

PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Plainfield, N.J.

Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2014
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
Mrs. Deborah Clarke
Mrs. Jackie Coley
Mr. Alex O. Edache
Mrs. Mahogany Hall
Mr. Dorien Hurtt
Mr. Frederick D. Moore, Sr.
Ms. Jameelah Surgeon
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 Wednesday, February 26, 2014 for advertisement on Saturday, March 1, 2014 and also provided to the Plainfield Public Schools, the District's website, the Plainfield City Clerk, Police Department, and Plainfield Public Library for posting.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

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

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

The Board of Education will recess into its Executive Session.

VI. CONDUCT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

*Meeting Schedule Subject to Change

At each committee meeting, the Board discusses recommendations of the 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 18, 2014, 8:00 pm, in the Plainfield High School Auditorium.

- VII. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT
- VIII. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT
- IX. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
- X. PRESENTATION
 - 2014 – 2015 Preliminary Budget

XI. REPORT OF THE CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

A. Field Trips

(1) United Nations – New York City

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 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.

On March 26, 2014, thirty (30) students, in grades 10 through 12 from Plainfield Academy for the Arts and Advanced Studies along with three (3) chaperones will visit the United Nations in New York City. Departure is scheduled for 8:30 am, returning 4:00 pm.

Lunch and admission fees for the United Nations will be provided through Global Links Incorporated. Transportation will be provided by Raritan Valley Bus Company at a cost of \$850.00.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves thirty (30) PAAAS students in grades 10 through 12 and three (3) chaperones to travel to The United Nations, in New York City, NY, March 26, 2014. Lunch and admission is provided through Global Links Incorporated. Transportation will be provided by Raritan Valley Bus at a cost of \$850.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-190-100000-500A-52-0000 (Other Purchase Services).

(2) Grounds for Sculpture – Hamilton

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.

Fifty (50) students in grades 7-12 enrolled in Visual Art at Plainfield Academy for the Arts and Advanced Studies (PAAAS), and five (5) chaperones will visit Grounds for Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road in Hamilton, NJ, Tuesday, April 8, 2014.

The cost for admission is \$2.00 per person. Transportation will be provided by Vogel Bus Company. The cost of admission and transportation will be funded through fundraising efforts of parents and students. Departure is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. and returning at 3:00 p.m.

Students will view and analyze various sculptures that are currently being exhibited. Students will choose a sculpture to draw; focusing on the relationship between the sculpture and the space it exists in.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves fifty (50) PAAAS students in grades 7-12, along with five (5) chaperones to visit the Grounds for Sculpture.travel to Hamilton, NJ, on Tuesday, April 8, 2014. The cost per student (\$21.00) for transportation and admission will be paid by the parents/students. Transportation is being provided by Vogel Bus Company. There is no cost to the District.

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

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The Plainfield High School Latino American Student Organization which consists of fifty (50) students and four (4) chaperones, will tour the American Museum of Natural History in New York, New York. Departure is scheduled from Plainfield High School parking lot on Friday, March 21, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.; returning 2:00 p.m. The cost for transportation is \$900.00, provided by Amaker and Porterfield Bus Company. Admission cost will be funded through fundraising efforts of student/parents.

The museum offers workshops for students in biodiversity, anthropology, genetics, earth science and more. The students will visit the labs and collection tours, and attend lectures by scientists and participate in hands-on activities.

In addition, Cook School K-7 Center's 3rd grade class, consisting of forty-two (42) students, along with eight (8) chaperones will visit the American Museum of Natural History, May 22, 2014. Departure is scheduled for 8:15 am - returning 2:35 pm.

The cost of admission is \$15.50 per person; total cost for admission - \$775.00 (admission cost will be paid from fundraising efforts of students and parents. Transportation will be provided by Raritan Valley Bus Service, for a total cost of \$970.00 for one (1) 55 passenger bus.

The main objective is to have students gain an understanding of changes in the earth and sky as well as an understanding of extinct organisms. Students will be given the opportunity to connect science concepts with the various visual learning styles of students to keep them engaged. The trip will meet the reading and writing core content standards RI.6.1 and W.6.2 where all students will understand proper social interaction in a non-restrictive environment.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves PHS Latino American Student Organization, consisting of fifty (50) students and four (4) chaperones to visit the American Museum of Natural History, Friday, March 21, 2014, total cost not to exceed \$900.00; as well as, Cook K-7 Center 3rd graders, consisting of forty-two (42) students, along with eight (8) chaperones visit on May 22, 2014. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-270000-512A-25-0000 (PHS Prin Field Trips); and 15-000-270000-512A-15-0000 (Principals Field Trip).

(4) The Statue of Liberty, Liberty Island, New York Harbor

Strategic Plan Link

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In keeping with the strategic plan and goals for the District, Cedarbrook K-8 Center's 5th Grade, consisting of seventy-five (75) students, along with eight (8) chaperones will visit Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty on May 21, 2014.

The admission fee is \$9.00 per person, plus \$8.00 handling fee. Total admission fee is \$755.00. Transportation will be provided by Raritan Valley Bus Company, at a cost of \$850.00 per bus (plus \$20.00 parking fee) – total transportation cost is \$1,720.00

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 seventy-five (75) fifth grade students and eight (8) chaperones to visit Ellis Island and The Statue of Liberty, May 21, 2014. Total cost for admission and transportation will not exceed \$2,475.00. The availability of funds of this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-190-100000-800A-13-0000 (Cedarbrook Field Trips Admission Fees), and 15-000-270000-512A-13-0000 (Cedarbrook Principal Field Trips).

(5) Washington DC and White House Tour

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

Goal 4: Safe Learning Environment:

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

Goal 5: Community and Family Engagement:

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

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

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Twenty-five (25) students from Charles H. Stillman Elementary and Washington Community Schools will have the opportunity to tour Washington DC and the White House (*dates to be determined*). The purpose is to provide Stillman Elementary and Washington Community School students, as well as parent volunteers with instruction, recreational activities, and community resources consistent with the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards for Social Studies (6.1, 6.2, & 6.3).

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Charles H. Stillman Elementary and Washington Community Schools to tour Washington DC and the White House on (*dates to be determined*) at no cost to student, parents, Plainfield Public Schools or the community.

(6) Microsoft Store – Bridgewater (AMENDED – February 2014 Agenda – added add'l date)

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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Thirty (30) students in grades 8-10 from Plainfield Academy for the Arts and Advanced Studies (PAAAS), along with two (2) chaperones will visit the Microsoft Store in Bridgewater, New Jersey, to experience new and innovative technology products and activities that enhance the learning experience in the classroom.

Departure is scheduled from PAAAS parking lot on April 11, 2014 at 8:30 AM, returning at 11:30 AM. Transportation will be provided through the District.

This field trip will expand the students' learning beyond the walls of the classroom into the vast community outside. This field trip will provide students with technological literacy and cultural awareness as well as diversity in the marketplace. Cultural events will help enrich the cultural awareness and an appreciation for the arts as well as diversity.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves thirty (30) students, grades 8-10 and two (2) chaperones to visit the Microsoft Store in Bridgewater, New Jersey. There is no cost to the District excluding transportation. Transportation will be provided through the District.

(7) Field Trips for Inclusion in 2013-2014 Curriculum Guides – AMENDED (from January 2014)

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 field trips, used as a device for teaching and learning are integral to the curriculum, and an educationally sound and important ingredient in the instructional program of the school.

As a result, field trips serve as an essential means to extend learning, improve achievements, and enhance the overall development and educational experiences of students in the District. Field trips, however must support the District's curriculum and be aligned with the New Jersey Core Content Standards. The District has identified those State of New Jersey field trips which are in compliance with both and will be reflected in the curriculum guides for the 2013-2014 school year.

LOCATION	CITY
A&P Supermarket	South Plainfield
Adventure Aquarium	Camden
AFJROTC	Jackson and Long Branch
AFJROTC Bridgeton High School	Bridgeton
AFJROTC McGuire Air Force Base	Fort Dix
AFJROTC Passaic High School	Passaic
AFJROTC Drill Competition	NJ (location to be determined)
Alstede Farms	Chester
AMC Theatre	Bridgewater and Mountainside
Annual African American Heritage Parade	Newark
Annual Fall Leadership Connection Conference	Edison
Antonio Casola Farms	Holmdel
Apple Store	Bridgewater
Arena at Woodbridge, The	Woodbridge
Ballantine House	Newark
Barlow Elementary School	Plainfield
Barnes and Noble	Springfield
Berkeley College	Woodbridge
Bloomfield College	Bloomfield
Brookdale Community College	Lincroft
Buehler Challenger and Science Center	Paramus
Build-A-Bear	Bridgewater
Café Vivaci	Plainfield
Caldwell College	Caldwell

Field Trips for Inclusion in 2013-2014 Curriculum Guides – AMENDED - cont’d.

LOCATION	CITY
Camden Aquarium	Camden
Camp Bernie	Port Murray
Career Council, Inc.	NJ (location to be determined)
Cathedral International Church	Plainfield
Cedar Brook Park	Plainfield
Cedarbrook K-8 Center	Plainfield
Centenary College	Hackettstown
Cheesecake Factory	Edison (Menlo Park)
China Buffet	South Plainfield
City of Plainfield Senior Citizen Center	Plainfield
Clinton K-8 Center	Plainfield
Clinton School Annual Celebration of Autumn	Clinton School (Plainfield)
Coco Water Park	Mt. Laurel
College of New Jersey	Ewing
College of St. Elizabeth	Morristown
Community Theatre, The	Morristown
Cook K-7 Center	Plainfield
Cooper Mill	Chester Township
Cracker Barrel Restaurant and Store	Clinton
Cranford Canoe Club	Cranford
Crossroads Theatre	New Brunswick
Crowne Plaza	Monroe Township and Cherry Hill
Dairy Queen	Plainfield
DeVry Institute of Technology	North Brunswick
DeVry University	North Brunswick
Drake House	Plainfield
Drumthwacket, (Governor’s Mansion)	Princeton
Dunellen Theatre and Cinema Café	Dunellen
Echo Lake Park	Mountainside
Edison Bowling Center	Edison
Edison Exposition – Raritan Center	Edison
Edison National Historic Site	Edison
Emerson Elementary School	Plainfield
Essex County College	Edison
Evergreen Elementary School	Plainfield
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Madison and Teaneck
Felician College	Lodi
Franklin Mineral Museum and Mine	Franklin
Funplex	East Hanover
George Street Playhouse	New Brunswick
Giovanna’s	Plainfield
Great Swamp, The	Chatham
Green Brook Park	Plainfield

Field Trips for Inclusion in 2013-2014 Curriculum Guides – AMENDED - cont’d.

LOCATION	CITY
Green Meadows Farm	Hazlet
Grounds for Sculpture	Hamilton
Grover Cleveland Birthplace State Historic Site	Caldwell
Hartwyck Nursing Home	Plainfield
HBCU College Fair	Raritan
Hillview Farms	Gillette
Hub Stine Field	Plainfield
High Point State Park	Sussex
Hubbard Middle School	Plainfield
Imagine That!	Florham Park
In-District School Exchange Program	Plainfield
IZOD Center – MetLife Stadium	East Rutherford
J&J Enrichment Program	No. Brunswick
Jefferson Elementary School	Plainfield
Jenkinson’s Aquarium	Point Pleasant
Jersey Explorer’s Children’s Museum, The	East Orange
Jr. Achievement of New Jersey	Newark
Jr. Statesmen of America / Debate Team	NJ (location to be determined)
Kean University	Union
Keansburg	Keansburg
Kidz Village	Kenilworth
Kingston Quarry	Kingston
Land of Make Believe	Hope
LensCrafters	Springfield
Liberty Hall – Governor Livingston House	Union
Liberty Science Center	Jersey City
Liberty State Park	Jersey City
Livay Sweet Shop	Plainfield
Maggiano’s	Bridgewater
Maxson Middle School	Plainfield
McCarter Theatre	Princeton
McDonald’s	South Plainfield
Medieval Times	Lyndhurst
Middlesex County College	Edison
Millville Air Museum	Millville
Montclair Art Museum	Montclair
Montclair State University	Montclair
Morristown Museum	Morristown
National Honor Society Community Service	NJ (location to be determined)
National Latino/Hispanic College Fair, Inc.	NJ (location to be determined)
National Student Council (New Jersey Chapter)	NJ (location to be determined)
New Jersey Children’s Museum	Paramus
New Jersey City University	Jersey City
New Jersey Convention and Expo Center	Edison

Field Trips for Inclusion in 2013-2014 Curriculum Guides – AMENDED - cont’d.

LOCATION	CITY
New Jersey FCCLA Annual Leadership Conference (State)	Edison and Cherry Hill
New Jersey Institute of Technology	Newark
New Jersey Hall of Fame	NJ (location to be determined)
New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium	Sandy Hook
New Jersey Museum of Agriculture	North Brunswick
New Jersey Performing Arts Center	Newark
Newark Museum	Newark
Newark Historical Society	Newark
NJAA Community Service Project Program	Rutherford
NJIT	Newark
Nomahegan Park	Cranford
Old Barracks Museum	Trenton
Overlook Medical Center	Summit
Paper Mill Playhouse	Millburn
Park Performance Arts Center	Union City
PETCO	Watchung
Plainfield Academy for the Arts & Advanced Studies (PAAAS)	Plainfield
Plainfield City Hall	Plainfield
Plainfield Country Club: West 9 Golf Course	Plainfield
Plainfield Fire Department	Plainfield
Plainfield High School	Plainfield
Plainfield Municipal Court	Plainfield
Plainfield Police Department	Plainfield
Plainfield Post Office	Plainfield
Plainfield Public Library	Plainfield
Plainfield Symphony – Crescent Ave. Church	Plainfield
Plainfield West Tower Senior Citizen Center/Community Service	Plainfield
Point Pleasant Beach	Point Pleasant
Proprietary House	Perth Amboy
Prudential Center /Prudential Corporate Office	Newark / Iselin
Public Speaking Club	NJ (location to be determined)
Rahway High School	Rahway
Rainforest Café	Edison (Menlo Park)
Ramapo College	Mahwah
Raritan Valley Community College	Branchburg
Red Lobster	Bridgewater, South Plainfield
Red Mill Museum Village	Clinton
Regal Hadley Theater	South Plainfield
Richard Stockton College	Pomona
Rider College	Lawrenceville
Robert Wood Foundation	North Brunswick
Robotics Regional Competition Event	Trenton
Roosevelt Intermediate School	Westfield
ROTC Drill Competition	New Jersey
Rowan University	Glassboro

Field Trips for Inclusion in 2013-2014 Curriculum Guides – AMENDED - cont’d.

LOCATION	CITY
Rutgers Theatre Company	New Brunswick
Rutgers University	New Brunswick, Piscataway and Newark
Saint Peter’s College	Jersey City
Sam Sahara’s Water Park	Mt. Laurel
Schaefer Farms	Flemington
Seton Hall University	South Orange
Six Flags Great Adventure	Jackson
Skate 22 Roller Skating Rink	Union
Somerset Patriots Stadium	Bridgewater
South Orange Performing Arts Center – SOPAC	South Orange
St. Joseph High School	Metuchen
State Theatre	New Brunswick
Stevens Institute of Technology	Hoboken
Stillman Elementary School	Plainfield
Stony Hill Farm	Morristown
Stop & Shop Supermarket	Watchung
Strike & Spare Bowling Lanes	Green Brook
Student Council Leadership Conference	NJ (location to be determined)
Sunnymeade Elementary School	Hillsborough
Thomas Edison Historical Museum	West Orange
Trailside Nature Center	Mountainside
Trenton Museum	Trenton
Trenton State House	Trenton
Turtle Back Zoo	West Orange
Two River Theatre	Red Bank
Union County College	Cranford
Union County Performing Arts Center	Rahway
Valentine House	Montclair
Walmart	Watchung
Warinanco Park	Roselle
Washington Community School	Plainfield
Washington Crossing	Titusville
Watchung Stables	Mountainside
Wightman Farms	Morristown
William Paterson University	Wayne
Woodlands Nursing Home	Plainfield

B. Assemblies

(1) New Jersey Hall of Fame Mobile Museum

Strategic Plan Link

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Plainfield High School has invited the New Jersey Hall of Fame Mobile Museum to showcase their exhibits on March 25, 2014. The New Jersey Hall of Fame Mobile Museum is a revolutionary interactive museum that becomes a history lesson on wheels for students.

The cost for the interactive mobile museum is \$1,600.00.

The New Jersey Hall of Fame Mobile Museum was created to honor citizens who have made valuable contributions to society and to the world. The Hall of Fame reinforces the message to children that they can and should strive for excellence in any endeavor of their choosing. The Hall of Fame is a source of learning, inspiration and hope for students in celebration of Women's History Month in March.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the New Jersey Hall of Fame Mobile Museum to showcase their exhibits at Plainfield High School, Tuesday, March 25, 2014. Total cost not to exceed \$1,600.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-190-100018-500A-25-0000 (High School Other Purchase Ser).

(2) Prevention: Anti-Bullying

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 4: Safe Learning Environment:

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

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

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Ted Fattoross, Keynote Speaker, Seminar Leader, Coach, and Consultant will provide Woodland Elementary School with two (2) assembly programs entitled *Prevention: Anti-Bullying* on Friday, March 28, 2014 beginning at 9:00 AM.

Mr. Fattoross has nineteen (19) years of experience, and has been featured on national TV and radio programs. He provides over three-hundred (300) programs each year on a variety of topics which include self-esteem, conflict resolution, teamwork and leadership. These presentations have instilled in children the necessity of being positive and proactive in their own lives, to improve themselves and in turn become a positive influence in a friend's life.

RESOLVED, Plainfield Board of Education approves payment to Ted Fattoross of Newark, New Jersey, for the *Prevention: Anti-Bullying* Assembly program to be held March 28, 2014 at Woodland Elementary School – total cost not to exceed \$350.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-218000-500A-22-0000 (Woodland Guidance Purchase Service).

C. Professional Development

**(1) Rutgers 46th Annual Reading and Writing Conference – New Brunswick
(AMENDED – February 2014 Agenda to include Clinton K-8 Center Staff)**

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, the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

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Clinton K-8 Center's Principal BJ BrownJohnson, along with teachers Cristina Guerron, Carolyn Koliias, and Kathleen Kraft will attend Rutgers 46th Annual Reading and Writing Conference, March 28, 2014, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Brunswick, New Jersey at a cost of \$150.00 per person.

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Clinton K-8 Center's Principal - BJ BrownJohnson, along with teachers Cristina Guerron, Carolyn Koliias, and Kathleen Kraft to attend Rutgers 46th Annual Reading and Writing Conference on March 28, 2014, at a cost not to exceed \$600.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-223000-320A-14-0000 (Clinton Professional & Technical Services).

(2) Children's Literacy Initiative – Evergreen Elementary School

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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Children's Literacy Initiative (CLI), Philadelphia, PA a national non-profit organization, will partner with Evergreen Elementary School to continue to support and coach novice teachers in their professional development.

A professional developer works with individual teachers in the Content-Focused Coaching Model. In a pre-conference, teacher and professional developer discuss literacy goals, lesson plan and implementation and core issues in effective lesson design. Coaching conversations focus on core issues in lesson design such as lesson goals, the literacy content of the lesson, the context of the lesson, student's prior knowledge, lesson implementation, evidence of student understanding and learning, and collaboration in a learning community.

CLI will provide two (2) novice teachers with two (2) hour sessions each for a total of twenty (20) hours beginning April 2014. The cost will not exceed \$4,140.00.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Children's Literacy Initiative (CLI), Philadelphia, PA for providing training to two (2) novice teachers for twenty (20) hours at a cost not to exceed \$4,140.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-221000-390A-17-0000 (Instructional Improvement).

(3) Career Services Center - Project Search Education Fair – Newark, DE

Strategic Plan Link

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

Dr. Reginald Davenport, Principal of Maxson Middle School will attend the Project Search Education Fair in Newark, DE, Wednesday April 9, 2014.

The cost breakdown, per GSA, is as follows:

Registration	Mileage	Lodging (inc. tax)	Meals	Total
\$75.00	\$36.58	\$135.70	\$42.00	\$289.28

Project Search is a professional education recruitment fair sponsored by the University of Delaware Bank of America Career Services Center and the [University Council on Teacher Education \(UCTE\)](#). This annual event provides the opportunity to interview prospective teachers, counselors, administrators and specialists for vacancies in the upcoming school year. Project Search provides an informative and diverse forum for educational organizations and qualified education candidates to interact.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Dr. Reginald Davenport, Principal of Maxson Middle School, to attend the Project Search Education Fair in Newark, DE, Wednesday, April 9, 2014. The total cost to attend is not to exceed \$289.28. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-223000-580A-24-0000 (Maxson Travel).

(4) 2014 - 21st CCLC - US Congressional Financial Literacy Day Conference – Washington, DC

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

Zelda Spence, 21st Century Community Learning Centers Project Director, and Marlene Stevens-West, Special Education Teacher, Washington Community School will attend the *Annual 2014 US Congressional Financial Literacy Day Conference* on Capitol Hill, Hart Senate Office Building in Washington, DC, Thursday, April 10, 2014 12:00 PM - 3:30 PM. The Annual Financial Literacy Day on Capitol Hill is required to meet NJDOE mandated 21st CCLC summer learning program implementation.

Financial Literacy Day on Capitol Hill was introduced in 2003 by the Council for Economic Education, Junior Achievement, and the JumpStart Coalition, with the Office of Senator Daniel K. Akaka (D-HI) serving as the original honorary host. Over the years, 'Hill Day', as it has come to be known, has evolved from a small gathering of professionals presenting educational rewards of financial literacy curriculums to a public event that attracts hundreds of educators and sponsors from the Northeast region.

The agenda offers a selection of over sixty (60) interactive breakout sessions facilitated by financial literacy experts throughout the US. The sessions are designed to include new and innovative ideas for activities, technical assistance for managing programs, and research based financial literacy learning materials. The data accumulated will be brought back to the workplace for immediate use to integrate collected standards based financial literacy materials and resources into summer program student courses covering an array of relevant economic matters.

Lodging	Food Allowance	Travel (including round trip taxi to and from Hart Senate Building)	Registration Fee
\$0.00	\$70.00 / per staff = \$140.00	\$180.00 / per staff = \$360.00	\$0.00

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Zelda Spence, 21st CCLC Project Director, and Marlene Stevens-West, Special Education Teacher, Washington Community School to attend the *Annual 2014 US Congressional Financial Literacy Day Conference* at the Hart Senate Office Building, Capitol Hill, Washington, DC, Thursday, April 10, 2014 - total cost not to exceed \$500.00 (as per www.gsa.gov). Availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to 20-450-200000-580A-38-0001 (21st CCLC Travel).

(5) Mathematics, Computer, and Science Instructional Improvement Programs (McSiip)

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, the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential. In doing so, it is almost 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.

Clinton K-8 Center Mathematics Teacher, Kathleen Kraft will attend the following McSiip programs, to be held at Rowan University, Robinson Hall, Glassboro, New Jersey:

April 4, 2014 – Starry Night and the Coming USA Total Solar Eclipse

Featuring numerous hands-on activities; participants will master the Starry Night Astronomy Program - Presenter: Dr. John Hermann

April 23, 2014 – Strategies for Teaching the Basic Multiplication and Division Facts

Featuring/offering a variety of classroom activities and games - Presenter: Dr. Karen Heinz

Mathematics, Computer, and Science Instructional Improvement Programs (McSiip)

McSiip was established in Fall 1984 as the South Jersey Math, Computer, and Science Instructional Improvement Program, with funding from the Eisenhower Higher Education Professional Development Program. Over the first six years, McSiip provided a variety of professional development activities in all three content areas for more than 5000 teachers. These ranged from one-day workshops in schools to multi-year projects. Since that time, McSiip has continued to provide high-quality professional development for elementary, middle, and high school teachers of mathematics and science. McSiip at Rowan University's Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Center is offering a wide variety of engaging, hands-on workshops this spring with a focus on the Common Core State Standard. Presenters are Rowan University professors and staff.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Clinton K-8 Center Mathematics Teacher Kathleen Kraft to attend McSiip workshops at Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ. The cost for each workshop is \$125.00; total for all workshops will not exceed \$250.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-223000-320A-14-0000 (Clinton Professional & Technical Services).

(6) 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.

Vinette Klisch and Kelly McCarthy, Speech/Language Therapists will attend the 2014 New Jersey Speech-Language-Hearing Association (NJSHA) Annual Convention, May 1-2, 2014 in Long Branch, NJ. The cost of the two-day conference is \$275.00 for registration.

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 Vinette Klisch and Kelly McCarthy, Speech/Language Therapists, to attend to 2014 New Jersey Speech-Language-Hearing Association Annual Convention in Long Branch, New Jersey May 1-2, 2014; at a total cost not to exceed \$550.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-252-200000-500A-32-0000 (IDEA Workshops).

(7) The NJTESOL-BE Annual Spring Conference – New Brunswick

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 1: 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.

As recommended by the Office of Bilingual Education, ESL and World Languages, two (2) District Administrators, along with two (2) Resource Teachers, thirteen (13) ESL Coordinators, fourteen (14) Bilingual Teacher/Liaisons, eighteen (18) Bilingual Teachers, and thirteen (13) ESL Teachers will attend the NJTESOL/NJBE Annual Spring Conference, May 28-29, 2014 at the Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick, NJ. The Administrators, Resource Teachers, ESL Coordinators and Bilingual Teacher/Liaisons will attend both days; Bilingual and ESL Teachers will attend one (1) day.

In addition, Washington Community School, Bilingual Teacher and NJTESOL member, Tara Cuneo, will attend two (2) days – May 28-29, 2014, of the NJTESOL/NJBE conference.

Furthermore, C.H. Stillman Elementary School staff - Mark A. Williams, Principal, Maryanne Tankard, Literacy Supervisor, and Dual Language Teachers, Diana Caspao and Grinnet Foxton will also attend the two (2) day NJTESOL/NJBE conference – May 28-29, 2014 (*Dual Language teachers cost will be split between Stillman and World Language*).

The cost to attend one (1) day is \$214.00; the cost to attend both days is \$294.00. Total cost will not exceed \$17,058.00.

The New Jersey Teachers to Speakers of Other Languages and Bilingual Educators (NJTESOL-BE) is a professional organization devoted to representing and servicing the English Language Learners and Bilingual Education professionals of the State of New Jersey. This conference will provide an opportunity to engage its attendees in numerous workshops and exhibitions. This conference allows teachers to network with other ESL/Bilingual educators from across the nation.

NJTESOL-BE's mission is to advocate for our state's ESL/Bilingual Learners and their families; cultivate a multilingual/multicultural society by supporting and promoting policy, programs, pedagogy, research, and professional development that yield academic success, value native language and lead to English proficiency, and promote respect for cultural and linguistic diversity.

The NJTESOL-BE Annual Spring Conference – New Brunswick (cont'd)

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves sixty-seven (67) staff members – to attend the NJTESOL/NJBE Annual Spring Conference, May 28-29, 2014 at the Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick, NJ, Total cost not to exceed \$17,058.000. Staff members will be compensated for travel, per contractual language. The breakdown is as follows:

The Office of Bilingual Education, ESL and World Languages – (2) Administrators, two (2) Resource Teachers, thirteen (13) ESL Coordinators, fourteen (14) Bilingual Teacher/Liaisons, eighteen (18) Bilingual Teachers, thirteen (13) ESL Teachers;

Washington Community School – One (1) Bilingual Teacher, Tara Cuneo; and

Stillman Elementary School – Principal, Mark A. Williams, and Literacy Supervisor, Maryanne Tankard, along with Dual Language teachers Diana Caspao and Grinnet Foxton.

The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to accounts 20-240-20000-500A-39-0000 (T3 Conf. Registr); 15-000-221000-320A-21-0000 (Professional Education Services); and 15-000-221000-320A-20-0000 (Stillmn Instrct Imprv Educ Svc).

(8) Conversational Spanish Classes for District Staff

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 2: Human Resources

To improve the recruitment, retention and development of District staff

Goal 5: Community & Family Engagement:

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

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.

Active engagement of families and community members in the educational process of our students is a key. With a fast growing Spanish speaking community in Plainfield, there is an increase need for district and school personnel to communicate information to parents in their native language (Spanish).

Participants will master the basic communication with students and parents in Spanish. To promote Conversational Spanish skills to building administrators, teachers and support staff, Conversational Spanish classes will be offered during the 2013-2014 school year for six (6) weeks, beginning April 1, 2014 and culminating May 16, 2014. Classes will be offered at two (2) sites, (*to be determined*) for approximately fifty (50) staff members – *twenty-five (25) per site*.

It is recommended that the Office of Bilingual/ESL/WL compensate two (2) teachers at a rate of \$28.00 per hour not to exceed \$1,440.00 for instruction.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Conversational Spanish classes to be offered during the 2013-2014 school year for six (6) weeks, beginning April 1, 2014 and culminating May 16, 2014. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 11-000-221000-104B-26-0000 (Curriculum Stipends).

D. 2014 Health Curriculum Grant

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 New Jersey Common Core State Standards, and achieve academic and life-long success.

The 2014 Health Curriculum Grant will provide an opportunity for school staff to implement the *Yes You Can!* curriculum for fifth grade students. The curriculum includes character education, teaching the foundation of friendships, evaluating relationships, future orientation, along with puberty changes and fetal development.

This grant requires four (4) representatives from DeWitt D. Barlow Elementary School to attend related workshops and conferences. The cost of the curriculum materials will be funded by the New Jersey Physician Advisory Group.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to submit the 2014 Health Curriculum grant application to support and enhance DeWitt D. Barlow Elementary School's Health Curriculum.

E. Cook K-7 Center - After-School Program

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

To increase students' academic achievement by offering high-quality supplemental services in core academic areas of Language Arts Literacy and Mathematics for approximately one hundred (100) students enrolled in the F.W. Cook After-School Program.

The program will offer academic remediation for students in Grades 3-7 in preparation for the NJASK test. Teachers will expose students to lessons based on Common Core Standards that increase students' ability to apply their content knowledge to real-world scenarios.

Students will have performance assessments and consistent formative assessments to monitor their progress. The program will operate Tuesday - Thursday 3:05 p.m. to 4:35 p.m., beginning March 5, 2014 and concluding on May 8, 2014.

Teachers will be compensated at a rate of \$28.00 per hour for a maximum of thirty (30) hours for eight (8) teachers for a total of \$6,720.00; and two (2) teacher assistants at \$10.50 per hour, for a maximum of thirty (30) hours for a total of \$730.00; not to exceed the total budgeted amount of \$7,450.00.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the F.W. Cook After-School Program, beginning March 5, 2014 and concluding on May 8, 2014. Compensation not to exceed the total budgeted amount of \$7,450.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-120-100018-101C-15-0000 (Cook Teacher Stipends).

F. CCSS Learning Progressions and Vertical Articulation – K-12

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 professional development opportunities.

Additionally, 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 Common Core State Standards, and achieve academic and life-long success.

The District is committed to raising the standards and student performance through providing sustained professional development for staff. As such, the Office of English Language Arts will facilitate professional development sessions and vertical articulation meetings to assist elementary and secondary teachers in planning appropriate “learning progressions” sequences for teaching concepts and skills in the instructionally correct order and designing weekly and daily lessons that include research-based teaching strategies, including scaffolding and enrichment. The team will meet for one (1) full school day for the initial training, with subsequent meetings consisting of grade band groups.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Professional Development in CCSS Learning Progressions and Instructional Design, meetings to take place between March 19, 2014 through June 20, 2014, for a maximum of thirty-six (36) teachers at a rate of \$28.00, cost not to exceed \$15,120.00, plus materials at a cost of \$1,600.00 – total cost not to exceed \$16,720.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 11-000-223000-104A-26-0000 (Staff Prof Training Stipends).

G. Advanced Placement English Saturday Prep Classes

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.

Ten (10) students enrolled in the AP English Literature and AP English Language courses will take the Advanced Placement tests in May. To prepare students for the rigorous nature of the exams, the District will offer four (4) Saturday preparatory sessions - March 22, March 29, April 5 and April 12, 2014 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. The sessions will be free of charge to students.

The sessions will be conducted by one (1) instructor - compensation will be at a rate of \$28.00 per hour for a total of fourteen (14) hours {*twelve (12) hours of instruction, two (2) hours preparation*}.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the AP English Saturday Prep sessions to take place March 22, March 29, April 5, and April 12, 2014 – compensation will be a rate of \$28.00 per hour – one (1) instructor; at a cost not to exceed \$392.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-421-100000-101A-25-0000 (PHS Salary).

H. Perkins Grant - Plainfield High School After School Tutorial 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 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 After School Tutorial Program will focus on Personal Finance, Business, Accounting and Marketing for students in grades 9-12. Students will receive academic support and enrichment activities. The program will run March 24, 2014 to June 13, 2014 from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm, Tuesday through Thursday.

Teachers will be compensated at \$28.00 per hour, maximum rate not to exceed \$1,540.00.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the Plainfield High School After School Tutorial Program, beginning March 24, 2014 and culminating June 13, 2014, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm, Tuesday through Thursday. Teachers will be compensated at \$28.00 per hour, total compensation not to exceed \$4,620.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-361-100000-101P-25-0000 (Perkins Salaries), and 20-361-200000-110P-25-0000 (Personal Services).

I. Maxson Middle School Day 6 Tutoring Program – Falcon Saturday Explorations

Strategic Plan

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 ensuring that all students meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

Maxson Middle School is committed to closing the achievement gap, and flexible tutoring time options increase access to academic support for students who are considered to be on “the cusp” of passing and/or maintaining a passing score on the NJASK to allow students to “SOAR TO SUCCESS” by attending “The Falcon Saturday Explorations” for NJASK test prep.

Therefore, Maxson Middle School is offering the Day 6 Tutoring Program which is an extension of the SOAR TO SUCCESS ACADEMY on Saturdays from March 22, 2014 thru May 3, 2014 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Teachers will receive a stipend for 3.5 to 4 hours per Saturday at a rate of \$28.00 per hour.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Maxson Middle Schools’ Day 6 Tutoring Program from March 22, 2014 to May 3, 2014. Total stipend for all tutoring is not to exceed \$8,000.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-232-100000-101S-24-0001 (T1 Maxson Teacher Stipend).

J. Maxson Family STEM Night

Strategic Plan

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 ensuring that all students meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

Maxson Middle School is committed to enhancing academic achievement, and providing learning opportunities for students who are considered to be above “the cusp” and/or maintaining a passing score on the NJASK. The STEM ACADEMY at Maxson Middle School offers students exposure to real world learning scenarios through PBL’s and creative and innovative teaching techniques and strategies.

Maxson Middle School will hold a Family STEM Night, Tuesday, May, 6, 2014, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

A total of twelve (12) teachers will be compensated at a rate of \$28.00 per hour for a total of six (6) hours – total compensation not to exceed \$2,100.00. This includes all planning time, set up, clean up, as well as the STEM Night program.

Maxson Middle Schools teachers will collaborate to create activities through meetings and planning sessions outside of standard school hours in order to develop performance tasks and STEM based activities. These real-world lessons will be performed and implemented during Maxson Family STEM Night open to all Plainfield Public School students and the Maxson community at large.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Maxson Family STEM Night for all PPS students and the Maxson Community – May 6, 2014, 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Total stipend for teachers will not exceed \$2,100.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-232-100000-101S-24-0001(T1 Maxson Teacher Stipend).

K. Kumari Ghafoor-Davis, MSW - Social Worker and Parent Coach/Expert

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, schools, and the 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.

Kumari Ghafoor-Davis, MSW is a Social Worker and Parent Coach/Expert. Her consulting company "Optimistic Expectations" offers workshops to parents to provide tools in their parental journey. Kumari Ghafoor-Davis has over sixteen (16) years of experience in Social Services. She has worked with children in families for majority of those years in schools, inpatient and outpatient programs, independent living/aging out programs for foster care youth, group home, halfway houses, and crisis units for adults and children.

Kumari Ghafoor-Davis, will facilitate a five- (5) session Parent Workshop Series for the parents of Maxson Middle School (*all materials included*). Parents will learn strategies to have more balance, better communication with their children and more effective discipline tactics. They will also learn how they can assist their children toward more success socially and in school. The workshops will help improve understanding in the following topics, and be presented 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, on the following dates:

1. Motivating Students for Better Results – March 19, 2014
2. Life Balance and Parent Responsibility – April 2, 2014
3. Building Self Esteem/Character – April 16, 2014
4. Effects of Bullying – May 7, 2014
5. Effective Communication with Our Children – May 21, 2014

RESOLVED, the Plainfield Board of Education approves Kumari Ghafoor-Davis to provide a five- (5) session Parent Workshop Series for the parents of Maxson Middle School, at a cost not to exceed \$3,750.00 (*all materials included*). The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-232-200000-320A-24-0000 (TI Maxson Educ. Consultant).

L. Clinton K-8 Center - Grade 1 After-School Learning Connections

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

Goal 5: Community and Family Engagement:

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

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 families to engage in meaningful and productive activities to ensure that all students achieve high academic standards and achieve life-long success.

Based on data, seventy percent (70%) of the identified Clinton K-8 Center first grade students are receiving supplemental instructional support in literacy. After analyzing indicators for student growth and collecting other pertinent data, it was concluded that an extended learning opportunity for these students would be beneficial.

Eight (8) students, in need, will participate in the program commencing March 25, 2014, and concluding May 21, 2014. The After-School Learning Connection will be held every Tuesday and Wednesday from 2:35 to 5:05 p.m.

The program will staff one (1) teacher, and one (1) teacher assistant, at the rate of \$28.00 per hour, and \$10.50 per hour, respectively. The total cost will not exceed \$1,876.00.

The After-School Learning Connections' first priority is to provide students with effective tools for learning. The students will learn these literacy strategies through technology, Phonogram Sessions, Arts and Crafts, Parent Involvement, and Writer's Workshop.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the First Grade After-School Learning Connections program, serving eight (8) students - operating Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 2:35 pm to 5:05 pm, commencing March 25, 2014, concluding May 21, 2014. Total cost will not exceed \$1,876.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-232-100000-101S-14-0000 (Title I Extended Day Clinton's Stipends).

M. Health and Field Day – Charles H. Stillman Elementary 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 provide a safe, secure, professional and clean environment for students, staff and members of the community

Goal 5: Community and Family Engagement:

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

The 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.

Charles H. Stillman Elementary School will hold a Health and Fitness Field Day on Friday, June 6, 2014, from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., on the grounds of Charles H. Stillman School.

The purpose is to provide the Stillman community (students and parents) with instruction, recreational activities, and community resources consistent with the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards for Health and Physical Education (2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, and 2.6).

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Charles H. Stillman Elementary School's Health and Fitness Field Day on Friday, June 6, 2014, from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., on the school grounds, for the Stillman community (students and parents) at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-190-100018-610A-20-0000 (Stillman General Supply), as well as the Stillman Student Activity Fund account.

N. Leadership and Learning Data Teams
(AMENDED January 2014 Agenda – additional thirty (30) participants)

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. 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.

The District is committed to raising the standards and student performance through providing sustained professional development for staff. The Data Team structure creates an efficient system to continuously and collaboratively analyze student performance in order to refocus teaching strategies to impact student learning throughout the school year.

By using Data Teams to select appropriate instructional strategies, The Center expects tremendous results for Plainfield Public Schools. The Data Teams process is also inextricably linked to Response to Intervention (RtI) and differentiated instruction, which will improve performance in a structured manner. The Leadership and Learning Center will work with K-12 supervisors, administrators, and teachers, across content areas, to learn how to effectively use data to promote students achievement.

Date	Description	Investment
TBD	Data Teams Seminar - 2-day training-consecutive days - Up to 60 participants	\$1,251.02
<i>Total Proposed Investment</i>		\$1,251.02

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the amended establishment of Data Teams, for total cost not to exceed \$1,251.02. The availability for this item has been verified and will be charged to accounts 20-278-520000-930A-39-0000 (T2A Carryover)

O. Bilingual Education, ESL, and World Languages - 2014 Curriculum Writing

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 meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

Rigorous Curriculum Design creates a host of useful tools for leaders and teachers to utilize. This framework is necessary to implement the Common Core State Standards. The Rigorous Curriculum Design process creates a set of intentionally aligned components, including powered, “unwrapped” standards, common formative assessments, performance tasks, instructional strategies, and curriculum map lesson plans.

These tools become the basis for effective teaching and leadership and drive educational decision making. Moving toward deep implementation of Rigorous Curriculum Design, as a framework for utilizing standards and assessments, over the next year will prepare Plainfield Public School District for an impressive increase in student achievement.

The team will write ESL and World Languages curricula-Unit II and Unit III to reflect increased rigor and to align more closely with current state or provincial standards, or to the new Common Core State Standards. The writing team will work on these units March 19, 2014 to June 30, 2014.

Staff will be compensated at \$28.00 per hour – not to exceed \$1,680.00 per person.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves 2014 Curriculum Writing for the Office of Bilingual Education, ESL and World Languages. Total cost will not exceed \$25,200.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 11-000-221000-104B-26-0000 (Curriculum Stipends).

P. 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 are appointed as Special Services Consultants and Service Providers for the Office of Special Education, Gifted and Psychological Services for the 2013-2014 School Year (Additions) at the respective compensation rates.

Consultant/Provider of Service	Services Provided	Rate of Pay
SmartStart Education	Intervention/Educational Services	\$65.00/hour

Q. 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, 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 a special education program in an OUT-OF-DISTRICT school for the disabled during the 2013-2014 school year (ADDITIONS):

NAME OF PUPIL	SCHOOL/INSTITUTION	APPROXIMATE COST
0575	Somerset Academy	\$23,868.00
Total		<u>\$23,868.00</u>

XII. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

DISCUSSION: Generator Study

A. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer – January 2014

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 18, 2014 BUSINESS MEETING

B. Payment of Bills — February 18, 2014 – March 13, 2014

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 18, 2014 BUSINESS MEETING

C. 2013 – 14 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 18, 2014 BUSINESS MEETING

D. In-School Nursing Services – Bayada Home Health Care, Inc.

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

Goal 3: Business Practices:

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

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 have access to in school nursing services, and

WHEREAS, as a result of both retirements and resignations of school nurses, there are a number of vacancies which the District has been unable to fill, and

WHEREAS, Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. is engaged in the business of providing nursing services and has the skills and qualifications to provide these services in Plainfield, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves a contract with Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. to provide in district nursing services at an hourly rate of \$60.00 for the period January 31, 2014 – June 30, 2014.

E. 2013 – 2014 Transportation Contract

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

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approve the following 2013-2014 contracts:

<u>Route</u>	<u>Carrier</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Amount Per Diem</u>	<u>Aide Per Diem</u>	<u>Total</u>
Taylor	Parental	Park Middle School Scotch Plains	09/01/13-06/30/14	\$4.91	N/A	\$884.00

F. NJSBAIG 2014 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 2014 Safety Grant Program through the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group for the purposes described in the application, in the amount of \$17,612.00 for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

G. Appointment of Architect

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

The Plainfield High School 1916 and 1970 buildings are in need or/replacements of the following:

- Partial roof replacement
- TV studio
- Recording studio
- Window/door replacement (1916 Bldg.)

WHEREAS, the F.W. Cook School is currently in need of a roof replacement and

WHEREAS, Washington Community School is in need of a boiler replacement, the following architectural engineering services are necessary for all projects:

- NJDOE Schematic Approval Phase
- Construction Document Phase
- Bidding and Negotiation Phase
- Construction Administration Phase

Johnson Jones Architects of Newark, NJ has the experience and expertise to provide such services and now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the appointment of Johnson Jones Architects to manage the above projects for a fee of 8 – 10%. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to 12-000-400000-450A-31-0000 (Capital Outlay).

H. Adoption of Preliminary Budget for the 2014 – 2015 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 2014 – 2015 school year using the 2014 – 2015 state aid figures and that the School Business Administrator be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

TO BE PRESENTED AT THE MARCH 18, 2014 BUSINESS MEETING

I. Approval of Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying (HIB) Investigation Decisions

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 4: Safe Learning Environment

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

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

RESOLUTION

The Superintendent is required to report all alleged Harassment/ Intimidation/Bullying (HIB) incidents to the Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15c, and

The Superintendent has provided the Board of Education with the results of the investigations of all alleged HIB incidents reported to the Superintendent as of February 27, 2014 ; and

The Board of Education has had an opportunity to review and ask questions relative to the HIB incident reports submitted; therefore,

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education hereby accepts and affirms the determinations made by the Superintendent, Building Principals, District's Bullying Coordinator, and School Anti-Bullying Specialists on the incident reports submitted regarding the HIB investigations #2014-38 through #2014-47.

J. Adoption of the 2014 – 2015 District Calendar

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

RESOLUTION

The 2014 – 2015 School District Calendar was developed in a collaborative and cooperative manner. The Superintendent of Schools has reviewed the proposed 2014 – 2015 School Calendar with Central Office administrative personnel, building administrators, parents, and representation from PEA and PASA. Additionally, the development of the 2014 – 2015 School Calendar strongly considered the following:

- District-wide Professional Development needs
- Parent Teacher Conference Schedule
- Statewide Assessment/Spring Recess

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the 2014 – 2015 School District Calendar.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

YH/bsc