

PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Plainfield, N.J.

Date: Tuesday, March 3, 2015

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. Wilma G. Campbell, President  
Mrs. Keisha Edwards, Vice President  
Mr. Terrence S. Bellamy, Sr.  
Mrs. Deborah Clarke  
Mrs. Jackie Coley  
Mrs. Mahogany Hall  
Mrs. Carletta D. Jeffers  
Mr. Frederick D. Moore, Sr.  
Mr. David M. Rutherford  
Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles, 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 Tuesday, February 24, 2015 for advertisement on Saturday, February 28, 2015 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 <sup>st</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Conf.	6:30 p.m.
Personnel/Exec.Ses.	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Conf.	6:30 p.m.
Curric. & Instr.	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Conf.	8:00 p.m.
Finance Committee	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Conf.	8:00 p.m.
Bldgs. & Grds. Cmte.	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Conf.	8:00 p.m.
School Community Rel.	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Conf.	8:00 p.m.
Business Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 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 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, March 17, 2015 8:00 p.m., in the Plainfield High School Auditorium.**

VII. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

VIII. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

- Foreman Architectural Firm / Hub Stine Field

IX. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

## X. REPORT OF THE CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

### A. Field Trips

#### (1) The Boys to Men Conference – Montclair State University

##### Strategic Plan Link

##### Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

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

#### RESOLUTION

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

Thirty (30) Plainfield Academy for the Arts and Advanced Studies (PAAAS) male students, consisting of freshman, sophomore and juniors), along with three (3) chaperones will attend *The Boys to Men Conference* at Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ, on Friday, March 20, 2015.

Transportation will be provided by the districts' Transportation Department. There is no cost for student/staff participation. The breakdown is as follows.

<b>Departure / Return Time</b>	<b>Admission</b>	<b>Transportation</b>
8:15 AM / 2:15 PM	No Cost	District

The annual conference will feature workshops on topics including the importance of higher education, relationships, financial literacy, mentorship, manhood and effective leadership.

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves thirty (30) PAAAS students and three (3) chaperones to attend The Boys to Men Conference at Montclair State University, Friday, March 20, 2015. There is no cost to the District, excluding transportation provided by the district Transportation Department.

**(2) Hispanic Flamenco Ballet at Brooks Arts Center – Bound Brook**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

Cedarbrook K-8 Center's 6<sup>th</sup> grade, consisting of fifty-nine (59) students and six (6) chaperones will attend a performance of Hispanic Flamenco Ballet at Brook Arts Center, 10 Hamilton Street, Bound Brook, NJ on Wednesday, April 15, 2015.

Transportation will be provided by the District. The breakdown is as follows:

<b>Departure / Return Time</b>	<b>Admission (\$14.00 per student)</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
8:20 AM / 12:30 PM	\$826.00	District	\$826.00

All students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the inter-relationship between language and culture for at least one language other than English. In addition, students will be able to identify the various historical, social and cultural influences and traditions which have generated artistic accomplishments throughout the ages and which continue to shape contemporary arts.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approve Cedarbrook K-8 Center's fifty-nine (59) 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students and six (6) chaperones to attend The Hispanic Flamenco Ballet at the Brook Arts Center, Wednesday, April 15, 2015 – total cost not to exceed \$826.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-190-100000-800A-13-0000 (Cedarbrook Fieldtrip Adm Fees).

**(3) Discovery Times Square Museum – New York, NY**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1. Learning Outcomes:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

Twenty-five (25) Barack Obama Academy of Academic and Civic Development (BOAACD) students in grades 9-12 and three (3) chaperones will visit the Discover Times Square Museum, in New York, NY to see the Body Worlds Exhibit on April 22, 2015

Transportation will be provided by Raritan Valley Bus Service. The breakdown is as follows:

<b>Departure / Return Time</b>	<b>Admission</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
9:00 AM / 4:00 PM	\$420.50	\$885.00	\$1,305.50

Our students will learn through the exhibits about the human body, its form and function, its vulnerability and potential, and the challenges it faces navigating the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**BODY WORLDS:** PULSE is an inspiring, immersive multimedia exhibition about health, wellness, and living to the beat of life in a vibrant, fast-paced city. It is an exhibition unlike any other. Body donors who willed their bodies, after death, for plastination and the education of future generations, act as guides and teachers on navigating the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

**RESOLVED,** that the Plainfield Board of Education approves twenty-five (25) Barack Obama students and three (3) chaperones to visit the Discovery Times Museum in New York, NY, April 22, 2015 – total cost not to exceed \$ 1,305.50. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-190-100000-800A-51-0000 (BOAACD Field Trip Adm Fee), and 15-000-270000-512A-51-0000 (BOAACD Princ Field Trips).

**(4) 2015 University of Pennsylvania Relay Carnival – Philadelphia, PA**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal1: Learning Outcomes:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

Twenty-four (24) varsity track team members, consisting of twelve (12) girls and twelve (12) boys, along with four (4) chaperones will attend the 2015 Penn Relays in Philadelphia, PA, April 22-25, 2015.

All team members and coaches will stay at the Wyndham Hotel, 1111 Route 73 North, Mt. Laurel NJ 08054. Transportation will be provided by the District.

The breakdown is as follows:

<b>Departure / Return</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Lodging</b>	<b>Food</b>	<b>Tolls</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<b><i>Depart</i></b> – 04/22/2015 – 5:00 PM <b><i>Return</i></b> – 04/25/2015 – 5:00 PM	\$500.00	\$4,625.45	\$1,800.00	\$50.00	\$6,975.00

The main objective of the 2015 Penn Relays is to give students an opportunity to compete with other athletes from other school districts and their countries. The students will also meet with college coaches of interest. This experience will broaden their general knowledge of the world.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the PPS Varsity Track Team, consisting of twenty-four (24) varsity track team members, consisting of twelve (12) girls and twelve (12) boys, along with four (4) chaperones to attend the 2015 Penn Relays in Philadelphia, PA, April 22-25, 2015 – total cost not to exceed \$6, 975.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 11-000-1000000-500A-27-0000 (Purchased Services).

**(5) New York Aquarium for Wildlife Conservation – Brooklyn, NY**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

Jefferson Elementary School's Kindergarten comprised of seventy-six (76) students, along with nine (9) chaperones will visit the New York Aquarium, located at 602 Surf Avenue in Brooklyn, New York on May 8, 2015.

Admission cost will be paid by Jefferson parents; transportation will be provided by Villani Bus Company. The expense breakdown is as follows:

<b>Departure / Return Time</b>	<b>Admission</b> <i>(to be paid by Jefferson parents)</i>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
8:30 AM / 2:30 PM	\$731.00	\$1,900.00	\$2,631.00

Upon arrival, students will explore, through developmentally appropriate discussion with their teacher, many different educational and technological experiences.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Jefferson Elementary School's Kindergarten, consisting of seventy-six (76) students, along with nine (9) chaperones to visit the New York Aquarium for Wildlife Conservation. Parents will pay admission cost. Total cost will not exceed \$2,631.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-27000-512A-18-0000 (Jefferson Principal Field Trip).



**(6) Crayola Experience – Easton, PA**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

To improve the academic performance of all students in all PPS

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

Cedarbrook K-8 Center's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, consisting of eighty (80) students and twelve (12) chaperones will visit the *Crayola Experience* in Easton, Pennsylvania, on May 20, 2015.

Transportation will be provided by Raritan Valley Bus Company. The breakdown is as follows:

<b>Departure / Return Time</b>	<b>Admission - \$9.99 per person</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
8:05 AM / 3:00 PM	\$829.17	\$1,830.00 (2 buses)	\$2,659.17

The focus of the trip is for the students to get a better understanding of how things that are liquid can turn to solid. They will learn how colors, chemistry, and technology work together.

A visual experiment will help students understand some properties of matter. The students will apply what they've learned to writing an expository and narrative piece about their experience. While at the Crayola Experience, students will take part in several hand-on activities to further understanding of the properties of matter.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Cedarbrook K-8 Center's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, consisting of eighty (80) students and twelve (12) chaperones to visit the *Crayola Experience*, May 20, 2015 – total cost not to exceed \$2,659.17. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-190-100000-800A-13-0000 (Cedarbrook Fieldtrip Adm Fees), and 15-000-270000-512A-13-0000 (Cedarbrook Prin Field Trips).

**(7) Ellis Island and The Statue of Liberty – Liberty Island, New York Harbor**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

Cedarbrook K-8 Center's Fifth Grade, consisting of seventy-five (75) students and eight (8) chaperones will visit Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty on May 20, 2015.

Transportation will be provided by U.S. Coachways. The breakdown is as follows:

<b>Departure / Return Time</b>	<b>Admission</b> <i>(\$9 p/p – plus \$8 for mailing tickets)</i>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
8:00 AM / 3:30 PM	\$755.00	\$1,758.88	\$2,513.88

The field trip will expose students to a cultural experience. The Ellis Island Immigration Museum will recreate the immigration experience of a century ago for the students.

The 90-minute program will have the students examine the varied themes of U.S. immigration policy and bring relatable examples to students. This workshop includes a tour of the historic Great Hall and its "stairs of separation," retracing the footsteps of Ellis Island immigrants.

The students will explore the site's resources, including primary documents, oral histories, and classroom materials that will help the students compare and contrast the story of immigration past and present. Visiting the Statue of Liberty will allow all students to demonstrate an understanding of the Statue's symbolism.

In addition, students will be able to analyze the people behind the Statue's creation and their motivation in order to have an appreciation for the artistry behind this statue. By evaluating her interior framework this allows the students to marvel at the engineering that has kept the Statue of Liberty standing strong for over 125 years. The students will also have an understanding of the various historical, and political influences, prior to the gift of the Statue, and the influences after.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Cedarbrook K-8 Center's Fifth Grade, consisting of seventy-five (75) students and eight (8) chaperones to visit Ellis Island and The Statue of Liberty on May 20, 2015 – total cost not to exceed \$2,513.88. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-190-100000-800A-13-0000 (Cedarbrook Fieldtrip Adm Fees), and 15-000-270000-512A-13-0000 (Cedarbrook Prin Field Trips).

**(8) PLP Family Empowerment Conference – Somerset, NJ**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

The Plainfield Parent Linking Program (PLP)/Teen Parenting Program, consisting of forty (40) students, along with four (4) staff members, will attend a conference titled, “PLP Family Empowerment Day” at the Imperia, 1714 Easton Avenue, Somerset, NJ 08873 on Thursday, May 21, 2015.

There is no cost to District for this conference. Registration is free and transportation will be funded through a stipend from Prevent Child Abuse and provided by Amaker and Porterfield Bus Company.

The breakdown is as follows:

<b>Departure / Return</b>	<b>Admission</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
8:00 AM / 2:30 PM	No Cost	Stipend	\$0.00

This 13<sup>th</sup> annual event is sponsored by Prevent Child Abuse. The conference is designed to bring teen moms and dads together, help them network and find support and resources that go beyond the greater Plainfield community. Workshops will focus on the unique challenges of young moms and dads raising children, and will provide a variety of topics for the students to choose and attend.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the Plainfield Parent Linking Program (PLP)/Teen Parenting Program, consisting of forty (40) students along with four (4) staff members, to attend the “PLP Family Empowerment Conference”, Thursday, May 21, 2015. There is no cost to the District.

**(9) New York American Museum of Natural History – New York, NY**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal1: Learning Outcomes:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

F.W. Cook Elementary Schools 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, consisting of thirty-three (33) students and eight (8) chaperones will visit the American Museum of Natural History in New York, NY, on Tuesday, June 2, 2015.

Transportation will be provided by Raritan Valley Bus Service. The breakdown is as follows:

<b>Departure / Return Time</b>	<b>Admission</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
8:15 AM / 2:35 PM	\$799.50	\$885.00	\$1,684.50

The main objective is to have students experience realistic applications of science in life by witnessing the space show at the Planetarium and explore dinosaurs and the fossilization process by visiting the dinosaur exhibit.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves F.W. Cook Elementary School's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, consisting of thirty-three (33) students and eight (8) chaperones to visit the American Museum in New York, NY, June 2, 2015 – total cost not to exceed \$1,684.50. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-270000-512A-15-0000 (Cook Principal Field Trip), and 15-190-100000-800A-15-0000 (Cook Field Trip Adm Fees).

**(10) “9/11 Tribute Center” Museum – New York**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

Plainfield Public Schools is committed to improve the learning and academic performance of all 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.

The Cedarbrook K-8 Center 6<sup>th</sup> grade class, consisting of fifty-nine (59) students along with ten (10) chaperones will visit the “9/11 Tribute Center,” at the 9/11 memorial, 120 Liberty Street, New York, on Tuesday, June 2, 2015.

Transportation will be provided by Raritan Valley Bus Service. The breakdown is as follows:

<b>Departure / Return Time</b>	<b>Admission</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
9:00 AM / 3:00 PM	\$690.00	\$1,770.00	\$2,470.00

The trip will meet the reading and writing core content standards RI.6.4, and W.6.2a, b, c, d where all students will understand proper social interaction in a non-restrictive environment. They will have the pleasure of enjoying the freedom to socialize with their classmates and applying it to the NJCCCS standards.

This field trip will also provide Cedarbrook K-8 Center students with experiences that cannot be duplicated in school. The field trip is an integral part of instruction and is an incentive for students to continue to their educational experience beyond middle school. Upon returning the students will participate in educational activities that will enhance them academically as well as socially and emotionally.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the Cedarbrook K-8 Center 6<sup>th</sup> grade class, consisting of fifty-nine (59) students and ten (10) chaperones to visit the, “9/11 Tribute Center”, Tuesday, June 2, 2015 - total cost not to exceed \$2,470.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-190-100000-800A-13-0000 (Cedarbrook Fieldtrip Adm Fees), and 15-000-270000-512A-13-0000 (Cedarbrook Prin Field Trips).

**(11) Dorney Park – Plainfield High School**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

Thirty (30) PHS Latin-American Student Organization (LASO) students in grades 9-12 and four (4) chaperones will participate in Dorney Park Day in Allentown, Pennsylvania on Saturday, June 6, 2015.

The cost of this trip will be funded through parent/student fundraising efforts. The breakdown is as follows:

<b>Departure / Return Time</b>	<b>Admission (\$25.00 per student)</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
11:00 am / 10:00 pm	\$750.00	District	\$750.00

Students will participate in educational activities that will enhance them academically as well as socially and emotionally.

This field trip will also provide students with experiences that cannot be duplicated in school. The field trip is an integral part of instruction and is an incentive for students to continue to excel beyond high school.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves thirty (30) LASO students, grades 9-12, and four (4) chaperones to participate in the Dorney Park Day in Allentown, Pennsylvania on Saturday, June 6, 2015. There is no cost to the District excluding transportation, which will be provided by the Transportation Department.

**(12) Washington, DC Tour – Overnight Trip**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal1: Learning Outcomes:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

Frederic W. Cook Elementary School's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, consisting of thirty-seven (37) students and twenty (20) chaperones will travel overnight to Washington, D.C., Thursday, June 11, 2015 through Friday, June 12, 2015 pending White House confirmation.

Students and chaperones will lodge at the Residence Inn Arlington Capital View, 2850 South Potomac Avenue, Arlington, VA.

The cost of lodging will be funded by parents and their fundraising efforts.

Transportation will be provided by Raritan Valley Bus Company. The breakdown is as follows:

<b>Departure/Return Date/Time</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Lodging <i>(inc. 9% tax)</i> <i>Paid by fundraising efforts</i></b>	<b>Admissions</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
06/11/2015 - 6:00 am 06/12/2015 - 9:00 pm	\$3,350.00	\$3,800.00	Smithsonian/\$259.00 Newseum/\$516.00	\$7, 925.00

This excursion will include visits to the White House, museums, and galleries.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Frederic W. Cook Elementary Schools 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, consisting of thirty-seven (37) and twenty (20) chaperones to travel overnight to Washington, D.C., Thursday, June 11, 2015 through Friday, June 12, 2015 – total cost not to exceed \$7,925.00 (\$4,125.00 – District funds). The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-27-000-512A-0000 (Field Trip Transportation), and 15-190-100000-800A-15-0000 (Cook Field Trip Adm Fees).

**B. Professional Development**

**(1) My Math – Grades K-5 Training Sessions**

**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 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 district professional development opportunities.

McGraw-Hill will provide five (5) My Math training sessions, in-district, during the 2014-2015 school year which will assist administrators and staff in developing the mathematics knowledge required for elementary teachers to effectively implement mathematical practices.

The total cost for all K-5 teachers (*approximately 150*) for five (5) days is \$12,500.00. The dates and breakdown per day is as follows:

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Grades</b>	<b>Cost</b>
April 15	Grades 3	\$2,500.00
April 17	Grades 4	\$2,500.00
April 20	Grades 5	\$2,500.00
April 24	All Grades	\$2,500.00
April 27	All Grades	\$2,500.00

Benefits of professional development sessions for My Math:

- How to use all the assets in ConnectED to teach, manage, and assign using all the resources with a strong emphasis on eAssess
- Creating and assigning assessments with the Tech Enhanced questions as well as the reports they generate to inform teaching.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the five (5) My Math in-district training sessions provided by McGraw-Hill for the 2014-2015 school year – total cost not to exceed \$12,500.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to FY2015 NCLB Title IIA 200-320 account.



**(2) AERCO Legacy Benchmark Training – Blauvelt, NY**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 2: Human Resources:**

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 community members.

The 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 permit staff members to participate in out-of-district professional development opportunities.

The District Facilities and Grounds staff below will attend the AERCO Legacy Benchmark training in Blauvelt, New York, April 7-8, 2015.

The training is free. Staff will be transported daily, by the District Transportation Department. The participant breakdown is as follows:

<b>Staff</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Location</b>
Juan Pinas	Head Custodian	Washington
Jerry Wells	Asst. Custodian	Washington
Bobby Fowler	Head Custodian	PHS
Steven Grimes	Custodian/Fireman	Cedarbrook
Leyland Smith	Head Custodian	Clinton
Michael Hoover	Head Custodian	Emerson
Frank Palermo	Custodian/Fireman	Jefferson
Roderick Drakeford	Interim-Custodian/Fireman	PAAAS

The course has been designed to familiarize the users with the theory, operation and terminology surrounding AERCO direct-fired benchmark legacy boilers. The course covers component overview and troubleshooting, maintenance, control systems and combustion calibration. The class is 60% classroom training and 40% hands-on in the lab.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves District Facilities and Grounds staff (above), to attend the AERCO Legacy Benchmark training, April 7-8, 2015 in Blauvelt, NY. There is no financial cost to the District, excluding transportation – which will be provided by the District Transportation Department.

**(3) Rutgers University - QPA Continuing Education Hours**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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

**Goal 3: Business Operations:**

To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of Business operations

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

**RESOLUTION**

The 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.

**WHEREAS**, the specific focus is to lead district's through today's' economic challenges, review policy and legal updates, homeless and residency requirements, cooperative transportation and pensions, and required continuing education hours as a Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA).

The breakdown is as follows:

<b>Staff / Position</b>	<b>Dates Attending</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Yolanda Koon Asst. School Bus. Admin./ Interim Board Sec.	April 8, 2015 May 14, 2015	Registration - \$370.00

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Yolanda Koon to attend Rutgers Continuing Studies Concerning Public School Bidding & Bidding for Public Works Construction on April 8, 2015 and May 14, 2015, at a cost not to exceed \$370.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 11-000-251000-592T-04-00000 (Misc. Purch. Srv).

**(4) STEM Conference – Cleveland, OH**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

The Plainfield High School staff members below will attend the STEM Conference at the Cleveland Convention Center, Cleveland, Ohio on April 16-18, 2015.

<b>Staff</b>	<b>Position</b>
Gina Ogburn-Thompson	Vice Principal
Deborah Johnson	Physics Teacher

The total cost will not exceed \$2,123.68. The expense breakdown per person, per the GSA, is as follows:

<b>Registration</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Lodging</b>	<b>Meals/Incidentals</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
\$110.00	\$531.00	\$280.84	\$140.00	\$1,061.84

The STEM Conference is a solution-oriented conference where leaders in science, technology, engineering and math education and industry come together to advance K-12 STEM education.

The conference will address that too many American students do not have a strong foundation in the STEM subjects to step into the science, technology, engineering and math education careers. The STEM subjects are linked to every aspect of modern society.

The STEM Conference will engage knowledge in the following:

- Bridging the gender and ethnic divide in STEM fields
- Measuring success in STEM education
- When to use technology in the classroom
- Enlarging the STEM pipeline
- Adding value to STEM education through public/private partnerships

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Gina Ogburn-Thompson, Shaniesha Evans, and Deborah Johnson to attend the STEM Conference at the Cleveland Convention Center, Cleveland, Ohio, April 16-18, 2015 - total cost not to exceed \$2,123.68. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-190-100001-320A-25-0000 (PHS Prof Services).

**(5) New Jersey Speech-Language-Hearing Association Annual Convention – Long Branch**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 2: Learning Outcomes:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education 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 seven (7) Speech/Language Therapists below will attend the 2015 New Jersey Speech-Language – Hearing Annual Convention on April 30, 2015 and May 1, 2015 in Long Branch, NJ.

The breakdown is as follows:

<b>Participants</b>	<b>Days Attending</b>	<b>Cost to Attend</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Vinette Klisch Tracey Easley-Card Cynthia Davis Courtney Regula Jennifer Schwartz Laural Thurston Patty Lewis	April 30, 2015 May 1, 2015	\$275.00 (per person)	\$1,925.00

Attendance at the conference is required in order to maintain national certification which is required by Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) and for Plainfield public Schools to receive reimbursement for speech/language services that are provided to Medicaid eligible students.

The conference will offer a full range of workshops needed for the therapists to acquire the ten(10) hours of course work as needed to maintain national American Speech-Language hearing Association (ASHA) certification.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the seven (7) Speech/Language Therapists above to attend the 2015 New Jersey Speech-Hearing– Language Association Annual Convention in Long Branch, NJ, April 30, 2015 and May 1, 2015 – cost not to exceed \$1,925.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-252-200000-500A-32-0000 (IDEA Workshops).

**(6) 2015 National Association of Social Workers Conference – Atlantic City**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 2: Human Resources:**

To improve the recruitment, retention and development of District staff

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

**RESOLUTION**

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 have staff members participate in out of district professional development opportunities.

Kia N. Alexander, MSW, LSW, School Social Worker at Frederic W. Cook School will attend the 2015 National Association of Social Workers/NJ Conference: The Meeting of the Profession - Creating a Culture of Collaboration, in Atlantic City, NJ, May 3-5, 2015.

The expense breakdown is as follows:

<b>Registration</b>	<b>Mileage (3 days roundtrip)</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
\$480.00	.31/mile = \$102.87	\$582.87

The NASW/NJ Conference will allow participants to improve the understanding of working knowledge and competencies in social work practice, school based interventions, managing student behaviors and engaging students in learning. Social Workers will have access to a variety of workshops that will enhance skills necessary for working with students with learning disabilities and mental health issues.

The annual statewide conference features three (3) full days of continuing education and the opportunity to earn up to twenty (20) continuing education hours. Workshops will fine tune skills and the Continuing Education Units (CEU's) will allow the maintenance of the participant's state license to practice social work. This conference is sponsored by the National Association of Social Workers/NJ Chapter (NASW/NJ).

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Kia N. Alexander, Social Worker, F.W. Cook School to attend The 2015 NASW/NJ Conference, May 3-5, 2015, in Atlantic City, NJ – total cost not to exceed \$582.87. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-223000-500A-15-0000 (Cook Training Purchased Serv).

**(7) NJTESOL/NJBE 2015 Spring Conference – New Brunswick**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 2: Human Resources:**

To improve the recruitment, retention and development of District staff

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

The Early Childhood staff members listed below will attend the New Jersey Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages/New Jersey Bilingual Educators (NJTESOL/NJBE) conference, May 27-28, 2015, at the Hyatt Regency, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

The breakdown is as follows:

<b>Staff</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Days Attending</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Evelyn Motley	Director	2	\$294.00	\$3,582.00
Elena Rutherford	Vice Principal	2	\$294.00	
Carrie Ann Floyd	Master Teacher	2	\$294.00	
Tanaishia White	Master Teacher	2	\$294.00	
Shalini Kathuria	Master Teacher	2	\$294.00	
Tracy Mullen	PIRT	2	\$294.00	
Marlene Rosenbaum	PIRT	2	\$294.00	
Donna McAuliffe	PIRT	2	\$294.00	
Marie Blot	PIRT	2	\$294.00	
Breonna Johnson	PIRT	2	\$294.00	
Louise Frankel	Master Teacher	1	\$214.00	
Monica Charris	Master Teacher	1	\$214.00	
April Morecraft	Master Teacher	1	\$214.00	

The conference will provide updated information regarding the latest research, issues and trends related to dual language education. The conference is to be held at the Hyatt Regency, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the Early Childhood staff (listed above) to attend the 2015 NJTESOL/NJBE Spring Conference, May 27-28, 2015 – total cost not to exceed \$3,582.00, plus mileage reimbursement of \$.31 (upon presentation of proper documentation). The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-218-200000-330A-34-0000 (ECE Other Purch Prof Services) and 20-218-200000-580A-34-0000 (ECE Travel).

**(8) New Jersey Association of School Business Officials – Atlantic City**

**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 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.

WHEREAS, the specific focus is to lead district's through today's' economic challenges, review policy and legal updates, homeless and residency requirements, cooperative transportation and pensions.

The total cost for both participants is \$1,431.00. The breakdown, per the GSA, is as follows:

<b>Participants – Position</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Lodging (inc. 18% tax)</b>	<b>Travel</b>	<b>Food Incidentals</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Gary L. Ottmann – <i>School Bus. Admin.</i> Yolanda Koon – <i>Asst. School Bus. Admin./ Interim Board Secretary</i>	\$475.00	\$472.00	\$154.00	\$330.00	\$1,431.00

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Gary L. Ottmann and Yolanda Koon to attend the NJASBO 2015 – 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Spring Conference in Atlantic City, New Jersey, June 3-5, 2015 – total cost not to exceed \$1,500.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 11-000-251000-592T-04-0000 (Misc. Purch. Srv).

**(9) ASCD Conference – Nashville, TN**

**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 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 PPS staff members will attend the ASCD Conference on Teaching Excellence in Nashville, TN, June 23-28, 2015.

Staff	Position/Location	Staff	Position/Location
Joan Cansdale	Supv. ELA – Secondary	Eleanor Hemphill	Teacher/Cedarbrook
Frank Fusco	Literacy Supv./ Hubbard	Cheryl Jackson	Teacher/Barlow
Donna Mullaney	Supv. ELA – Elementary	Kristina Jerome	Teacher/Jefferson
Johan Rojas	Vice Principal/PHS	Elizabeth Lechocinski	Teacher/Maxson
Shalonda Archibald	Teacher/Hubbard	Pat Mendola	Teacher/Washington
Celia Bouffidis	LMS/Maxson	Alicia Migliore	Teacher/Cedarbrook
Jennifer Collins	Teacher/PAAAS	Chadia Saleem	Teacher/Cedarbrook
Sarah Colucci	Teacher/PHS	Vincent Salvato	Teacher/Woodland
Isabella DeSantis	Teacher/Jefferson	Vanetta Solomon	Teacher/PHS
Fatima Embden	Teacher/Evergreen		

The total cost for all attendees is \$37,862.38. The per person expense breakdown, per the GSA, is as follows:

<b><i>Includes Pre-conference - four (4) nights - 2 attendees (J. Cansdale and D. Mullaney)</i></b>				
Registration	Lodging (inc. 18% tax and fees)	Travel	Food/Incidentals	Total Cost
\$762.00	\$939.28	\$558.00	\$297.00	\$2,556.28

<b><i>Conference ONLY - three (3) nights - 17 attendees</i></b>				
Registration	Lodging (inc. 18% tax and fees)	Travel	Food/Incidentals	Total Cost
\$493.00	\$704.46	\$558.00	\$231.00	\$1,926.46

Through this conference, attendees will acquire new research based strategies in teaching excellence. Participants will attend a variety of workshops to improve instruction. Elementary and Secondary teacher teams will be provided professional development, by nationally acclaimed experts in education, on educational topics to help engage students in learning.



**ASCD Conference – Nashville, TN (cont'd)**

**Course Title Registrations / Benefits**

- What is the Power of Motivation and How Much Could Motivated Students Learn and Grow?
- Achieving Excellence in Teaching and Learning: Brain Research Matters
- It's Not You, It's Me: How to Tackle the Mind-Set of Failure in an Urban Classroom
- Creating the Optimal Learning Environment for Every English Learner
- Building a Network to Support Teacher Leaders
- Understanding the Minds of Boys: Critical Information for Increasing Student Success
- Teacher Leaders: Making a Difference by Influencing Every Teacher
- Freedom to Fail: Creating a Culture of Risk Takers and Innovators

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the listed staff to attend the ASCD Conference in Nashville, TN; June 23-28th, 2015 - total cost not to exceed \$37,862.38. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to FY2015 NCLB Title IIA 200-500, and 200-580 accounts.

**(10) The Day Summer Program – Rutgers University – New Brunswick**

**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 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 students. Therefore, it has provided the Superintendent of Schools the authority to employ non-administrative and administrative staff members in professional development opportunities.

The following PPS administrators and secondary math teachers will attend The Day Summer Program - Grades 8-12, at Rutgers University, Busch Campus, New Brunswick, NJ on June 24-26, 2015.

<b>Administrators</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Location</b>
Kimberley Morris	Supv. SecondaryMath	Educational Services
Miguelina Landisi	Vice Principal	PHS
Wilson Martinez	Vice Principal	Cedarbrook
Kwame Asante	Principal	Hubbard
Reginald Davenport	Principal	Maxson

<b>Secondary Math Teachers</b>				
<b>PHS Staff</b>	Kevin Bullock Sharon Lonergan	Goriqua Chica Maya Menon	Michaud Jeune Patrick Michira	Lenny Jimenez Lilliam Taylor
<b>Maxson Staff</b>	Jonathan Copeland	Steven Gable	Eban Gibson	Randy Granda
<b>Hubbard Staff</b>	Michelle Ginn	Olunfunke Onigbogi	Danny Ramirez	
<b>PAAAS Staff</b>	Lauren Guenette	Arlen Klinger		
<b>Cedarbrook Staff</b>	Ayana Way			

The cost breakdown:

<b>Registration Per Person</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
\$495.00	\$11,385.00

The program will offer workshops on instructional strategies in algebra and instruction. The focuses for the three (3) days are:

- Day 1: Instructional strategies for Teaching Algebraic Concepts and Math Practices
- Day 2: Instructional Strategies for Teaching ALL Learners
- Day 3: Strategies for Assessment

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the PPS staff above, to attend The Day Summer Program - Grades 8-12, at Rutgers University, June 24-26, 2015 - total cost not to exceed

\$11,385.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to FY2015 NCLB Title IIA 200-500 account.

**(11) Orton-Gillingham Reading Program – In-District Training  
(AMENDED Cost/Participants – Original: November 18, 2014 - P. 28)**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 2: Human Resources:**

To improve the recruitment, retention and development of District staff

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

In order for the Plainfield School District to be in compliance with the new Dyslexia Laws (A3606, A3608, A3605/2442), the Institute for Multi-Sensory Education will provide Orton-Gillingham training in-district to sixty-seven (67) staff members (TBD).

Completion of this training will satisfy the requirement by NJDOE (18A: 6-130) for districts to offer professional development to staff for the purpose of identifying and providing interventions for students with related reading disabilities such as dyslexia. The professional development shall be provided to general and special education teachers, instructional support staff, supervisors, Child Study Team members, speech specialist, and ESL teachers.

The training will take place during two (2) separate sessions, January 5-9, 2015, and January 26-30, 2015. Each session is five (5) days, Monday–Friday, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, and will consist of twenty-nine (29) participants for session one, and thirty-eight (38) participants for session two.

The amended cost of attending the in-district training is \$800.00 per person, plus \$1,750.00 for trainer travel expenses (per session) – total cost not to exceed \$56,500.00.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the amended number of participants (sixty-seven [67] staff members), and amended cost – not to exceed \$56,500.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-278-200000-320A-26-0002; and 20-278-200000-320A-26-0000 (Professional Development - CARRYOVER).

**C. Washington School's THINK (*Teaching, Helping, Inspiring & Nurturing Kids*) Program**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring that all students meet the District's academic achievement goals and curriculum.

Whereas, Washington has committed significant time and resources in developing teacher capacity to deliver quality instruction aligned to the rigor and expectations of the District's academic achievement goals and curriculum, and

Whereas, available funds have been committed to extend the learning opportunities for students in grades 3-5 both before and after school as part of Washington's School Improvement Plan, and

Whereas, sixteen (16) teachers will provide afterschool instruction - March 3 - May 28, 2015, Tuesday through Thursday, 3:00 to 4:00 pm; and before school instruction - March 2 - June 23, 2015, Monday through Friday, 7:30 to 8:00 am. Teachers will work varying days and times and be compensated at the contractual rate of \$28.00 per hour.

Whereas, Washington's School Improvement Plan calls for the advent of extended learning opportunities for students in grades 3-5,

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Washington School's THINK (*Teaching, Helping, Inspiring and Nurturing Kids*) program at a cost not to exceed \$5,880.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-230-10000-1015-21-0000 (TI Wash Extended Day Stipends).

**D. Printmaking Center of New Jersey – Roving Press Art Residency Program**

**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 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 Superintendent of Schools the authority to employ consultants to address the needs of teachers and students in order to promote school improvement.

In collaboration with Art Teachers Irene Mitta and Donald Jones of Woodland Elementary and Barack Obama Academy of Academic and Civic Development (BOAACD), respectively, the Printmaking Center of New Jersey (PCNJ) proposes to bring a series of quality art programs to Plainfield students and teachers.

All PCNJ programs are underwritten through grants to PCNJ and are of no cost to the District.

PCNJ's art programs cultivate artistic potential through hands-on artist residencies, in-school exhibitions, parent and child activities, and professional development training for teachers.

PCNJ's Roving Press Art Residency Program will operate as follows:

- Professional Development for teachers: April 13, 2015 – 3:00-4:00 p.m. at Woodland School
- Multi-Day Residency with 1<sup>st</sup> Graders at Woodland School (April / May dates to be determined)
- Four-Day Residency with 8<sup>th</sup> Graders at BOAACD (April / May dates to be determined)
- After School Parent/Child Program – Woodland 1<sup>st</sup> Graders (April / May dates to be determined)
- Traveling Exhibitions – (June date to be determined)

**RESOLVED**, Plainfield Board of Education approves Printmaking Council of New Jersey - Roving Press Art Residency Program at Woodland Elementary School and Barack Obama Academy of Academic and Civic Development with dates in April, May, and June to be determined. There is no cost to the District for the program.

**E. Challenge Day Program – Maxson Middle School**

**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 facilitate and maintain a safe and supportive environment

The 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 have staff members participate in professional development opportunities.

Challenge Day is day-long, interactive program that will provide our Scholars and Practitioners with tools to tear down the wall of separation, and inspires participants to live, study, and work in an encouraging environment of acceptance, love, and respect.

Using highly interactive and energetic activities, Challenge Day Leaders guide participants through a carefully designed exploration of the ways people separate from each other, and model tools for creating connection and building community.

The Challenge Day program will increase self-esteem, help shift dangerous peer pressure to positive peer support, and reduce the acceptability of teasing, oppression, and all forms of violence.

Challenge Day is scheduled for May 28, 2015 at a cost of \$6,000.00 - to cover one-hundred (100) 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Maxson Scholars and twenty-five (25) facility and staff.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Challenge Day – May 28, 2015 at Maxson Middle School – cost not to exceed \$6,000.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-221000-390A-24-0000 (Maxson Instruct Imprv. Professional and Tech Svcs).

**F. WIDA Model K Testing**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

All students who have registered for kindergarten and have a language other than English spoken in the home will be tested with the WIDA Model K English Language Proficiency Test to determine placement into Dual Language classrooms or ESL services. Testing will take place beginning March 14, 2015 through June 30, 2015, 3:10-5:40 pm.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the WIDA K Model testing during the 2015 School year, at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to 11-190-100012-340A-26-0000 (Curriculum Technical Services).

## **G. Preschool Design Team**

### **Strategic Plan Link**

#### **Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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

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

### **RESOLUTION**

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

In accordance with 6A:13-2.1 – Standards-based instruction: “All school districts shall implement a coherent curriculum for all students, that is content-rich and aligned to the most recent revision of the Common Core Curriculum Content Standards (CCCCS)/ Preschool Teaching and Learning Standard. The curriculum shall guide instruction to ensure that every student masters the CCCC)/ Preschool Teaching and Learning Standard. Instruction shall be designed to engage all students and modified based on student performance

Master Teachers have been identified as the design team members due to their knowledge of the High Scope curriculum, the Child Observation Record advantage and Early Childhood Best Practices.

The team will meet two (2) hours per day (total 116 hours each) for the period March 23, 2015 – June 19, 2015. Teachers will be compensated at the PEA contractual rate of \$28.00 per hour/per person (not to exceed \$3,248.00 per person). For revising all content areas the total cost is not to exceed \$19,488.00.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the implementation of the Preschool Design Team for the purpose of revising the Preschool Curriculum (all content areas); for the period March 23, 2015–June 19, 2015 - total cost not to exceed \$19,488.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-218-200000-176A-34-0000 (MASTEACH).



**H. Special Services Consultants/Service Providers - Provision of Special Education Services**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

**RESOLVED**, the following individuals be appointed as Special Services Consultants and Service Providers for the Office of Special Education, Gifted and Psychological Services for the 2014-2015 School Year (Additions) at the respective compensation rates:

<b>Consultant/Provider</b>	<b>Services</b>	<b>Rate of Service</b>
Denise Pfister	Homebound/Bedside Instruction	\$45.00/hour
Jill A. Pila	Speech/Language Services	\$50.00/30 mins. session
Silvergate Prep	Bedside Instruction	\$50.00/30 mins. session

**I. Out-of-District – Provision of Special Education Services**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

**RESOLVED**, that this one (1) Plainfield pupil whose name has been certified by the Superintendent of Schools and is on file with the Secretary of the Board of Education will be provided with special education program in Out-of-District school for the disabled during the 2014-2015 school year (Addition):

<b>Pupil</b>	<b>School/Institution</b>	<b>Approximate Cost</b>
0387	Middlesex County Vo-Tech	\$20,000.00
<b>Total Cost</b>		<b>\$20,000.00</b>

## XI. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

### A. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer – January 2015

**Strategic Plan Link:**

**Goal 3: Business Operations**

**To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of business operations.**

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

#### **RESOLUTION**

The Board 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 Superintendent to initiate whatever actions may be determined to be appropriate.

**TO BE PRESENTED AT THE MARCH 17, 2015 BUSINESS MEETING**

**B. Payment of Bills — February 12, 2015 – March 12, 2015**

**Strategic Plan Link:**

**Goal 3: Business Operations**

**To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of business operations.**

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

The Board Secretary presented certain warrants to the Board of Education with a recommendation they be paid, and pursuant to NJAC 6:20-2.13(d), the Board Secretary certifies that with respect to the payment of bills referenced below no budgetary line item account has been over expended in violation of 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 MARCH 17, 2015 BUSINESS MEETING**

**C. 2014 – 15 Budget Transfers**

**Strategic Plan Link:**

**Goal 3: Business Practices**

**To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of business operations.**

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

**TO BE PRESENTED AT THE MARCH 17, 2015 BUSINESS MEETING**

**D. NJSBAIG 2015 Safety Grant Program**

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

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the submission of a grant application for the 2015 Safety Grant Program through the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group for the purposes described in the application, in the amount of \$14,546.00 for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

**E. Adoption of Preliminary Budget for the 2015 – 2016 School Year**

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

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, that the tentative budget be approved for the 2015 – 2016 school year using the 2015 – 2016 state aid figures and that the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	<b><u>General Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Special Revenues</u></b>	<b><u>Debt Service</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
2015 – 16 Total Appropriations				
Less: Anticipated Revenues				
Taxes to be raised				

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Courier News in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a public hearing be held at the Plainfield High School on May 5, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2015 – 2016 school year.

**TO BE PRESENTED AT THE MARCH 17, 2015 BUSINESS MEETING**

## XII. REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

### A. Adoption of Policies – First Reading

The following is recommended for adoption:

#### RESOLUTION

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

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

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

<u>Policy Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	
5141.8	Concussion and Sports Related Head Injury	<b>Amended</b>
6114	Emergencies and Disaster preparedness	<b>Amended</b>
6173	Home Instruction	<b>Amended</b>
7110	Long Range Facilities Plan	<b>Amended</b>

## XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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