NJCCCS, test specifications and instructional strategies to assist students to perform at their personal best on standardized tests
- conduct demonstrations lessons to display child-centered instructional strategies to assist student to perform at their personal best on the HSPA
- provide ongoing in-class support and to conduct product review to assist instructors to identify the “next instructional steps” for Grade 11 classrooms.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approve payments to Standards Solution, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$35,400.00 (includes all expenses) for a total of no more than 18 days from January 3, 2012 to February 29, 2012. The availability for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-277-200000-320A-26-0000 - T2A Co Purchase Prof Ed (\$34,530.81), and account 20-278-200000-320A-26-0000 – T2 Edu Consultants – PD (\$869.19).

(8) Steven Wilkins Consultants, Inc.

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

Goal 2: Human Resources:

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

Steven Wilkins Consultants, Inc., Director Steven Wilkins of Elkins Park, PA will provide professional development to all 6-8 grade teachers in Hubbard Middle School for a total of forty-six (46) hours, not to exceed \$4,200.00 (beginning January 2012 through May 2012). The workshops will focus on team-building, respectful working relationships, and working collaboratively in the interest of the students.

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves payment to the Steven Wilkins Consultants Inc. not to exceed \$4,200.00 for 46 hours of professional development workshops. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-277-200000-320A-26-0000 (T2A CO Purchase PROF ED).

(D) Partnerships

(1) Teen Healthy Project – Partnership Agreement between Plainfield Public Schools 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) and Planned Parenthood of Greater Northern New Jersey (PPGNNJ)

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

To provide high-quality educational and enrichment programs that will enable students to improve academic achievement, and promote positive behavior and appropriate social interaction with peers and adults.

Goal 2: Human Resources:

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

Goal 3: Business Practice:

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

Goal 4: Safe Learning Environment:

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

Goal 5: Community & Family Engagement:

To implement activities that promote parental involvement and provide opportunities for literacy and related educational development to the families of participating students.

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

RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education 21st Century Community Learning Centers desires to enter into an agreement of partnership with Planned Parenthood of Greater Northern New Jersey, the lead agency, whereby a grant application was submitted to and awarded by the Department of Health & Senior Services for the research based Teen Healthy Project in the amount not to exceed \$6,000.00.

The Teen Healthy Project is an evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention program that serves adolescents between the ages of 12-17 in Elizabeth, Plainfield, and Roselle. The project emphasizes abstinence, behavioral skills development, community outreach, contraceptive education and access, healthy sexuality, HIV/AIDS, self-esteem, and sexually transmitted infection accompanied with parental component and peer led community activities.

The overarching goal of the Teen Healthy Project is to reduce health-risk behaviors amongst adolescents between the ages 12-17. The three main components include a student workshop session for six hours within a two-week period beginning January 2012 combining didactic learning with games, group discussions, self-reflection, role-play, and hands-on interactive activities. The sessions include covering barriers and supports to accomplishing personal goals, discernment between life events over which we have control and those that we do not, conflict resolution, and

Teen Healthy Project – Partnership Agreement (cont.)

effective communication skills. The second component is the development and facilitation of the Teen Healthy Project Advisory Council where a representative group of the participating teens meet for up to 90-minutes weekly to conceptualize, plan, and implement activities and events around the Teen Healthy Project curriculum content themes beginning February 2012 through June 2012. The third component includes a single 90-minute seminar where parents are informed of the Teen Healthy Project curriculum content as well as skills for communicating with their teen-aged children to occur from January 2012 through June 2012.

The two (2) Teen Healthy Project cohorts consisting of twenty (20) students each will be volunteer student participants from the Maxson Middle School 21st CCLC after school program and Plainfield High School. The program is scheduled to commence January 2012 and operate through June 2012.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Plainfield Public Schools 21st Century Community Learning Centers to enter into an agreement with Planned Parenthood of Greater Northern New Jersey for the submission and award of the Department of Health & Senior Services Teen Healthy Project grant in the amount not to exceed \$6,000.00. This agreement is at no cost to the Plainfield Public Schools District.

(2) Amended 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Programs – Collaborator Agreement

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in PPS. Increase percentage of students demonstrating academic progress; improve attendance rate; decrease suspension rate.

Goal 2: Human Resources:

To improve the recruitment, retention and development of district staff. Strengthen after school/summer professional learning communities; Continue with Student/College Interns working the program; Increase the number of staff participating in on/off site professional development.

Goal 5: Community & Family Engagement:

To actively engage families and communities in a meaningful, structured, and productive manner that promotes learning and cooperation; Increase number of parents attending school sponsored parent events/workshops; Increase number of community partnerships

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

RESOLUTION

The following Item was approved as Item C (1) on November 15, 2011, Page 47-48 at the Business Meeting (Partnerships) and must be amended to reflect an increase in Collaborator compensation.

The Plainfield Board of Education will enter into agreements for the purpose of rendering enrichment services for students participating in the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) after school programs at CH Stillman Elementary and Washington Community Schools (grades 4-6); Maxson and Hubbard Middle Schools (grades 6-8) with the following providers:

The identified collaborator is new to the 2011-2012 SY 21st CCLC Continuation Grant application. The new collaborator has a documented history of demonstrating expertise in their service area meeting all the guidelines and regulations put forth by the New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Educational Support Services (byway of NCLB Act 2001, Title IV, Part B). The new collaborator will provide essential mentoring, parental involvement, career exploration, and service-learning initiatives as identified in the 2011-2012 SY 21st CCLC Continuation Grant application's project activity plan.

Sigma Community Enrichment Initiative (SCEI) is a non-profit mentoring, parental involvement, and community service education organization dedicated to improving the development of at-risk male elementary students by providing high quality, standards based workshops and projects that help to build student' self-awareness, connection to their community, and student achievement. SCEI agrees to provide twenty-five (25) weeks, three (3) hours each week for a total of seventy-five (75) hours of enrichment services for student participants enrolled at Stillman and Washington school sites of the 21st CCLC After-School Program at a cost of \$8,750.00.

Amended 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Programs (cont.)

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Plainfield Public Schools to enter into a contractual agreement with new program collaborator, Sigma Community Enrichment Initiative, at a total cost of \$8,750.00. Availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-450-100000-300A-38-0000 – 21st CCLC (Instructional) Professional Services.

(3) Rutgers Early College Humanities Program – REaCH

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

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

RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life. In doing so, it 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 Rutgers' Early College Humanities Program (REaCH) through its already successful collaboration with the Plainfield Public Schools, will provide an opportunity for twenty-five (25) high school students from Plainfield High School to receive three (3) college credits and forty (40) hours of college level instruction. To participate, students will be required to attend a formal interview as well as a review of current grades. This partnership will provide participating students with an opportunity to study with college professors, acquire valuable cultural backgrounds, and enhance reading, writing and conceptual skills that are important for success in college. In addition, students will gain confidence that will help them to adjust to college level work and earn three college credits from Rutgers University and regular high school credit. The college credits are transferable to any college the students are accepted to attend after graduation.

The classes are scheduled to begin January 18, 2012 through June 19, 2012 and will meet on Tuesday for nineteen (19) weeks at Plainfield High School. Classes are scheduled from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the Plainfield Public Schools to enter into a contractual agreement and partnership with the Rutgers Early College Humanities Program (REaCH) to provide twenty-five (25) students from Plainfield High School to receive three (3) college credits and forty (40) hours of college level instruction, at \$640.00 per student, for a total cost of \$16,000.00 to be charged to account 15-190-100018-500A-25-0000 - HS Other Purchase Service; availability of funds for this item has been verified.

(4) Merle Art Productions – Clinton K-8 Center

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

Merle Art Productions has agreed to provide musical services as artists-in-residence to support the performing arts program at Clinton K-8 Center. Merle Art Productions in concert with Clinton's instrumental music teacher will work with students providing piano accompaniment and vocal music instruction that will increase students' opportunities to improve and demonstrate their vocal talents and increase their opportunities to participate in three school performances that will highlight their vocal skills and talents.

Merle Art Productions will rehearse with students and assist them in three (3) musical performances. Rehearsals will occur during students' music periods on Tuesdays 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. and Wednesday through Friday 1:30 – 3:00 for a total of 6 ½ hours per week during the months of January through June. Merle Art Productions will support the musical production of Clinton K-8 Center's Black History Program - February 24, 2012, Spring Multicultural Extravaganza - June 8, 2012 and Clinton's first Eighth Grade Stepping Into High School Ceremony - June 20, 2012. During the Black History Program, Merle Art Productions will also supply various percussion instruments for the students in the chorus to play. The instruments will consist of Djembe drums, a steel drum, cow bell and tambourines. Piano accompaniment and vocal direction will be provided at each performance.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approve Merle Art Productions to provide services during the months of January 2012 through June 2012, Tuesday through Friday, as outlined above at Clinton K-8 Center at a cost of \$2,000.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-190-1000018-320A-14-0000 - Instruction Improvement Educational Services.

(5) Kean University - Project Adelante

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

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

RESOLUTION

The Board of Education is committed to providing opportunities for all students (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 youngsters in grades 6-12 to graduate from High School and go on to post-secondary education by and providing students with career counseling. Project Adelante's main academic focus is to improve student achievement in the areas of Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Technology. The Project Adelante classes are held at Kean University campus during the school year on Saturdays and weekdays during the month of July 2012. The Plainfield Public Schools' Transportation department will provide transportation for 30-50 students to attend the Project Adelante College bound program at Kean University during the 2011-2012 school year.

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves payment to Kean University for the amount of \$30,000 and charged to NCLB Title III account.

E. ALEKS (Assessment and Learning in Knowledge Spaces) – Online Mathematics Solutions

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

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

RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring 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 Office of Bilingual Education, ESL and World Languages has reviewed ALEKS (Assessment and Learning in Knowledge Spaces). ALEKS an online mathematics program for grades 3-12, will be purchased for several schools (Barlow, Clinton, Emerson, Evergreen, Jefferson, Stillman, Washington, Hubbard, Maxson and Plainfield High School). ALEKS (Assessment and Learning in Knowledge Spaces) is a powerful, online math program that provides individualized assessment and learning with standards-based content form grades 3-12. Fundamentally different from other educational software, ALEKS uses an artificial intelligence engine to assess each student individually and continuously. Through adaptive questioning, ALEKS accurately assesses a student's knowledge and then delivers highly-target instruction on the exact topics the student is ready to learn. This individualized instruction creates tremendous learning momentum and propels students toward success. The cost per student is \$42.00 for a 12-month subscription. 584 students in 3rd to 12th grade will receive a subscription.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approve purchase of the ALEKS online mathematics program. The ALEKS online mathematics solutions for grades 3-12 will be purchased for several schools (Barlow, Clinton, Emerson, Evergreen, Jefferson, Stillman, Washington, Hubbard, Maxson and Plainfield High School). The total cost will be \$24,528.00. The availability of funding code 20-244-100000-600A-39-0000 - T3 Instructional Supplies (Curriculum Materials); has been verified.

F. Grant

(1) The Laura Bush Foundation for Americas Libraries Grant

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards in a safe, positive learning environment. The Laura Bush Foundation for Americas Libraries Grant will be submitted by Jefferson School for \$4,000 to \$6,000.

This competitive grant will financially supplement school library collections and support literacy instruction for K–6 students at Jefferson Elementary School.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of authorizes the Interim Superintendent of Schools to submit the application for foundation funds to support educational programs and increase grant revenue in the district.

G. English Language Learner Afterschool Program

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

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

RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring that all students (inclusive of English Language Learners and Special Education Students) meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic and life-long success. In support of obtaining these goals, the Office of Bilingual Education/ESL and World Languages will provide academic support and enrichment activities for 360 students in Grades 3-6 in ESL and Mathematics at Barlow, Evergreen, Jefferson, Stillman, Washington, Hubbard and Maxson. A maximum of one ESL teacher and one Bilingual Mathematics teacher will teach at each site.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approve the operation of the English Language Learner Afterschool Program at Barlow, Evergreen, Jefferson, Stillman, Washington, Hubbard and Maxson for the 2011-12 school year. Staff will be compensated at a rate of \$28.00 per hour. The hours of operation will be from 3:10 PM to 5:10 PM. The program will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays commencing January 31, 2012 and ending May 24, 2012. The cost of the program is not to exceed \$38,977. The availability of funding code 20-244-100000-101A-39-0000 – Title 3 Teacher Stipend; has been verified.

H. Fast Forward Language Program – Washington Community School

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

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

RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring 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.

Whereas Washington Community School is in Year-Two of School In Need of Improvement status and recognizes the need to improve student learning outcomes,

Whereas the FastForward Language program is a computer-based adaptive instructional program developed to build cognitive skills and by addressing phonological processing, vocabulary recognition, verbal/nonverbal sound discrimination and language comprehension has been identified and met evidence standards through the United States Department of Education's What Works Clearinghouse as a program that has shown success with all students including English language learners and special education students.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the licensure of FastForward at Washington Community School at a cost of \$22,560. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-190-1000180610A-21-0000 - General Supply.

I. 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) – Budget Modification

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

Goal 5: Community and Family Engagement:

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

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

RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for families and community members to engage in meaningful and productive activities to ensure that all students achieve high academic standards and achieve life-long success.

21st CCLC After-School programs help students meet local and state content standards in core academic areas and offer students an array of enrichment, recreational, and cultural activities that complement their regular school year curriculum. The program offers other relevant educational services to the families of participating children by way of community partnerships in the areas of personal development, civic responsibility, technology, arts, and related skills.

The Department of Student Intervention and Family Support Services 2011-2012 21st Century Community Learning Centers Continuation Grant application was approved by the New Jersey Department of Education Office of Educational Support Services (by way of NCLB Act 2001, Title IV, Part B) in the amount of \$535,000. The Project period for this Continuation Grant award is September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012. The funding will be utilized to develop and implement high quality out of school time services to a targeted population of no less than 205 students and their families.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education authorizes the Interim Superintendent of Schools to submit FY 2011-2012 Budget Modification in the form of a Request for Replacement of Collaborator.

Funding Source	Program Description	Administrator	Amount
NJ Department of Education Office of Student Support Services	21 st Century Community Learning Centers enables school districts with the assistance of community partners to plan, implement, and expand projects that benefit the educational, health, social services, cultural and recreational needs of the community. The program is designed to develop education centers for children and families in communities.	Anna Belin-Pyles	FY 2011-2012 Budget Modification Request for Replacement of Collaborator in the amount of \$8,750.00

J. Early Childhood Five (5) Year Plan Update Submission

RESOLUTION

Strategic Plan Link:

The Plainfield Public Schools is required to submit a five (5) year programmatic plan update, along with a budget for the 2012-2013 school year, to the New Jersey Department of Early Childhood Education. This plan outlines the operation of the Plainfield preschool program to meet the needs of its preschool population over the next few years.

The plan continues to incorporate the use of contracted community child care providers as well as in-district classrooms to provide universal preschool to Plainfield residents. The plan describes the continued use of approved curriculum and evaluation methods proved effective in current practice. We will continue to train both in-district and provider staff to maintain the highest possible level of appropriate classroom instruction. The plan also outlines strategies for outreach to the community and support for families of preschoolers.

The 2012-13 budget submission is crafted to provide service to a total of 1,543 preschoolers (1,499 general education and 44 classified). This will utilize the services of thirteen (13) contracted providers, including Head Start, and classrooms in two (2) in-district schools.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the submission of the Five (5) year plan update and the 2012-13 Budget for Early Childhood Education. This is annual funding from the New Jersey Department of Education for preschool services to three (3) and four (4) year olds. The FY 2011-12 budget submission is \$20,645,007.

K. Provision of Special Education Services

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

RESOLUTION

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

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

RESOLVED, those four (4) Plainfield pupils whose names have been certified by the Superintendent of Schools and are on file with the Secretary of the Board of Education will be provided with special education programs in OUT-OF-DISTRICT schools for the disabled during the 2011-2012 school year:

PUPIL	SCHOOL OR PRIMARY INSTITUTION	CLASSIFICATION	APPROXIMATE COST TUITION AND TRANSPORTATION
N.M.	Cranford Achievement Program	ED	\$2,985.36
G.S.	Center For Lifelong Learning	TBI	\$37,975.00
A.T.	Scotch Plains/Fanwood Schools	OHI	\$17,699.00
E.C.	You & Me School - JFK Medical Center	PD	\$56,846.16
TOTAL			<u>\$115,505.52</u>

L. Sociologist Pedro Noguera – Peter L. Agnew Professor of Education, NYU

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

Pedro Noguera is the Peter L. Agnew Professor of Education of New York University, as well as, the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Center for Urban Education. Dr. Noguera is an urban sociologist whose scholarship and research focuses on the ways in which schools are influenced by social and economic conditions in the urban environment. Dr. Noguera speaks about the forces that sometimes prevent schools from providing children with equitable outcomes. He has published over 150 research articles, monographs and research reports on topics such as urban school reform, conditions that promote student achievement, youth violence, the potential impact of school choice and vouchers on urban public schools, and race and ethnic relations in American society.

On Monday, February 13, 2012, Dr. Noguera's topic of discussion with administrators, staff, parents and students will be *Creating the Opportunity to Learn*, as well as discussing 'closing the achievement gap', 'leadership' and 'motivation'. The cost of the speaking engagement is \$6,000.00.

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve payment to Dr. Pedro Noguera for speaking engagement on Monday, February 13, 2012 at a cost of \$6,000.00 The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-277-200000-320A-26-0000 (T2A CO Purchase PROF ED).

XI. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

DISCUSSION: District Insurance

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

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 3: Business Operations

To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of business operations.

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

RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

FUND	CASH BALANCE	APPROPRIATION BALANCE	FUND BALANCE
(10) General Current Expense Fund			
(11, 16, 17,18) Current Expense	13,227,779.91	12,152,997.06	30,116,814.31
(12) Capital Outlay		13,282,659.84	-
(13) Special Schools		-	-
(15) Reform Schools	2,466,511.47	5,402,418.83	-
Capital Reserve			
(20) Special Revenue Fund	545,094.76	4,989,843.48	685,061.77
(30) Capital Projects Fund	-	-	-
(40) Debt Service Fund	295,658.01	577,611.09	383,619.17
(60) Enterprise Fund	511,633.64	305,600.37	887,673.53
TOTAL	17,046,677.79	36,711,130.67	32,073,168.78

B. Payment of Bills —December 16, 2011 – January 12, 2012

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 3: Business Operations

To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of business operations.

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

RESOLUTION

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

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

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

On the General Account

in the amount of \$

On the Agency Account

in the amount of \$

On the Food Service Account

in the amount of \$

IN THE GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$

TO BE PRESENTED AT THE JANUARY 17, 2012 BUSINESS MEETING

C. 2011 – 12 Budget Transfers

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 3: Business Practices

To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of business operations.

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

RESOLUTION

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

TO BE PRESENTED AT THE JANUARY 17, 2012 BUSINESS MEETING

D. Bid # 2012-17 Sale Of School Vehicle

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A: 18A-1 (et seq) advertised for sealed bid for Sale of School Vehicle on November 18, 2011, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with that advertisement bids were received, publicly opened and read aloud at the Board of Education Office on December 6, 2011 with the following results:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Jersey One Auto Sales Jersey City, NJ	\$506.00

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education accepts the highest bid of Jersey One Auto Sales.

E. Bid # 2012-18 Sale Of School Vehicle

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A: 18A-1 (et seq) advertised for sealed bid for Sale of School Vehicle on November 18, 2011, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with that advertisement bids were received, publicly opened and read aloud at the Board of Education Office on December 6, 2011 with the following results:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Jersey One Auto Sales Jersey City, NJ	\$456.00

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education accepts the highest bid of Jersey One Auto Sales.

F. New Jersey School Boards Association

The following is recommended for adoption:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Plainfield Board of Education is committed to developing outstanding scholars; and

WHEREAS, the district's efforts are driven by the vision, guidance and action of its Chief School Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the Plainfield Public School District has the need to fill the vacancy of its Superintendent of Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Plainfield Board of Education is seeking the best qualified and strongest pool of candidates for consideration to fill the vacancy of Superintendent of Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Plainfield Board of Education considered proposals from several professional recruitment firms and/or organizations, said proposals including cost, methodology and success; now therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Plainfield Board of Education approve a contract with the New Jersey School Board Association to manage and execute its Superintendent search in the amount of \$15,000.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to the following account 11-000-230000-339A-02-0000 (Purchased Services).

G. Settlements

The Plainfield Board of Education approved the following settlements on the dates indicated and these settlements are hereby ratified and confirmed on this date:

1. September 8, 2010, OAL COMM. OF EDUCATION matter handled by P&C, IMO of Tenure Hearing of S.G. III, EDU 07091-10/11115-10 for (six months back pay, submission of resignation and dismissal of challenge to termination by District before the Commissioner Of Education).
2. September 21, 2010, WORKERS COMP. matter handled by HH&R, C.G. v. Plainfield Board of Education, PLB027350 for \$15,000.00.
3. September 21, 2010, WORKERS COMP. matter handled by HH&R, D.D. v. Plainfield Board of Education, PLB028246 for \$14,553.00.
4. October 21, 2010, WORKERS COMP. matter handled by HH&R, J.H-C. v. Plainfield Board of Education, PLB023139 for \$25,265.70.
5. November 9, 2010, Grievance settlement handled by P&C, PEA Grievance 09:09:10, AR-2009-598 for \$45,000.00.
6. November 9, 2010, Grievance settlement handled by P&C, R.R. v. Plainfield Board of Education, AR-2010-402 for \$43,300.00.
7. December 21, 2010, Grievance settlement handled by P&C, arbitration handled by HH&R, P.G. v. Plainfield Board of Education, A-1599-09T2 for \$65,404.39.
8. January 11, 2011, OAL COMM. OF EDUCATION matter handled by NJSBAIG, L.D.P. v. Plainfield Board of Education, EDU 09680-2010N for \$20,241.09.
9. January 18, 2011, WORKERS COMP. matter handled by HH&R, J.J.B v. Plainfield Board of Education, PLB029876 for \$9,270.00.
10. March 8, 2011, Grievance settlement handled by P&C, IMO J.B. for \$7,500.00.
11. March 8, 2011, OAL COMM. OF EDUCATION matter, settlement handled by P&C, litigation handled by HH&R, L.F. v. Plainfield Board of Education, EDU 09750- 2008N for \$60,000.00.
12. March 8, 2011, WORKERS COMP. matter handled by HH&R, A.C. v. Plainfield Board of Education, PLB020322 for \$52,720.00 (actual settlement amount \$50,670.06).
13. March 8, 2011, WORKERS COMP. matter handled by HH&R, M.S. v. Plainfield Board of Education, PLB026281 for \$20,613.00.
14. March 15, 2011, OAL COMM. OF EDUCATION matter handled by P&C, D.O. v. Plainfield Board of Education, EDU 08476-2010 N for \$0.
15. March 15, 2011, OPRA matter handled by P&C, M.P. v. Plainfield Board of Education, UNN-L-4400-10 for \$2,775.00.
16. April 19, 2011, WORKERS COMP. matter handled by HH&R, S.T. v. Plainfield Board of Education, WORKERS COMP.082566 for \$133,200.00 (actual settlement amount \$102,780.00).
17. April 19, 2011, WORKERS COMP. matter handled by HH&R, R.H. v. Plainfield Board of Education, PLB031353 for \$35,310.00.
18. May 17, 2011, WORKERS COMP. matter handled by HH&R, S.M. v. Plainfield Board of Education (WORKERS COMP.), PLB024362 for \$7,000.00 (actual settlement amount \$5,818.75.)
19. July 26, 2011, OAL COMM. OF EDUCATION matter handled by P&C, R.L. v. Plainfield Board of Education, EDU-13485-2010N for \$0.
20. July 26, 2011, OAL COMM. OF EDUCATION matter handled by P&C, R.W. v. Plainfield Board of Education, EDU 13508-2010N for \$6,023.26.
21. August 16, 2011, WORKERS COMP. matter handled by P&C, S.J-T. v. Plainfield Board of Education, PLB025651 for \$40,815.00.
22. August 16, 2011, OPRA matter handled by P&C, J.P. v. Plainfield Board of Education, GRC Comp. No. 2010-252 for \$720.00.

H. NJQSAC Statement of Assurance School Year 2011-12

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

RESOLUTION

The Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) is a statutorily – mandated system of school district performance assessment and is New Jersey’s system of education accountability.

QSAC was created in accordance with the Quality Single Accountability Continuum Act, adopted by the New Jersey Legislature in September 2005. Administrative regulations to implement QSAC were adopted by the Commissioner of Education, effective February 22, 2007.

QSAC requires that in every public school district in New Jersey, members of the board of education, administrators, teachers and other staff members convene every three years to assess their district’s performance in five key areas:

- Instructional and Program
- Personnel
- Fiscal Management
- Operations Management
- Governance

QSAC involves a performance assessment by a district committee, a statement of assurance signed by the chief school administrator and approved by the board of education, verification by the executive county superintendent, review by the Commissioner of Education and placement at the appropriate point on the performance continuum.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education hereby approves for submission to the NJDOE via the Executive County Superintendent of Schools the NJQSAC Statement of Assurance School Year 2011-12.

XII. REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

A. Adoption of Policy – Second Reading

The following is recommended for adoption:

RESOLUTION

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

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

The Board of Education now finds it necessary that these policies be implemented, now therefore be it

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

<u>Policy #</u>	<u>Title</u>	
3260	Sale and Disposal of Books, Equipment and Supplies; Sale, Licensing and Rental of Property	Amended
3327	Relations with Vendors	Amended
3514	Equipment	Amended

XIII. ADJOURNMENT