

PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Plainfield, N.J.

Date: Tuesday, January 15, 2008
Time: 6:30 p.m. PUBLIC SESSION
6:35 p.m. MEETING CLOSED FOR
EXECUTIVE SESSION
8:00 p.m. WORK & STUDY MTG.
Place: PHS CONFERENCE ROOM
950 Park Ave.

Board of Education Members

Ms. Patricia I. Barksdale, President
Ms. Bridget B. Rivers, Vice President
Mr. Rasheed Abdul-Haqq
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell
Mr. Agurs Linward Cathcart, Jr.
Mr. Martin P. Cox
Mr. Christian Estevez
Mrs. Lisa C. Logan-Leach
Ms. Vickey Sheppard
Dr. Garnell Bailey, Interim Superintendent

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

WELCOME to a WORK & STUDY/Cmte of the Whole 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 Tuesday, January 8 for advertisement on Friday, January 11, 2008 and also provided to the Plainfield Public Schools, the district's website, Plainfield City Clerk, Police Department, Plainfield Public Library and Comcast Cable for posting.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, 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, now therefore be it

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

and be it

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 Confr. Rm	6:30 p.m.
Personnel/Exec.Ses.	2 nd Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Confr. Rm.	6:30 p.m.
Curric. & Instr.	2 nd Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Confr. Rm.	8:00 p.m.
Finance Committee	2 nd Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Confr. Rm.	8:00 p.m.
Bldgs. & Grds. Cmte.	2 nd Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Confr. Rm.	8:00 p.m.
School Community Rel.	2 nd Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Confr. Rm.	8:00 p.m.
BUSINESS MEETING	3rd Tues. ea. mo.	Altn. Plfd. Schs.	7:00 p.m.

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

*Meeting Schedule Subject to Change

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

The agendas for all committee and board meetings are available at the Office of the Board of Education, 504 Madison 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, chief of staff, etc.). If concerns remain unresolved, they are to be directed to the Superintendent of Schools. These procedures should be followed prior to concerns being presented to the Board of Education. This procedure allows administrators to resolve concerns at the most appropriate level of decision making.

The next business meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Tuesday, January 22, 2008, 7 pm, in the Cedarbrook 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. Monthly Enrollment Report

The Curriculum and Instruction Committee reports that on December 2007 there were 6456 students enrolled in the Plainfield Public Schools. This compares with 6453 on November 2007 and 6673 on November 2006. The Enrollment is as follows:

	Dec-06	Nov-07	Dec-07
BARLOW	297	260	260
CEDARBROOK	376	366	371
CLINTON	333	331	334
COOK	212	215	217
EMERSON	375	399	398
EVERGREEN	434	416	420
JEFFERSON	376	331	330
STILLMAN	253	253	250
WASHINGTON	428	477	473
WOODLAND	232	220	217
ELEMENTARY TOTAL	3316	3268	3270
HUBBARD	634	586	584
MAXSON	900	739	740
MIDDLE TOTAL	1534	1325	1324
HIGH SCHOOL			
GRADE 9	492	514	514
GRADE 10	433	472	472
GRADE 11	387	414	414
GRADE 12	431	371	371
SP ED	80	89	91
PHS TOTAL	1823	1860	1862
TOTAL Elem/Mid/High	6673	6453	6456
EARLY CHILDHOOD		1208	1206

B. Report of Special Services

The Department of Special Services presents the following report of December 2007:

Number of Evaluations Completed:

Number of Reevaluation Planning Meetings Completed	17
Number of Initial Identification Meetings (K – 12)	15
Number of Initial Identification Meetings (Preschool)	5
Number of Annual Reviews (Mandated yearly)	102
*Number of Initial and Reevaluation Eligibility Meetings Completed	29
Number of Initial and Reevaluation IEP Meetings Completed	28
Number of SFSS Meetings Attended	26
Number of Parent Contacts (Non-IEP Contacts)	472

Number of Referrals for Child Study Team Evaluation:

School:	Number of Teacher Referrals	Number of Parent or Early Intervention Program Referrals
Barlow		2
Cedarbrook	2	1
Clinton		1
Cook		
Emerson		2
Evergreen	3	
Jefferson		
Stillman	2	1
Washington	1	
Woodland		
Maxson		5
Hubbard		3
Plainfield High School	3	2
Preschool (Ages 3 – 5)	5	6
Total Number of Referrals from All Sources:		39

Number of New Entrants:

Number of New Entrants	8
Number of IEP Meetings for New Entrants	7

***Meetings to determine eligibility for Special Education and Related Services**

C. Services Provision of Special Education Services

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:46 requires Boards of Education to identify and provide for children with various disabilities, and

WHEREAS, certain children in this district have been so identified and require special education and related services, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, 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 be provided with:

Tuition, Transportation and Services – One (1) student

ENCL. C
(Board members only)

D. Out-of-District Travel

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

RESOLUTION

1. Bureau of Education and Research “What’s New in Children’s Literature and How to Use it in Your Program: 2008”, Newark, New Jersey

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve Joanne Hart, Evergreen Elementary School Librarian to attend the “What’s New in Children’s Literature and How to Use it in Your Program” (2008) Conference, in Newark, New Jersey on February 8, 2008. She will preview the best of the new children’s books published in the last year, learn about recent informational book changes and improvements and specific techniques for using the latest nonfiction books as a research resource as well as for motivating readers; discover some of the best recent picture books for all ages and how to use them creatively with students in motivating reading; and strategies for incorporating the latest in children’s books into existing curriculum areas. The registration fee is \$185.00 and charged to account 15-000-240000-580A-17-0000.

ENCL. D1

2. New Jersey Association for Gifted Children “Closing the Achievement Gap”, West Windsor, New Jersey

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve a request for Anthony Jenkins, Principal and Deborah Boyd, Community Coordinator, Washington Community School to attend “Closing the Achievement Gap” in West Windsor, New Jersey on February 28, 2008. The purpose of the workshop is to focus on diverse students with high potential. Registration fee is \$160.00 per person. Total cost is \$320.00 and charged to account 20-232-221000-580W-21-0000.

ENCL. D2

3. Union County Education Association Professional Development Workshop, Long Branch, New Jersey

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve Sharlenia Robinson, Plainfield High School Nurse to attend the Union County Education Association Professional Development Workshop in Long Branch, New Jersey on January 25, 2008. The purpose of the workshop is to focus on areas that impact children like Safe Schools, Multicultural Manners in an Educational Setting, Professional Learning Communities, and Better Health Care for Students. The enriched understanding gained from the workshops will enable the nurse to provide better health care for the students. The cost of the workshop will not exceed \$45.00 and charged to account 15-000-223000-580A-25-0000.

ENCL. D3

4. New Jersey School Nurses Association "Caring Hands in the 21st Century", Eatontown, New Jersey

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve Marilyn Eagles, Evergreen Elementary School Nurse to attend the "Caring Hands in the 21st Century" workshop on March 14-15, 2008 in Eatontown, New Jersey. Training offered by the New Jersey State School Nurses' Association. The school nurse will have the opportunity to understand how school nurses can impact their practice and sphere of influence; understand the ever changing state code for school health services and understand the standardized language model in computer documentation. The registration fee is \$256.00 and charged to account 15-000-240000-580A-17-0000.

ENCL. D4

5. UCEA/NJEA Professional Development Workshop, Long Branch, New

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve Marilyn Eagles, Evergreen Elementary School Nurse to attend the "UCEA/NJEA Professional Development Workshop on January 25-26, 2008 in Long Branch, New Jersey. The school nurse will have the opportunity to gain further knowledge of Attention Disorder/Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder/Multicultural Manners in an Educational Setting. The cost of the workshop is \$45.00 and charged to account 15-000-240000-580A-17-0000.

ENCL. D5

6. Bureau of Education and Research “Practical Strategies for Reaching the Hard-to-Reach Student”, Edison, New Jersey

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve Martina Marrone, Science Lead Teacher, Frederic W. Cook Elementary School, to attend Practical Strategies for Reaching the Hard-to-Reach Student Workshop in Edison, New Jersey on January 16, 2008. The workshop will focus on classroom-proven strategies for increasing motivation, respect, responsibility and cooperation. Methods for increasing students’ internal authority that provides a sense of purpose and direction and increases success in school. The registration fee is \$195.00, mileage \$10.00 and charged to account 15-190-10018-580A-15-0000.

ENCL. D6

7. Using Performance Assessment in Science, Monroe Township, New Jersey

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve Martina Marrone, Science Lead Teacher at Frederic W. Cook Elementary School, to attend Performance Assessment in Science Workshop in NJPASA, Monroe Township, on January 23, 2008. The workshop will focus on participants having the opportunity to examine and discuss the science performance assessments that have been developed by New Jersey teachers. In May 2008, a performance assessment will be field tested in high school Biology as a component of the state standardized testing program. This represents a major step toward the inclusion of performance assessments in the statewide assessment program. There is no cost for registration. Mileage will be \$20.00 and charged to account 115-190-10018-580A-15-0000.

ENCL. D7

8. New Jersey Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NJAPERD) Annual Conference, East Brunswick, New Jersey

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve Gary Damanski, Physical Education & Health Teacher at Frederic W. Cook Elementary School, to attend the 2008 NJAPERD Annual Conference at East Brunswick Hilton, East Brunswick, New Jersey, on February 25 and 26, 2008. The conference will focus on Health & Physical Education Curriculum, teaching strategies and activities and NJCCCS updates. The registration fee is \$170.00 and charged to account 15-190-10018-580A-15-0000.

ENCL. D8

9. Bureau of Education and Research “What’s New in Children’s Literature and How to Use it in Your Program: 2008”, Newark, New Jersey

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve Beverly Lerner, Jefferson School teacher to attend on February 8, 2008 Bureau of Education and Research “What’s New in Children’s Literature and How to Use it in your Program 2008”, Newark, New Jersey. The workshop presents the best new children’s books and provides information on how to use these books with students. Registration is \$195.00, meals \$20.00 and charged to account 20-232-221000-580J-18-0000.

ENCL. D9

10. New Jersey Association of School Administrators (NJASA) Techspo, Atlantic City, New Jersey

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve Gregory Powell and Cristina Crowell, Technology Coordinators to attend New Jersey Association of School Administrators (NJASA) Techspo at Bally's Atlantic City, New Jersey on January 31 through February 1, 2008. Techspo is a training conference that offers several powerful group training sessions for the technology coordinators with the latest technology. The total cost is not to exceed \$1,350.00 (registration, lodging, food and mileage) and charged to account 11-000-221000-580A-26-0000.

ENCL. D10

11. Bureau of Education and Research "Discipline Strategies for the Difficult Young Child", Clarion, New Jersey

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve Alicia Smith to attend the "Discipline Strategies for the Difficult Young Child" workshop in Clarion, New Jersey on January 23, 2008. The training will focus on strategies for working with young children who are angry, difficult or challenging. The registration fee is \$185.00 and charged to account 15-000-240000-580A-17-000.

ENCL. D11

12. Middlesex Community College, Edison, New Jersey

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve Adele C. Pudner, Nurse, Office of Early Childhood, to attend "Spanish for Healthcare Workers & Professionals" beginning January 31, 2008. The course will improve her ability to interact with parents who only speak Spanish at registration, meetings and by telephone. Registration is \$157.00 and charged to account 20-211-221000-320A-34-0000.

E. Out-of-State Travel

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

RESOLUTION

1. New Jersey Teacher of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Conference, New York, New York

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve Wilson A. Martinez, District Supervisor of Bilingual/ESL & World Languages Education, Nurka Nieves, PHS Content Area Supervisor of Bilingual/ESL & World Language Education, Idelisse Gonzalez, Bilingual/ESL Resource Teacher and Ilene Weinstein, District ESL Resource Teacher to attend the New Jersey Teacher of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) conference for "Worlds of TESOL: Building Communities of Practice, Inquiry, and Creativity" on April 2 -5, 2008 in New York City, New York. The conference will focus on the most current software technology, instructional strategies and education resources available to the English Language Learner classrooms. The cost per person for the conference is, registration \$460.00, lodging \$800.00 and charged to account 20-241-200000-580A-39-0000.

ENCL. E1

2. P.H.S. Allied Health – Franklin Institute Science Museum, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve a field trip to Franklin Institute Science Museum in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for Monday, February 4, 2008 through Monday, February 4, 2008 for forty-five students and three chaperones. The purpose of the trip is to explore the structure and the function of the heart as part of the cardiovascular system. The students will be able to identify congenital structural abnormalities of the cardiovascular system. Departure is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on February 4, 2008 from PHS parking lot with an approximate return of 3:00 p.m. on February 4, 2008. The cost of the trip (transportation) will not exceed \$1,800.00 and charged to account 15-000-270000-512A-25-0000.

ENCL. E2

3. P.H.S. Debate Team, Arlington, Virginia

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve a field trip from PHS for Friday, February 22, 2008 through Sunday, February 24, 2008 for thirty students and three chaperones to attend the Mid Atlantic Junior State of America American Congress 2008 in Arlington, Virginia. The purpose of the trip is for students to participate in a mock Congress. The students will present legislation that they have written on various issues confronting teens today. Departure is scheduled for 6:00 a.m. from PHS parking lot on February 22, 2008 with a return approximately at 10:00 p.m. on February 24, 2008. The cost of the trip (transportation and lodging) will not exceed \$4,735.00 and charged to account 15-000-270000-512A-25-0000.

ENCL. E3

4. P.H.S. R.O.T.C., Glasglow High School, Newark, Delaware

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve a field trip from PHS for Saturday, February 2, 2008 for twenty students and two chaperones to attend the Glasglow High School Drill Meet competition in Newark, Delaware. The purpose of the trip is to enhance the Esprit De Corps of the unit and demonstrate habits of orderliness, precision, discipline and training. Departure is scheduled for 5:30 a.m. from PHS parking lot on February 2, 2008 with a return approximately at 6:30 p.m. There is no cost to the district.

ENCL. E4

5. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development Conference: Educating the Whole Child, New Orleans, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, to meet the state mandates for Small Learning Communities at Plainfield High School and to continue the success of the Business, Engineering and Technology (ABET) Academy, Health and Science Academy and Freshman Success Academy in developing curriculum and improving instruction, and

WHEREAS, attendance at this conference on March 14-18, 2008, is important to the instructional and operational needs of ABET Academy, Science and Health Academy and Freshman Success Academy and has been approved by Perkins funding, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve Deborah Celestand, Vice Principal, Thelma Matthews, Science Supervisor, and Angela Bento, ABET Supervisor, to attend training in New Orleans, Louisiana, at a cost of \$1,728.40 (registration, lodging and transportation) each and not to exceed a total of \$5,185.20 and charged to accounts PERKTRAVEL and PERKOTHOBJ (Perkins Grant).

F. Field Trips – New Jersey

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

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve the following field trips within the state of New Jersey:

<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>
Clinton	3-5	2/23/08	Prudential Center, Newark	14POFLDTRP
Cook	K	2/05/08	Plainfield Public Library	15POFLDTRP
Cook	K	2/12/08	Plainfield Public Library	15POFLDTRP
Jefferson	3-5	1/22/08	Princeton University Art Museum	18POFLDTRP
Stillman	K	1/11/08	Plainfield Public Library	20POFLDTRP
Washington	1-2	5/16/08	Camden Aquarium	21POFLDTRP
Washington	5	5/28/08	Camp Bernie, Port Murray	21POFLDTRP
Washington	PreK	4/09/08	Community Theater, Morristown	21POFLDTRP
Washington	PreK	4/02/08	Memorial Auditorium, Montclair	21POFLDTRP
Washington	PreK	5/16/08	Trailside Nature Center, Watchung	21POFLDTRP
Washington	PreK	3/13/08	Newark Museum, Newark	21POFLDTRP
Washington	PreK	2/07/08	NJ Museum of Agriculture, No. Brunswick	21POFLDTRP
Washington	4-5	3/19/08	Loews Cineplex, Edison	21POFLDTRP
Woodland	1-2	2/19/08	State Theater, New Brunswick	22POFLDTRP
Woodland	K	1/24/08	Izod Center, E. Rutherford, New Jersey	22POFLDTRP
Hubbard	6-8	1/15/08	NJ Institute of Technology, Newark	23POFLDTRP
Maxson	7-8	1/25/08	Hadley Theater, So. Plainfield	24POFLDTRP
Maxson	6-8	1/15/08	NJ Institute of Technology, Newark	24POFLDTRP
PHS/JROTC	9-12	1/19/08	Bayonne High School	25POFLDTRP
PHS/JROTC	9-12	2/09/08	Jackson Memorial High School, Sewell	25POFLDTRP
PHS/JROTC	9-12	4/12/08	Washington Township High School, Sewell	25POFLDTRP
PHS	11-12	1/16/08	Ironworkers' Training, Facility, Springfield	25POFLDTRP
PHS	10-12	2/04/08	Linden High School Academy, Linden	25POFLDTRP
PHS	10-12	5/01/08	Great Adventure, Jackson	25POFLDTRP
PHS	10	2/08/08	Sovereign Arena, Trenton	25POFLDTRP
PHS	11-12	1/17/08	Seton Hall University, So. Orange	25POFLDTRP

ENCL. F

G. School Based Youth Services Program – CPR Training

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the School Based Youth Services Program: Plainfield High School Teen Parenting Program is committed to the highest standards of infant/toddler care, and

WHEREAS, the Program Director of the School Based Youth Services Program, Kathy Brown-Bragg; Head Teacher, Brooke Vuono; and four (4) Caregivers, Jodi Byers, Betty Howell, Guadalupe Hunter Mercado and Rosangela Erber of the Infant/Toddler Center located at Plainfield High School are mandated by the Department of Youth and Family Services (DYFS), Department of Human Services to know the latest CPR training techniques and information, and

WHEREAS, an authorized instructor of the Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross has agreed to conduct a CPR-Infant & Child course on Thursday, January 31, 2008, from 9 am to 2 pm at the PHS Infant/Toddler Center, and

WHEREAS, certificates will be issued to the above-mentioned staff upon completion of the contracted course within ten (10) business days, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve payment to Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross in the amount of \$360.00 and charged to account 20-010-200000-500A-38-0000.

ENCL. G

H. Montclair State University, PRISM Partner Districts, Elementary Creative University-School Partnerships (e-CUSP)

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Plainfield School District's Science Department has partnered with PRISM Partner Districts, Elementary Creative University - School Partnership (e-CUSP) under the collaborative agreements for Second Year e-CUSP provides professional development and stipends as part of the 2007-2008 academic year. This selected group of teachers in grades 3 and 4 in science and mathematics. Inclusive are Special Education teachers who teach with mainstream classes. This partnership will help enrich the content knowledge in the area of science and mathematics, and

WHEREAS, PRISM e-CUSP, will provide a year long professional development within classroom assistance in math and science, and workshop during the 2007-2008 academic year, PRISM e-CUSP has been identified as an expertise in this area, and

WHEREAS, the Plainfield School District teachers that participate will have to agree to enroll in a 12 day summer institute in July 8-31 (on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays) of 2008, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve PRISM e-CUSP to provide the professional development at no cost to the district.

ENCL. H

I. Vanguard Media LLC

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Plainfield Public School district is committed to improving timely and accurate communications within the Plainfield Community-at-Large, and

WHEREAS, the Office of Community Relations has developed, produced and distributed the “*To The Point*” Bilingual Newsletter to all Plainfield households since April 2007, and prior to that distributed the “*To The Point*” Bilingual Newsletter to all school families since January 2006, and

WHEREAS, Vanguard Media, LLC of Hillside is a local company and uniquely capable of the publishing of four color newsprint documents for mass distribution, and has successfully produced “*To The Point*” Bilingual Newsletter for the last two years, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve Vanguard Media LLC as the printer of three “*To The Point*” newsletters which will be produced and distributed between February 2008 and July 2008 at a cost of \$10,797.33 and charged to the account 11-000-230000-590P-0000.

ENCL. I

J. *The Math Forum @ Drexel*

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, *The Math Forum @ Drexel* provides two online programs (Problems of the Week Library and Write with the Math Forum) which focuses on problem solving, and supports the Board approved standards-based mathematics program for grades K-12, and

WHEREAS, *The Math Forum @ Drexel* is a resource for differentiating instruction to meet the needs of all students, and

WHEREAS, *The Math Forum @ Drexel* is an interactive way for students to engage in rigorous problem solving in school, and at home, and includes an email resource called *Ask Dr. Math*, where students can receive assistance, along with a management system to help teachers monitor student progress and provide feedback, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve purchase of a district membership to *The Math Forum @ Drexel* for all schools for the 2007-2008 school year, at a cost of \$9,987.00 and charged to account 20-270-100000-610A-35-0000.

K. Children's Books Author and Illustrator

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Plainfield Board of Education is committed to providing Language Arts Literacy instruction as well as Performing Arts instruction that meets the Core Curriculum Content Standards, (Language Arts Literacy: 3.1 Reading-B. Phonological Awareness, E. Reading Strategies (before, during, and after reading), G. Comprehension Skills and Response to Text. 3.4 Listening-A. Active Listening, B. Listening Comprehension. Visual and Performing Arts: 1.1 Aesthetics-A. Knowledge, B. Skills. 4 Critique-A. Knowledge, B. Skills.), and

WHEREAS, Douglas Florian of Laughteria located in Queens, New York is both a national children's poet and illustrator; and a regional artist, with his books being selected for the prestigious ALA Notable Books, his books having received starred reviews from the national journals Kirkus, Publisher's Weekly, Booklist, Horn Book, and School Library Journal, and having 25 books for children still in print, and having had 25 one-man exhibitions since 1991 in galleries in the New York region, who will present four 45 minute presentations and conduct a book signing session at Woodland School for Grades K-5 on Tuesday, April 1, 2008, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve payment to Douglas Florian in the amount of \$1,600.00 for the performances and charged to account 15-000-222000-500A-22-0000.

ENCL. K

L. Motivational Speaker -Nashad Warfield at PHS

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the district is committed to raising the standards and student performance in mathematics and English, and

WHEREAS, Nashad Warfield of the New Jersey Student Success, Inc. having the expertise in the area of motivational and educational workshops, has agreed to conduct two workshops on

Academic Success – High School Proficiency Assessment, Finding Your Purpose and Goal Setting and Leadership/Networking/Diversity on Wednesday, January 23, 2008 and Friday, March 2, 2008, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve payment to New Jersey Student Success, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$800.00 and charged to account 25-15-213-00000-328-25-0000.

ENCL. L

M. Staff Development

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

RESOLUTION

Mark D. Lerner, Ph.D.

WHEREAS, the district is committed to raising the standards and student performance and providing sustained professional development for the staff, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mark D. Lerner, a clinical psychologist, having the expertise in the areas of effective crisis management and traumatic stress management, has agreed to be the keynote speaker on Friday, February 1, 2008 from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. His topic is *Kids in Crisis: Identifying and Responding to Troubled Students*, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve a payment to Dr. Mark D. Lerner in the amount not to exceed \$4,000.00 (transportation, lodging and professional services) and charged to account 25-15-213-00000-328-25-0000.

ENCL. M

N. Rutgers Graduate School of Education

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Rutgers Graduate School held a graduate course, “Topics in Mathematics Education” during the Fall 2007 for Plainfield Schools teachers at Maxson Middle School, and

WHEREAS, seven (7) teachers enrolled in the course, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve payment to Rutgers Graduate School in the amount of \$7,161.72 and charged to account 110999-223000-320T-26-0000.

ENCL. N

O. Consultant Services

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Plainfield Public Schools has identified a need for professional assistance in the Office of Mandated Programs, and

WHEREAS, Rosa Ramos, Belleville, New Jersey retired educator with expertise in the area of Federal programs, and

WHEREAS, Rosa Ramos has agreed to assist in translation of documents, compilation of data, data analysis and NCLB audits and applications from February 1, 2008 through August 31, 2008, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve payment to Rosa Ramos in the amount of \$350/per diem not to exceed twenty (20) days and charged to Account 20-231-200000-320A-39-0000 of the FY 2008 No Child Left Behind Title I entitlement grant.

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P. District-wide Math Fair

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Plainfield Public Schools are committed to raising the standards and student performance in Mathematics, and

WHEREAS, the Math Fair is designed to promote a platform to exhibit exemplary student work where the learning extends beyond the classroom, and

WHEREAS, it will be an exciting event to view students' creativity and mathematical prowess as they construct interdisciplinary projects, which are rooted and grounded in mathematics, but may extend into literacy, science, social studies, art, music, technology, health, and physical education, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve the district-wide Math Fair to take place between May 27, 2008 and June 13, 2008.

Q. Science to Go: Museum of Contemporary Science

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Plainfield School District's Science Department has identified a need to support the rebuilding and delivery of science modules which is the foundation of the K-5 Science curriculum where as the students learn hands on science, data analysis and reflects the current research on teaching and learning science in grades K-8. Science to Go will provide the refurbishment and delivery of 500 boxes for the second and third rotation, and

WHEREAS, Science to Go, (M .O.C. S.) of Trenton, New Jersey has the expertise in this area, and

WHEREAS, Science to Go has agreed to pick up, rebuild and deliver the science modules throughout the district according to the adopted K-5 curriculum, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve payment to Science to Go in the amount of \$55,000.00 and charged to account 20-231-200000-39-32A-0000.

R. Approval for Submission of Applications for Special State, Federal, Private and Foundation Funds

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

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, the Board of Education authorizes the Interim Superintendent of Schools to submit the following application for special state, federal, private and foundation funds to support education programs in the district:

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Program Description</u>	<u>Administrator</u>	<u>Amount of Grant</u>
FY 2008 No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Consolidated Formula Subgrant (Project Period: September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008) Title I, Part A: School Improvement	Provides funding for school improvement through programs and strategies.	Robert Burkhardt/ Dawn Ciccone	\$241,927.00

XI. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

A Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer

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

(1) October 2007

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in compliance with N.J.A.C 6:23-2.2h, the Board of Education has received the report of the Board Secretary for the month of October 2007, and

FUND	CASH BALANCE	APPROPRIATION BALANCE	FUND BALANCE
(10) General Current Expense Fund			
(11) Current Expense	13,936,985.80	14,855,208.35	14,134,646.62
(12) Capital Outlay		44,728.68	-
(13) Special Schools		122,805.32	-
(15) Reform Schools	(2,138,674.96)	2,596,436.32	-
Capital Reserve			
(20) Special Revenue Fund	(2,492,868.79)	9,101,746.34	(2,051,136.64)
(30) Capital Project Fund	120,016.24	-	2,017.03
(40) Debt Service Fund	(279,276.23)	748,468.39	208,125.12
(50) Enterprise Fund	358,404.19	3,211,063.18	996,694.89
TOTAL	9,504,586.25	30,680,456.58	13,290,347.02

and,

WHEREAS, in compliance with N.J.A.C 6:23-2.11(c)3, the Board Secretary has certified that, as of the date of the report, no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district board of education, and

WHEREAS, 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, and

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary's Report and the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the stated period were in agreement, now therefore be it

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

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education directs the Interim Superintendent to initiate whatever actions may be determined to be appropriate to comply with N.J.A.C. 6:23-2.11(c)4I and N.J.A.C. 6:23-2.11(b).

(2) November 2007

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in compliance with N.J.A.C 6:23-2.2h, the Board of Education has received the report of the Board Secretary for the month of November 2007, and

FUND	CASH BALANCE	APPROPRIATION BALANCE	FUND BALANCE
(10) General Current Expense Fund			
(11) Current Expense	13,555,298.09	11,437,982.53	10,783,371.27
(12) Capital Outlay		44,728.68	-
(13) Special Schools		125,730.40	-
(15) Reform Schools	(4,414,189.47)	2,573,931.48	-
Capital Reserve			
(20) Special Revenue Fund	(147,834.25)	8,451,929.63	(9,640,685.24)
(30) Capital Project Fund	120,477.52	-	2,478.31
(40) Debt Service Fund	(276,582.48)	748,468.39	208,125.12
(50) Enterprise Fund	158,538.59	3,045,277.86	984,945.36
TOTAL	8,995,708.00	26,428,048.97	2,338,234.82

and,

WHEREAS, in compliance with N.J.A.C 6:23-2.11(c)3, the Board Secretary has certified that, as of the date of the report, no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district board of education, and

WHEREAS, 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, and

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary's Report and the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the stated period were in agreement, now therefore be it

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

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education directs the Interim Superintendent to initiate whatever actions may be determined to be appropriate to comply with N.J.A.C. 6:23-2.11(c)4I and N.J.A.C. 6:23-2.11(b).

B. Payment of Bills – December 17, 2007 – January 17, 2008

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary presented certain warrants to the Board of Education with a recommendation they be paid, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NJAC 6:20-2.13(d), the Board Secretary certifies that with respect to the payment of bills referenced below no budgetary line item account has been over expended in violation of NJAC6:20-2.13(a), and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the warrants presented for payment are in order, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, 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 Capital Projects 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 22, 2008 BUSINESS MEETING

C. Bank Account Signatures

The following is recommended for Board adoption:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, the PNC Bank and City National Bank be requested, authorized and directed to honor all checks, drafts and other orders for the payment of money drawn in the name of the Plainfield Board of Education when bearing the true and approved facsimile signatures, as follows:

<u>Account</u> General Account	<u>Signature/Facsimile</u> Patricia I. Barksdale	Board President
Improvement Fund	Gary L. Ottmann	Board Secretary
Food Service Account	Sandra Cummings	Treasurer of School Monies
<u>Account</u> Payroll Account	<u>Signature/Facsimile</u> Sandra Cummings	Treasurer of School Monies
<u>Account</u> Workers Compensation	<u>Signature/Facsimile</u> Ronald Eddy Sandra Cummings	Payroll Supervisor Treasurer of School Monies
<u>Account</u> Payroll Agency	<u>Signature/Facsimile</u> Gary L. Ottmann Sandra Cummings	Board Secretary Treasurer of School Monies
Unemployment Trust Fund	Gary L. Ottmann Ronald Eddy Sandra Cummings	Board Secretary Payroll Supervisor Treasurer of School Monies
<u>Account</u> PHS Interscholastic Athletic Fund	<u>Signature/Facsimile</u> Gary L. Ottmann Joyce Gerstorfer	Board Secretary Secretary
Plainfield High Adult School	Gary L. Ottmann Ella Hunter	Board Secretary Secretary

D. Approval of Board and District Goals for FY'08

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve the following Board and District Goals for FY'08:

Board Goals

- To hire a Superintendent to start working in Plainfield by July 1, 2008.
- To hire a Business Administrator/Board Secretary and HS Principal ASAP.
- To begin the QSAC remediation and be in compliance within the six month period.
- To adhere to all Board policies and bylaws (including confidentiality and e-mail communication).

District Goals

- To increase Student Achievement for all students by giving them the necessary resources to perform at their best.
- To ensure the safety and security of all students, staff and the entire school community.
- To enhance communication on all levels (internal and external) between the BOE, Administration, staff, parents, students and community.

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E. 2007-08 Budget Transfers

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

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve the following 2008 budget adjustments which reflect the appropriations sufficient to meet expenditures:

<i>BUDGET TRANSFERS - FUND 11, FUND 12 AND FUND 13</i>			
<i>December 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007</i>			
<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
11-1XX-100-XXX	Regular Programs - Instruction		
11-2XX-100-XXX 11-000-216,217	Special Education, Basic Skills/Remedial and Bilingual - Instruction and Other Student Related and Extraordinary Support Services		
11-3XX-100-XXX	Vocational Programs - Local - Instruction		
11-4XX-100-XXX	School-Spon. Co/Extra-Curr. Activities, School Sponsored Athletics, and Other Instructional Programs -Instruct		
11-800-330-XXX	Community Services Programs/Operations		
	Undistributed Expenditures		
11-000-100-XXX	Instruction		
11-000-211,213,218,219,222	Student Support Services - Attendance and Social Work, Health, Other Support Svcs-Regular, Other Support Svcs-Special, Education Media Services/School Library		
11-000-221,223	Improvement of Instruction Services and Instructional Staff Training Services		
11-000-230-XXX	Support Services - General Administration		
11-000-240-XXX	Support Services - School Administration		
11-000-25X-XXX	Central Svcs & Admin Info Technology		220,300.00
10-606	Increase in Maintenance Reserve		
11-000-26X-XXX	Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	220,300.00	
11-000-270-XXX	Student Transportation Services		
10-605	Increase in Sale/Lease-Back Reserve		
11-000-290-XXX	Other Support Services		
11-XXX-XXX-2XX	Personal Services - Employee Benefits		
11-000-310-XXX	Food Services		
	TOTAL GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE		
	Capital Outlay		
12-XXX-XXX-73X	Equipment		
	TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY		
13-XXX-XXX-XXX	TOTAL SPECIAL SCHOOLS		
10-000-100-56X	Transfer of Funds to Charter Schools		
10-000-520-930	General Fund Contribution to Whole School Reform		

	GENERAL FUND GRAND TOTAL	220,300.00	220,300.00
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BUDGET TRANSFERS - FUND 15			
December 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007			
ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	FROM	TO
15-1XX-100-XXX	Regular Programs - Instruction	14,002.00	
15-2XX-100-XXX 15-000-216,217	Special Education, Basic Skills/Remedial and Bilingual - Instruction and Other Student Related and Extraordinary Support Services		62,400.00
15-3XX-100-XXX	Vocational Programs - Local - Instruction		
15-4XX-100-XXX	School-Spon. Co/Extra-Curr. Activities, School Sponsored Athletics, and Other Instructional Programs -Instruct		
15-800-330-XXX	Community Services Programs/Operations		
	Undistributed Expenditures		
15-000-100-XXX	Instruction		
15-000-211,213,218,219,222	Student Support Services - Attendance and Social Work, Health, Other Support Svcs-Regular, Other Support Svcs-Special, Education Media Services/School Library		14,100.00
15-000-221,223	Improvement of Instruction Services and Instructional Staff Training Services	45,698.00	
15-000-230-XXX	Support Services - General Administration		
15-000-240-XXX	Support Services - School Administration	9,800.00	
15-000-25X-XXX	Central Svcs & Admin Info Technology		
15-606	Increase in Maintenance Reserve		
15-000-26X-XXX	Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services		1,000.00
15-000-270-XXX	Student Transportation Services	1,500.00	
15-605	Increase in Sale/Lease-Back Reserve		
15-000-290-XXX	Other Support Services		
15-XXX-XXX-2XX	Personal Services - Employee Benefits	6,500.00	
15-000-310-XXX	Food Services		
	TOTAL GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE		
	Capital Outlay		
15-604	Increase in Capital Reserve		
15-604	Interest Deposit to Capital Reserve		
15-XXX-XXX-73X	Equipment		
15-000-4XX-XXX	Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services		
15-000-4XX-931	Capital Reserve-Transfer to Capital Projects		
15-000-4XX-933	Capital Reserve-Transfer to Debt Service		
	TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY		
	WHOLE SCHOOL REFORM GRAND TOTAL	77,500.00	77,500.00

XII. ADJOURNMENT