

PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Plainfield, N.J.

Date: Tuesday, January 11, 2011
Time: 6:30 p.m. PUBLIC SESSION
6:35 p.m. MEETING CLOSED FOR
EXECUTIVE SESSION
8:00 p.m. WORK & STUDY MTG.
Place: **PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
CONFERENCE ROOM**
950 PARK AVE.

Board of Education Members

Mrs. Lisa C. Logan-Leach, President
Mr. Rasheed Abdul-Haqq, Vice President
Ms. Patricia I. Barksdale
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell
Mr. Agurs Linward Cathcart, Jr.
Mrs. Keisha Edwards
Mrs. Brenda L. Gilbert
Mrs. Renata A. Hernandez
Ms. Katherine Peterson
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 5, 2011 for advertisement on Friday, January 7, 2011 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.	2 nd Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Conf.	6:30 p.m.
Curric. & Instr.	2 nd Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Conf.	8:00 p.m.
Finance Committee	2 nd Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Conf.	8:00 p.m.
Bldgs. & Grds. Cmte.	2 nd Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Conf.	8:00 p.m.
School Community Rel.	2 nd Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Conf.	8:00 p.m.
Business Meeting	3 rd Tues. ea. mo.	Alternate Schools	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 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 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 18, 2011, 8:00 pm, in the Washington Community School cafetorium.

- 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. Trips

1. 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) AMC Loews Cinema

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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

RESOLUTION

Plainfield Public Schools is committed to improve the learning and academic performance of all students (including English Language Learners and Special Education Students) so they achieve their full potential in life. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring that all students meet the NJCCCS and achieve academic, behavioral, emotional, and life-long success.

Sixty (60) students in grades 4-6 and six (6) chaperones from Washington Community School will attend a field trip to AMC Loews Cinema in Mountainside, NJ to see Walt Disney's African Cats on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 from 2:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. The story exposes students to the science and geography theme of Africa. The 8-page activity guide will increase students' knowledge of the African savanna and the animals that live there; as well as help them develop and understand how living things are connected, and why these connections are important. Students will enrich their appreciation for the animals and ecosystems of the African savanna.

Plainfield's 21st CCLC is in its seventh year of operation serving students attending Maxson, Hubbard, Stillman, and Washington Community School. The purpose of the program is to provide additional academic, behavioral, and character development enriching opportunities for students in grades 4-8 that complement their regular school day and help them meet State Curriculum Standards in core subjects.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves for sixty (60) students in grades 4-6 and six (6) chaperones to attend a field trip to AMC Loews Cinema in Mountainside, NJ on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 from 2:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. The admission cost is \$6.00 for each student and chaperone totaling \$396.00 and is charged to account 20-453-100000-800A-38-0000 through the 21st CCLC grant. Transportation will be provided by the district.

2. Plainfield High School - Public Speaking Club

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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

RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education 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 Public Speaking Club engage in a variety of activities, including student led thought talks, forensic public speaking and examine 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 Public Speaking Forensic Forum 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, grades 11-12 and one (1) chaperone to attend the Public Speaking Forensic Forums on Saturday, January 29, 2011, at Ridge High School in Ridge, New Jersey and on Saturday, February 12, 2011 at Montville High School in Montville, New Jersey . Transportation will be provided by the district.

RESOLVED, that Plainfield Board of Education approves for the Plainfield High School Public Speaking Club, fifteen (15) students, grades 11-12 and one (1) chaperone to attend Public Speaking Forums in Montville, New Jersey and Ridge, New Jersey, January 29, 2011 and February 12, 2011 at no cost to the district. Transportation will be provided by the district.

B. Professional Development

1. Special Services Professional Development

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 2: Human Resources

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

The following staff will attend professional workshops as designated below.

Workshop	Date(s)/Time	Staff	Location	Cost
Best Practices to Help Speech Language Pathologists	Jan. 18, 2011 9am-3pm	Deborah Zakarin, Speech Specialist	Newark, NJ	\$215.00
Professional Training in Autism and ABA	April 28, 2011 April 29, 2011 9am-3pm	Claudine Lewis, School Social Worker	Monroe Township, NJ	\$150.00

Best Practices to Help Speech Language Pathologists workshop will provide creative activities for strengthening student's skills related to listening, vocabulary, self-expression, and language-based critical thinking.

Professional Training in Autism and Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) will provide an overview of autism, teaching techniques, principled of reinforcement, functional analysis of behavior, functional communication strategies, curriculum and IEP development and classroom design and structure.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Deborah Zakarin, speech specialist and Claudine Lewis, social worker to attend professional development workshops on the designated dates for a total cost not to exceed \$365.00. The availability of funds for these items has been verified and will be charged to account: 20-251-100000-320A-32-0000.

2. Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 2: Human Resources

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

Donna Mullaney, interventionist will attend a series of workshops at Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission –Professional Development Academy located at 1690 Stelton Road, Piscataway, New Jersey on the designated dates.

WORKSHOP	DESCRIPTION	DATE/TIME	STAFF	COST
Increasing On-task Performance for Students with ADHD K-5	Provides practical techniques and strategies for structuring the environment, creating routines, and organizational systems	Jan. 13, 2011 9am- 3pm	Donna Mullaney	\$120.00
Modifying and Adapting Instruction for Students with Mild Disabilities in the General Education Classroom	Participants will acquire insight to modify instruction and assessment for students with mild disabilities. They will also learn a variety of instructional strategies at grade level/content area.	Feb. 3, 2011 9am-3pm	Donna Mullaney	\$120.00
Centers in the Elementary Classroom	Participants will explore how to integrate activities into existing programs, link them to state standards, and modify them for at-risk learners.	Feb. 4, 2011	Donna Mullaney	\$120.00

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Donna Mullaney to attend professional development workshops on January 13, 2011, February 3, 2011 and February 4, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$360.00. The availability of funds for these items has been verified and will be charged to the following IDEA ARRA EIS account 20-465-200000-1041-32-0000.

3. Promoting Language and Literacy in the Inclusive Preschool Classroom

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 2: Human Resources

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

The following staff will attend "Promoting language and literacy in the Inclusive Preschool Classroom" on January 13, 2011 and January 28, 2011 in Morris Plains, New Jersey and Trenton, New Jersey at a cost \$11.00 per person and \$7.25 per person respectively. Participants will learn strategies for integrating opportunities for language and literacy learning in small group activities, classroom centers, and in routines throughout the preschool day.

NAME OF STAFF	POSITION	SCHOOL	Workshop Site	Date	Cost
Nicole C. Smith	Resource Pre School Teacher	Early Learning Centers	Morris Plains, NJ	1/13/2011	\$11.00
Laila Blumberg	Gen Ed Pre School Teacher	Early Learning Centers	Morris Plains, NJ	1/13/2011	\$11.00
Beth Klee	Spec. Ed PS Teacher	Woodland	Morris Plains, NJ	1/13/2011	\$11.00
Tiffany Khan	Gen Ed Teacher	Woodland	Morris Plains, NJ	1/13/2011	\$11.00
Ellen Reynolds	Gen Ed PS Teacher	Early Learning Centers	Morris Plains, NJ	1/13/2011	\$11.00
Janine Lytle	Gen Ed PS Teacher	PS- St. Mary's Head Start	Morris Plains, NJ	1/13/2011	\$11.00
Karen Pacifico	Spec Ed. PS Teacher	Clinton	Morris Plains, NJ	1/28/2011	\$11.00
Audrey Fenton	Sped Ed. PS Teacher	Clinton	Trenton, NJ	1/28/2011	\$7.25
Oladele Ighodaro	Gen Ed Teacher	Clinton	Trenton, NJ	1/28/2011	\$7.25

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the designated staff to attend Promoting Language and Literacy in the Inclusive Preschool Classroom workshops on January 13, 2011 and January 28, 2011 at a cost of \$11.00 per person and \$7.25 per person respectively and a total cost not to exceed \$91.50. The availability of funds for these items has been verified and will be charged to the following account: 20-467-200000-500A-32-0000.

4. Califon Seniority Seminar

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

Goal 2: Human Resources:

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

Compiling an accurate seniority list is a complex undertaking. The Califon Seniority Seminar will provide guidance on issues of tenure, seniority and reduction-in-force. The Califon Seniority Seminar will be held on March 15, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in Howell, New Jersey.

District personnel will be trained on the following:

- (1) seniority list determination procedures
- (2) the latest regulations and court rulings
- (3) how to easily compile and maintain a seniority list in full compliance with New Jersey law

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Carletta Jones, Human Resources and Support Services Coordinator and Michele Gill, Human Resources Confidential Secretary to attend the Califon Seniority Seminar on March 15, 2011. The cost of registration is \$325.00 for the first attendee and \$225.00 for an additional attendee for a cost not to exceed \$550.00 and will be charged to account number 11-000-221000-320A-03-0000.

C. Consultants

1. Clinton K-8 Center After School Project Y.E.S.

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.

Project Youth Excelling in School (Y.E.S.) is a grant-based project that targets African American students in grades K-3 who are at risk because of academic and behavioral challenges. Staff will be provided professional development by Project U.S.E. (Urban Suburban Environments). In order to address issues associated with low student achievement, stakeholders will examine the dynamics and culture of the school and fine-tune those elements that make them more productive and effective as educators by providing a more meaningful and supportive learning environment for students.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves compensation for Project U.S.E. (Urban Suburban Environment) to provide two professional development workshops for the staff of Project Y.E.S., an after school tutorial program January 17, 2011 and March 21, 2011 at a total cost not to exceed \$300.00. The availability of these funds has been verified and will be charged to IDEA, CEIS funds 20-465-200000-3001-32-0000.

VENDOR	SERVICES PROVIDED	RATE
Project U.S.E.	Staff Professional Development	\$300.00

2. Restraint Training: Strategies for Crisis Intervention and Prevention (SCIP)

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 consultants to provide in-district professional development opportunities.

In order to provide security staff working with special populations with training on Safe-Restraint handling, consultant Louis Daly has been contracted to provide training to 15 identified security staff members.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves The Safe Restraint Training for Crisis Intervention and Protection. The total cost of this workshop is \$600.00 and will be charged to account 20-250-200000-320A-32-0000. The availability of funds for these items has been verified.

Workshop	Date	Location	Cost
Restraint Training: Strategies for Crisis Intervention and Prevention (SCIP)	January 28, 2011	Plainfield High School	\$600.00

3. Professional Development for Inclusion and Mainstreaming

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 full potential in life. In so doing it is also committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring that all students (inclusive of English language learners and Special Education Students) meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic and life-long success. In an effort to support the District Strategic Plan and improve learning outcomes for SPED students, the district will provide four sessions at a full day workshop for elementary and secondary general education and special education teachers in inclusion and mainstreaming to support the expansion of Special Education and instructional delivery services to students. The workshops will be held from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on January 28, 2011 for secondary and elementary school teachers, 1:1 pupil assistants and teacher assistants.

These workshops will provide a training and methods for collaboration between general and special education teachers. It will provide clarification of teacher roles, along with modifications and division of responsibilities, and strategies to use for students receiving support.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves payment to the Staff Development Workshops Speakers Bureau in the amount of \$1,500.00 per presenter, not to exceed an amount of \$3,000.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-252-200000-320A-32-0000.

4. Project U.S.E.

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

Goal 2: Human Resources

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

Clinton K-8 Center depends heavily on cooperative endeavors at all levels to achieve its goals. Relational trust among the various school roles (teachers with students, teachers with other staff, staff with parents, and all groups with the administration) is the connective tissue that binds individuals together to advance the education and welfare of students. The half a day session will use this principle as an initial point for all staff to have the following conversation: "What has been the key to Clinton K-8 Center's record of student success and how can we improve it?"

Project U.S.E. has been working with adult learners in corporate, educational, public service, and non-profit settings for over 30 years. Their strategies and activities are designed to challenge participants, to strengthen self-confidence, and to promote teamwork.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves payment of a fee in the amount of \$1,250.00 to Project U.S.E. for providing a half a day of professional development, two and a half hours (1:15 - 3:45 p.m.) during the district's scheduled afternoon for professional development on February 14, 2011. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account number 15-190-100018-320A-14-0000.

D. Rutgers Early College Humanities Program

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 lifelong 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 20, 2011 through June 16, 2011 and will meet on Thursdays for 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 students from Plainfield High School to receive at \$640.00 per students at a cost of \$16,000.00 and 15-190-100018-500A-25-0000. The fund for this item has been verified.

E. Provision of Special Education Services

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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

RESOLUTION

N.J.S.A. 18A:46 requires Boards of Education to identify and provide for eight (8) students with various disabilities, and certain students in this district have been so identified and require special education and related services.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves those Plainfield pupils whose names have been certified by the Interim Superintendent of Schools and are on file with the Secretary of the Board of Education will be provided with special education programs in out-of-district schools for the disabled for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year:

Pupil	SCHOOL OR PRIMARY INSTITUTION	Classification	APPROXIMATE COST TUITION AND TRANSPORTATION
S.M.	Washington Academy (12/2/10)	ED	\$31,640.40
S.W.	Pennsville Board of Education	CMI	\$57450.00
E.G.	Ewing Board of Education	SLD	\$35725.00
S.E.	Somerset Academy	MD	\$5,300 (ESY,2010)
J.G.	Somerset Academy	MD	\$5,300 (ESY,2010)
A.R.	Somerset Academy	BD	\$5,300 (ESY,2010)
R.E.	Somerset Academy	OHI	\$5,300 (ESY,2010)
M.B.	JFK (11/29/10)	BD	\$35,140.90

F. Newark Renaissance House (NRH), Inc.

The Interim 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.

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for all 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 accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:46 the Boards of Education is required to identify and provide for students with various disabilities, and certain students that have been so identified and require special education and related services.

Newark Renaissance House (NRH), Inc. is a specialized therapeutic community designed to meet the unique needs of adolescents who are suffering from the effects of substance abuse. NRH utilizes a disciplined self-help, drug free environment consisting of school; work adjustment; group, individual and family counseling; alcohol and drug education.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Newark Renaissance House, Inc. to provide educational services for students who are hospitalized for various medical and/or psychological reasons during the 2010-2011 school year. Services will be provided at the rate of \$30.00 per hour for a maximum of 10 hours per week. Funding for these services is through the Department of Special Education, Gifted and Psychological Services account 11-150-100202-101a-32-0000.

G. Payment to Neptune Public School District for Displaced Students

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

Pursuant to N.J.S.A 18A:7B-12 and N.J.A.C. 6A:17-2.3., requires Boards of Education to identify and provide education for students who reside outside of the district due to reasons beyond their control and a lack of appropriate housing.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves a maximum tuition payment of \$28,140.80 to the Neptune Public Schools for three (4) students, whose name has been certified by the Interim Superintendent of Schools and is on file with the Secretary of the Board of Education, to provide educational services through June 30, 2010 or permanent housing has been identified. This tuition payment will be charged to accounts 11-000-100270-562A-32-0000 and 11-000-100270-563S-00-0000. The availability of funds for this item has been verified.

Student	School Year	Amount
C.C.	2009-2010	\$1,740.60
J.C.	2009-2010	\$1,696.14
J.C.	2009-2010	\$1,740.60
D.A.	2009-2010	\$5,322.20
C.C.	2010-2011	\$5,912.73 not to exceed
J.C.	2010-2011	\$5,912.73 not to exceed
J.C.	2010-2011	\$5,912.73 not to exceed
TOTAL:		\$28,140.80

H. MyLearning Plan

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 in the success of the District, schools, and students. The district has tracked Professional Development since 2002. The use of MyLearning Plan has been critical a tool in tracking of district staff professional development.

MyLearning Plan provides a web-based professional development solution designed specifically for K-12 school districts that facilitates and streamlines planning, managing, tracking, and evaluating the effectiveness of all of professional learning opportunities.

The district utilizes MyLearning Plan to track all district and preschool provider instructional and non-instructional staff. MyLearning Plan provides their services at a yearly cost of \$10.00 per license per individual.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves payment to MyLearning Plan not to exceed 15,000.00 (\$10.00 per license per individual). The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to the following accounts: 20-218-200000-329A-34-0000 and 11-000-218000-390A-26-0000.

Account	# of Licenses	Amount	Expense Covered
20-218-200000-329A-34-0000	270	\$2,700.00	Early Childhood Center Providers employees
20-272-200000-610A-26-0000	1230	\$12,300.00	Plainfield Public Schools District employees
TOTAL:	1,500	\$15,000.00	

I. Plainfield Academic Institute

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

Goal 2 Human Resources

To improve the recruitment, retention and development of district staff

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

RESOLUTION

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

To support student understanding in literacy and mathematics and to build teacher pedagogy and understanding of reading comprehension, writing, and mathematics the Office of Educational Services requests to provide three (3) instructional programs for teachers with a stipend of \$28.00 per hour for a total not to exceed nine (9) hours. Facilitators of the instructional programs will receive a stipend of \$28.00 per hour not to exceed eighteen (18) hours (nine hours of instruction and nine hours for preparation).

Best Practices – Reading Comprehension Strategies

Thirty (30) Teachers in grades 4-8 will attend six (6) sessions on Best Practices to support teaching Reading Comprehension Strategies to students. The workshop will take place after school from 3:05 - 4:35 once per week for six weeks.

Book Study

In order to strengthen our writing initiative and teacher pedagogical knowledge in the area of writing, 15 teachers at the K-5 level will participate in a book study (Writing) after school from 3:05-4:35 once a week for six weeks.

Mathematics – Number sense and Operations

In order to strengthen teacher understanding of teaching mathematics related to number sense and number operations, 30 Teachers in grades 4-8 will attend 6 sessions on Best Practices to teaching number sense and number operations to students. The workshop will take place after school from 3:05 -4:35 once per week for six weeks.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the three instructional programs: Best Practices to support teaching Reading Comprehension, Book Study, and Mathematics - number sense and operations for a total of 75 teachers in grades K-8 at a cost not to exceed \$18,144.00 and to be charged to NCLB account 20-272-200000-101A-26-0000.

Program	# of Teachers	Total # of Hrs. per individual	Per person	Not to exceed a total of
Best Practices – Reading Comprehension Strategies Grades 4-8	30 teachers	9	\$252.00	\$7,560.00
	1 Facilitator	18	\$504.00	\$504.00
Book Study Grades K-5	15 Teachers	9	\$252.00	\$7,560.00
	1 Facilitator	18	\$504.00	\$504.00
Mathematics – number sense and operations	30 teachers	9	252.00	\$7,560.00
	1 Facilitator	18	\$504.00	\$504.00
Total:				\$24,192.00

J. The Jubilee performance Ensemble

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, 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 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.

Middle School students will be provided an opportunity to participate in one of two performances of *From The Middle Passage: An African American Journey From Slave Ship to Obama* on February 23, 2011 provided by The Jubilee performance Ensemble. The performances will take place at Hubbard Middle School. The first performance will be from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 am followed by an afternoon performance from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Transportation of district wide Middle School students will be provided by the district.

Students will be able to:

- Describe the “middle passage”.
- Understand the emotional impact of AASM, associated with the journey.
- Identify connections between particular songs, figures, stories, and events.
- Describe the role of AASM in the Civil Rights Movement.
- Recognize, articulate, and define AASM elements.
- Articulate and define “From the Middle Passage” vocabulary words.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves payment to the Jubilee Performance Ensemble in the amount not to exceed \$2,000.00 and charged to account 15-190-100018-500A-23-0000. The availability of funds for this item has been verified.

XI. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer – November 2010

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.

TO BE PRESENTED AT THE JANUARY 18, 2011 BUSINESS MEETING

B. Payment of Bills —December 17, 2010 – January 13, 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 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 18, 2011 BUSINESS MEETING

C. 2010 – 11 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 2010 budget adjustments which reflect the appropriations sufficient to meet expenditures:

TO BE PRESENTED AT THE JANUARY 18, 2011 BUSINESS MEETING

D. Seventy First Annual NSBA Conference

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 3: Business Practices

To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of business operations.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Plainfield Board of Education has determined that the 71st Annual NSBA Conference in San Francisco, California on April 8 – 12, 2011 is vital and necessary to the goals of the District and the success of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the specific focus of the seminar is to engage attendees from the across the country participating in workshops on how to achieve maximum results with limited resources, understanding how federal legislation and court decisions will affect school districts, learn about best practices that are helping schools boost student achievement and explore the latest products that can help school districts meet its goals, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education hereby authorizes Agurs Linward Cathcart, Jr., to attend the seminar, which is not to exceed \$2,300.00 and charged to 11-000-230000-580A-01-0000, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Member share the information received from the seminar with the Board.

E. Voice Messaging System

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a voice messaging system provides the capacity to notify parents, students, staff, residents and others in an emergency situation as well as in a general situation, and

WHEREAS, thousands of contacts can be made each minute with such a system, and

WHEREAS, Global Connect of Mays Landing, NJ has provided the expertise and skills to offer such a system, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the appointment of Global Connect at an annual fee of \$2.00 per student.

XII. ADJOURNMENT