

PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Plainfield, N.J.

Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2011  
Time: 6:30 p.m. PUBLIC SESSION  
6:35 p.m. MEETING CLOSED FOR  
EXECUTIVE SESSION  
8:00 p.m. WORK & STUDY MTG.  
Place: **PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL  
CONFERENCE ROOM**  
950 PARK AVE.

Board of Education Members

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

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

WELCOME to a WORK & STUDY MEETING of the Plainfield Board of Education. Members hope you will find the meeting interesting and informative. We thank you for taking the time to attend. Please be advised this and all meetings of the board are open to the media and public, consistent with the Open Public meetings Act (Ch. 231 Laws of 1975), and that the advance notice required therein has been provided to the Courier News and Star Ledger on Thursday, April 21, 2011 for advertisement on Saturday, April 30, 2011 and also provided to the Plainfield Public Schools, the District's website, the Plainfield City Clerk, Police Department, and Plainfield Public Library for posting.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

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

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

The Board of Education will recess into its Executive Session.

## VI. CONDUCT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

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

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

<u>Type of Meeting</u>	* <u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Policy Committee	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Conf.	6:30 p.m.
Personnel/Exec.Ses.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Conf.	6:30 p.m.
Curric. & Instr.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Conf.	8:00 p.m.
Finance Committee	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Conf.	8:00 p.m.
Bldgs. & Grds. Cmte.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Conf.	8:00 p.m.
School Community Rel.	2 <sup>nd</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 Interim Superintendent of Schools and other relevant items. Committee approval authorizes resolutions to be placed on the agenda of the next appropriate business meeting and/or possible formal action.

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

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

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

**The next Business Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, 2011, 8:00 pm, in the Plainfield High School Auditorium.**

- VII. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT
  
- VIII. REMARKS FROM THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT
  - School Restructuring Presentation
  
- IX. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

## X. REPORT OF THE CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

### A. Trips

#### 1. Hershey Park, Hershey, PA Barlow Elementary School

##### Strategic Plan Link:

##### Goal 1: Learning Outcomes

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

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

### RESOLUTION

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

Ninety (90) students in grades 4-6 participating in the Barlow Elementary School band, chorus, and orchestra and fifteen (15) chaperones will attend and perform at the *High Note Festival* at Hershey Park, Hershey, PA on June 3, 2011. Departure is scheduled for Friday, June 3, 2011 at 7:00 a.m. and returning at 9:00 p.m. The primary objective is to increase the level of performance of students participating in the band, chorus, and orchestra by demonstrating their understanding of the intricate elements of music. Students will perform and be evaluated by a panel.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves ninety (90) students in grades 4-6 participating in the Barlow Elementary School band, chorus, and orchestra and fifteen (15) chaperones to attend the *High Note Festival* at Hershey Park on June 3, 2011. Activity is funded by fundraisers and parents. The total cost of transportation is \$2,590.00 and will be funded by fundraisers and parents as well as Barlow's transportation. \$1,295.00 will be charged to account 20-235-200000-500B-11-0000 for the cost of one (1) bus. Availability of funds for this item has been verified.

## **2. Sahara Sam's Oasis Indoor Water Park – Barlow Elementary School**

### **Strategic Plan Link:**

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

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Fifty-one (51) 6 grade students and five (5) chaperones from Barlow Elementary School will visit Sahara Sam's Oasis Indoor Water Park, West Berlin, NJ on June 17, 2011. The focus of the trip is to understand proper social interaction in a non-restrictive environment. Students will then apply their acquired skills of writing a standards based narrative based on their experiences. It will be a rich and rewarding experience for the students. They will have the pleasure of enjoying the freedom to socialize with their classmates and applying it to the NJCCCS standards. Students will take part in pre-visit activities as well as post-visit activities relating to social studies, science, literacy, and math.

Departure is scheduled from Barlow Elementary School at 8:30 a.m. and returning at 3:30 p.m. Admissions to Sarah Sam's Oasis Indoor Water Park is \$25.00 per student for a total not to exceed \$1,275.00. There is no cost for chaperones. The cost for transportation is \$765.000 for one bus and will be charged to account 15-000- 270000-512A-11 0000. The cost for admissions will be paid by parents.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves fifty-one (51) 6 grade students and five (5) chaperones from Barlow Elementary School to visit Sahara Sam's Oasis Indoor Water Park on June 17, 2011. The cost for admissions is \$1,275.00 and will be paid by parents and chaperones. The cost for transportation is \$765.00 and will be charged to account 15-000- 270000-512A-11 0000. Availability of funds for this item have been verified.

### **3. Washington DC – Barlow Elementary**

#### **Strategic Plan Link:**

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

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Sixty (60) students in grade 6 and ten (10) chaperones from Barlow Elementary School will travel to Washington, D.C. to visit the museums and galleries of the Smithsonian Institute on June 14, 2011. The Smithsonian Institution—the world's largest museum and research complex—includes 19 museums and galleries and the National Zoological Park. They will also visit the White House. Departure is scheduled at 7:00 a.m. and returning at 9:30 p.m.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Sixty (60) students in grade 6 and ten (10) chaperones from Barlow Elementary School to visit the Smithsonian Institute in Washington D.C. on June 14, 2011. There is no cost for admissions. The cost of transportation is \$ 3,990.00 and will be charged to account 15-000-270000-512A-11-000. Availability of funds for this item has been verified.

**4. Philadelphia- Barlow - Amended**

**Strategic Plan Link:**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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

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**RESOLUTION**

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

On September 21, 2010 the Plainfield Board of Education approved forty-five (45) fifth grade students and ten (10) chaperones (4 teachers and 6 parents) from Barlow Elementary School to attend the Philadelphia Independence Center in Philadelphia, PA on November 11, 2011 to November 12, 2011; however due to inclement weather the trip was postponed to June 8, 2011. In addition to attending the Philadelphia Independence Center in Philadelphia, PA; Barlow's fifth grade students will have lunch and play games at Dave and Buster's Grand Sports Café. The cost for lunch and games is \$35.00 per student and \$28.00 per chaperone and will be paid by parents and chaperones. Departure is scheduled at 7:45 a.m. and students will return 6:00 p.m.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves forty-Five (45) Barlow fifth grade students and ten (10) chaperones (4 teachers and 6 parents) to travel to the Philadelphia Independence Center. Total admission cost for National Constitution Center is \$360.00 and will be paid from account 15- 000-270000-610A-11-0000. Total admission cost for lunch/games at Dave and Busters for students is \$1,855.00; (\$35.00 per student and \$28.00 per adult) will be paid by parents and chaperones. The cost of transportation is \$1,050.00 for two buses and will be funded through account 15- 000-270000-512A-11-0000. Availability of funds for this item has been verified.

## **5. Miller-Cory House Museum – Jefferson Elementary School**

### **Strategic Plan Link:**

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

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

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

### **RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students 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 Standard for optimal academic achievement and life-long success.

Jefferson Elementary School's 4<sup>th</sup> grade bilingual class comprised of fifteen (15) students and two (2) chaperones will visit the Cory-Miller Museum in Westfield, NJ on May 26, 2011. On May 24, 2011 forty-five (45) students two (2) teachers two (2) personal aids and 1 chaperone from Jefferson Elementary School's 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes will visit the Cory-Miller Museum in Westfield, NJ. Upon arrival, students will explore through oral presentations, writing and drawings of early settlers and colonial times of New Jersey. .

Departure is scheduled from Jefferson Elementary School on both days at 8:30 a.m. and returning at approximately 12:15 p.m. Admission for children is \$1.00 and \$3.00 for adults. The cost for admissions will be paid by parents and chaperones.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Jefferson Elementary School's 4<sup>th</sup> grade bilingual class comprised of fifteen (15) students and two (2) chaperones to visit the Cory-Miller Museum in Westfield NJ. on May 26, 2011. And on May 24, 2011, forty-five (45) students, one (1) chaperone two (2) teachers and two (2) personal aids will participate in a field trip to the Miller-Cory House Museum. The cost of admissions will be paid by parents and chaperones. Transportation will be provided by the district.



## **6. Sony Wonder Technology Lab – Jefferson Elementary School**

### **Strategic Plan Link:**

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

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

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### **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 an ensuring that all students (inclusive of English Language Learners and Special Education Students meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

Thirty-five (35) students in the sixth grade and seven (7) chaperones (three teachers, one teacher assistant and three parents) from Jefferson Elementary School will visit the Sony Wonder Lab NY, on May 20, 2011. Students will be exposed to and have hand on experiences with making real life technological advancements. NJCCCS areas of Writing, Mathematics, and Technology Content connections will be made with the students. Departure is scheduled for 8:20 a.m. and return at 1:00 p.m. There is no cost for admission. The cost for transportation for two buses is \$1,007.00.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves thirty-five (35) students in the sixth grade and seven (7) chaperones (three teachers, one teacher assistant and three parents)from Jefferson Elementary School to visit the Sony Wonder Lab located at 550 Madison Ave. NY, NY on May 20th, 2011. Transportation for two buses is at a cost of \$1,007.00 and will be charged to account 15-000-270000-512A-18-0000. There is no cost for admissions. Availability of funds for this item have been verified.

## **7. Washington Community School – Rainforest Café**

### **Strategic Plan Link:**

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

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

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### **RESOLUTION**

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

Forty-three (43) Kindergarten bilingual students and four (4) chaperones from Washington Community School will visit The Rainforest Cafe in the Menlo Park Mall, New Jersey on June 3, 2011. Students will gain real life experiences with the rainforest animals (some real some animatronics) as they relate to life science. This trip will assist students in understanding the environment of different regions and how they affect us here in New Jersey. Students will explore the rainforest with a thematic unit of study in the classroom. The curriculum will be aligned with a study guide provided by Rainforest Café for their educational trips. This trip will be the culminating activity for our unit on the Rainforest.

Departure is schedule from Washington Community School at 9:00 a.m. and a return at 1:30 p.m. The cost for this trip is \$10.00 per person and will be paid by parents. Transportation will be provided by the district.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves forty three (43) Kindergarten bilingual and four (4) chaperones from Washington Community School to attend the Rainforest Café, Menlo Park Mall, Edison, NJ on June 3, 2011. Lunch and tour at the cafe will be paid by parents. Transportation will be provided by district bus.

## **8. Hersey Park – Emerson School**

### **Strategic Plan Link:**

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

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

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Four (4) 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes consisting of sixty students (60) and ten (10) chaperones from Emerson School will visit Hershey Park in Hershey, PA on Wednesday, June 15, 2011. The focus of the trip is to explore mathematical concepts by predicting, graphing, plotting, and taking the: mean, median, and range; as well as writing a post card upon return to Emerson about what one finds at the park; exploring the Arboretum, and learning about geographical locations of the various animals featured in ZooAmerica. It will be a rich and rewarding experience for the students of Emerson Elementary School. They will have the pleasure of exploring these concepts in a venue that provides much more than just fun rides.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves four (4) 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes consisting of sixty (60) students and ten (10) chaperones at Emerson School to visit Hershey Park in Pennsylvania on Wednesday, June 15, 2011. The cost of the trip includes \$750.00 for transportation and \$30.00 per person totaling \$2,250.00 to be paid by the fundraising efforts of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

## **9. Springhouse Middle School and Dorney Park – Maxson Middle School**

### **Strategic Plan Link:**

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

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

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

### **RESOLUTION**

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

Thirty Five (35) students in grades 6 through 8 from Maxson Middle School's band, three (3) teachers and (3) chaperones will attend Springhouse Middle School Music Festival Competition and Dorney Park in Allentown, PA on June 3, 2011. Students will perform at Springhouse Middle School Music Festival Competition before a panel of adjudicators in the morning. The performance will consist of using three complex music compositions on a variety of instruments, using the knowledge of music terminology and theory. Schools with the highest scores will receive trophies.

After the musical competition students will be rewarded by visiting Dorney Park in the afternoon. This field trip will expand the students' learning beyond the walls of the classroom into the vast community outside. This field trip will also provide students with the experiences that cannot be duplicated in school. The field trip is an integral part of school instruction and is an incentive for students to continue to excel beyond Middle School.

Departure is scheduled from Maxson Middle School at 8:30 a.m. and returning at 6:00 p.m. There is no fee for competing in the Springhouse Middle School Music Festival Competition. Admission cost for Dorney Park will be paid by parents. The cost for transportation is \$960.00 for one bus.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves thirty five (35) students in grades 6 through 8 three (3) teachers and three (3) chaperones to attend Springhouse Middle School, 1200 Springhouse Road, Allentown P.A. 18104 and Dorney Park, 3830 Dorney Park Road, Allentown, PA. The cost of admission to Dorney Park will be paid by parents and chaperones. The cost for transportation is \$960.00 and will be charged to account 15-000-270000-512A-24-0000.

**10. East Jersey State Prison – Maxson Middle School**

**Strategic Plan Link:**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes**

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

**Goal 5: Family & Community Engagement**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

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Maxson Middle School has selected fifteen (15) students have the opportunity to participate in the **Scared Straight Program** at East Jersey State Prison, Rahway, NJ. This program has a significant counseling component where inmates talk to students about their personal issues, choices and consequences that were brought about by their lifestyles decisions and actions. This program also is a demonstration of the power of social situations to distort personal identities and long cherished values. Students will have the opportunity to consider and evaluate the importance of making rational decisions that will assist them in living a prosperous life free of crime. There is no associated cost for attending East Jersey State Prison's Scared Straight Program.

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve for fifteen (15) students from Maxson Middle School and three (3) teachers to attend East Jersey State Prison, in Rahway NJ Scared Straight Program on Monday June 6, 2011. Departure is scheduled at 9:00 a.m. and returning at 12:00p.m. Transportation will be provided by the district.

## **11. Regal Hadley Theatre – Maxson Middle School**

### **Strategic Plan Link:**

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

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

#### **Goal 5: Family & Community Engagement**

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### **RESOLUTION**

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Fifteen (15) students in Maxson Middle School's Pride Program and three (3) teachers will attend Regal Hadley Theatre on May 20, 2011 to view "The First Grader". This movie explores the remarkable relationships that a teacher builds with his classmates some eighty years his junior. His classmates are taken back to the shocking untold story of British colonial rule 50 years earlier where a teacher fought for the freedom of his country, eventually ending up in the extreme and harsh conditions of the British detention camps. The purpose of the program is to inspire and provide additional academic, behavioral, and character development enriching opportunities for students in grades 6 through 8 that complement their regular school day and help them meet State Curriculum Standard in core subjects.

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve for maximum of fifteen (15) students in Maxson Middle School's Pride Program and three (3) teachers Students to attend Regal Hadley Theatre on May 20, 2011 Departing at 10:00 a.m. and returning at 1:30 p.m. Students will pay for admission to the movie. Transportation will be provided by the district.

**12. Statue of Liberty – Jefferson Elementary School**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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Fifty nine (59) students in the fourth grade and seven (7) chaperones (three teachers, two teacher assistants and two parents) from Jefferson Elementary School will visit Statue of Liberty on June 6, 2011. Students will be given an opportunity to make real life connections to an important historical monument in US History. Students will gain an understanding of the various experiences immigrants had to go through to come to our country. Departure is scheduled for 8:15 a.m. and return at 4:30 p.m. Students will board a ferry from Jersey City, New Jersey that will transport them to and from Ellis Island. The cost of admission will be \$5.00 per person which will be provided by parents. Transportation will be provided by Oak Tree Bus Company is not to exceed \$1,080.00 (two buses) and will be charged to account # 15-000-270000-512A-18-0000.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Fifty nine (59) students in the fourth grade and seven (7) chaperones (three teachers, two teacher assistants and two parents) from Jefferson Elementary School to attend the Statue of Liberty, with the ferry departing from Jersey City's port on June 6, 2011. The cost of admissions will be \$5.00 per person will be provided by parents. The cost of 2 buses to be provided by Oak Tree Bus Company is not to exceed \$1,080.00 and will be charged to account # 15-000-270000-512A-18-0000. Availability of funds for this item has been verified will be charged to account.

### **13. Medieval – Times Woodland**

#### **Strategic Plan Link:**

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

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

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

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Two (6) six grade classes consisting of thirty (31) students and four (4) chaperones from Woodland School, will visit Medieval Times. The purpose of this trip will be a culminating end of year activity for sixth grade. Departure is scheduled for 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8, 2011 and returning at 4:30 p.m.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves two (2) sixth grade classes and (4) chaperones from Woodland School to participate in a field trip to Medieval Times, Lyndhurst, NJ. The cost of admission is \$34.00 per person not to exceed \$1,156.00 charged to account 15-190-100000-800A-22-0000 and \$489.00 for transportation charged to account 15-000-270000-512A-22-0000.



**14. YMLP Luncheon at Applebee's Restaurant – Hubbard and Maxson Middle School SBYSP**

**Strategic Plan Link:**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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Thirty-two (32) Hubbard and Maxson Middle School students in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, from the School Based Youth Services Program, and three (3) chaperones will participate in a luncheon at Applebee's Restaurant in Piscataway, New Jersey on June 13, 2011. The luncheon is to recognize the students for successfully completing the twelve week Young Men's Leadership Program (YMLP). Funding for the luncheon will be provided by the School Based Youth Services Program and transportation will be provided by the district. The students will leave from the Hubbard Middle School parking lot at 11:30 a.m. and the Maxson Middle School parking lot at 11:45 a.m. The students will return back to their schools at approximately 2:30 p.m.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Thirty-two (32) Hubbard and Maxson Middle School students in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, from the School Based Youth Services Program, and three (3) chaperones to participate in the Young Men's Leadership Program (YMLP) Luncheon at Applebee's Restaurant in Piscataway, New Jersey on June 13, 2011. The luncheon will be funded by the School Based Youth Services Grant. Transportation will be provided by the district.

## 15. Medieval Times- Emerson Elementary School

### Strategic Plan Link

#### Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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Fifty six (56) students in the sixth grade and four (4) chaperones from Emerson School will attend Medieval Times on June 10, 2011. Students will be given an opportunity to “step back in time” to 11<sup>th</sup> Century Spain, and experience horsemanship, swordplay, as well as, medieval games of skill and jousting between knights. They will be able to see the clothing worn by the people of that era and enjoy a great feast. Students will take part in pre-visit activities as well as post-visit activities relating to Social Studies, Science, Literacy, and Math. Departure is scheduled for 8:45 a.m. and return at 2:00 p.m.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves fifty six in the fifth grade and (4) chaperones from Emerson Elementary School to attend consisting of fifty six (56) students and four (4) chaperones at Emerson School to the Medieval Times Castle in Lyndhurst, NJ on Friday June 10, 2011. The cost for this trip will be paid by fundraisers. Transportation will be provided by Vogel Bus Company in the amount of \$590.00 for (2) buses and charged to account: 15-000-270000-512A-16-0000.

## **B. Professional Development**

### **1. Child Care on the Move! Investing in a Long and Healthy Life**

#### **Strategic Plan Link**

#### **Goal 2: Human Resources**

To improve the recruitment, retention and development of district staff

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

### **RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that a highly qualified competent, skilled and dedicated workforce is essential to the success of the district and the students. Therefore, 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 New Jersey Association for the Education of Young Children is presenting an education conference entitled “Child Care on the Move! Investing in a Long and Healthy Life”, at the Double Tree Hotel, Somerset, New Jersey, May 19, 2011. The cost of registration cost is \$65.00 per person. The conference will expose those in attendance to updated information regarding the latest issues and trends related to quality health care for school children. Professional development hours, which are required to maintain licensure, will be awarded.

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves Preschool nurses Carol Riddlestorffer, Adele Pudner, Angela Ladenheim and Ellen Frey to attend the “Child Care on the Move! Investing in a Long and Healthy Life” conference in Somerset, NJ at a cost not to exceed \$260.00 (\$65.00 for each person) to be charged to account 20-218-200000-329A-34-0000. The funds are available in the 2010-2011 approved early childhood budget.

## **2. 2011 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Summer Institute**

### **Strategic Plan Link:**

### **Goal 2: Human Resources**

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

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

### **RESOLUTION**

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

Zelda Spence, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Project Coordinator, Garrie Daniels, 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Teacher, and Brenda Noble, Social Studies Teacher 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Site Coordinator, will attend the *Annual 2011 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Summer Institute* in National Harbor, MD on July 24, 2011 through July 27, 2011.

This year's theme, *A Network of Partners Supporting Increased Learning in 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Programs*, captures the direction of the program as we strive to develop after-school activities that include and support the President's education goals and initiatives. Speakers and presenters will share invaluable experiences and insight related to developing, implementing, and sustaining after-school programs, today and into the future.

The agenda offers a selection of over 100 interactive breakout sessions that are designed to include new and innovative ideas for activities, technical assistance for managing programs, and strategies and data on after-school programming that can be transported to the workplace for your immediate use to educate America's children.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Zelda Spence, 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Project Coordinator, Garrie Daniels, 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Teacher, and Brenda Noble, Social Studies Teacher/21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Site Coordinator, to attend the *2011 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Summer Institute* at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, MD from July 24, 2011 through July 27, 2011. The cost is not to exceed \$1,500.00 and will be charged to account #20-453-200000-580A-38-0000. Availability of funds for this item has been verified.

### Expense Breakdown:

Conference Hotel	\$550
Food Allowance	\$500
Travel Expenses	\$250
Parking	\$112
Registration Fee	\$0

### **3. The American School Counselor (ASCA) 2011 Annual Conference**

#### **Strategic Plan Link**

#### **Goal 2: Human Resources**

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

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

### **RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that a highly qualified, competent, skilled, and dedicated workforce is essential to the success of the District and the students. Therefore, the Plainfield Public Schools does both require and encourage employees to participate in-out-of district professional development and 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 American School Counselor (ASCA) Annual Conference intensive sessions will enhance knowledge; expand abilities and provide the participant with the resources and best practices to develop a comprehensive guidance program as well as gather information by attending workshops on Career Development & NCLB which will be turnkeys to other district personnel. Attendance to this conference will allow attendees to not only gain information but strategies on the implementation the ASCA National Model which is a framework for a comprehensive, data-driven school counseling program.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Lisa Armstead, School Counselor at Plainfield High School to attend the 2011 ASCA Annual Conference in Seattle, Washington on Saturday June 25, 2011. The cost is not to exceed \$1,885.00. Availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-222000-600A-24-0000

#### **Expense Breakdown:**

Air Fare \$620.00

Hotel \$740.00

Registration \$375.00

Food Allowance \$100.00

Ground Transportation \$50.00

#### **4. Common Core Standards at Work**

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

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

##### **Goal 2: Human Resources**

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

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

#### **RESOLUTION**

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

The Common Core Standards at Work: An NJASCD Curriculum Showcase, where attendees at this one-day showcase will receive:

- -An overview of the Common core Standards
- -Components of Curriculum Design
- -A Format/Template that focuses on the Common Core Standards and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills
- -Uncommonly good curriculum samples presented by participating districts with the opportunity for discussion

The Showcase will be held on three different dates: June 2, August 4, and August 11, 2011.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the following teachers from Clinton K-8 Center to attend a one-day Showcase offered on three different dates. The cost for registration is \$99.00 per person at will not exceed \$1,188.00 and will be charged to account 15-190-100018-320A-14-0000. Availability of funds for this item has been verified.

June 2, 2011	Sheryl Gleim Marie Maldonado
August 4, 2011	Patrick Giple Cheryl McGaw Thomas Boger-O'Bryan Aaron Richard Nancy Salter
August 11, 2011	Jenny Hernandez Kathryn Horne Oladele Ighodaro Gilda Stanton MonaRae Stokes

**5. Teens Who Hurt: Effective Strategies for Working with Troubled Adolescent Conference**

**Strategic Plan Link:**

**Goal 2: Learning Outcomes**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education 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.

Beverly Kaz, PRIDE teacher at Maxson Middle School, will attend the Teens Who Hurt: Effective Strategies for Working with Troubled Adolescents conference on May 16, 2011. This conference will focus on strategies that can be used with youth who are troubled by circumstances-often endured traumas of their own, that complicate the negotiation of the normal developmental struggles of adolescence. Participants will evaluate how to effectively engage with at-risk youth from diverse backgrounds, assess common pitfalls and traps that often impede effective work with troubled adolescents and examine clinical strategies to facilitate working effectively with teens who hurt. The cost of this conference is \$100 per person for registration.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Beverly Kaz to attend the Teens Who Hurt: Effective Strategies for Working with Troubled Adolescents Conference on May 16, 2011 at Mercer County Community College at a cost of \$100 per person. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account line 20-251-100000-320A-32-0000.

## **6. Orton –Gillingham Reading Program Professional Development Training**

### **Strategic Plan Link**

#### **Goal 2: Human Resources**

To improve the recruitment, retention and development of district staff

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

### **RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that a highly qualified competent, skilled and dedicated workforce is essential to the success of the district and the students. Therefore, 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 Board of Education to be in compliance with Indicator 9 of the State Performance Plan: Disproportionality in Special Education by Race/Ethnicity. A trainer from the Institute for Multi-Sensory Education will provide three day training on the Orton Gillingham Reading program to seventeen (17) district employees. Orton Gillingham is a multisensory method of reading instruction that provides five essential components of an effective reading program as stipulated by the 2001 No Child left Behind Act and the National Reading Panel. The components are phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary development, and fluency and comprehension strategies. The expertise acquired through the Orton –Gillingham training will allow teachers to deliver explicit instruction in the identified key areas while utilizing and strengthening all learning pathways. Additionally, teachers will be provided with ongoing assessment and progress monitoring tools necessary to quickly and continuously evaluate each student's individual needs. Training will be tailored to ensure that any teacher can immediately integrate this program into their whole group, small group, or one-to-one language instructional time frame. Orton-Gillingham is intended to complement, not replace, the core reading curricula already in use throughout the district.

Orton Gillingham Professional Development will take place June 27, 2011- June 29, 2011, from 8:00 am to 3:00pm. Training will be provided by the Institute for Multi-Sensory Education. The cost for registration which includes materials is \$650.00 per person. Thirteen (13) general Education teachers and four (4) special education teachers will participate in this training.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves thirteen (13) general education teachers and four (4) special education teachers to attend the Orton Gillingham professional Development to be held in district on June 27, 2010 – June 29, 2011 from 8:00am to 3:00pm at a cost of \$675.00 per person \$8,450.00 for general education staff and \$ \$2,600.00 for special education staff. Availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charge to account 20-251-100000-320E-32-1000 (IDEA/CEIS Funds) and account 20-251-200000-500A-32-0000 (IDEA Funds) respectively.



<b>General Education Teachers</b>	<b>Schools</b>
Shondell D. Anderson	Barlow
Chadia Saleem	Barlow
Anne Baca	Cedarbrook
Oladele Ighodaro	Clinton
Luanne Lohman	Cook
Caroline Ruiz	Evergreen
Antoinette Barracato	Jefferson
Karen Gee	Stillman
Patricia Mendola	Washington
Rashanna Harmon	Woodland
Donna Mullaney	District Interventionist
Antoinette Adams (Special Ed)	Administrative
Vincent Barracato (Special Ed)	Jefferson
Barbara Turner (Special Ed)	Washington
Susan McCarthy (Special Ed)	Emerson
Joyce A. Corriero (GE)	Emerson

## **7. CPR Training for Plainfield Teen Parenting Program**

### **Strategic Plan Link:**

### **Goal 2: Human Resources**

To improve the recruitment, retention and development of district staff

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

### **RESOLUTION**

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

The Plainfield Teen Parenting Program Infant Toddler Center provides comprehensive educational and support services for adolescent parents enrolled at PHS and their infant children. The goal of the program is to decrease dropout rate and increase graduation rates for parenting adolescents. In addition, the program provides developmentally appropriate early childhood education for infants and toddlers.

State child care regulations require that the staff be trained yearly in infant and toddler CPR. Therefore, the School Based Youth Services program would like to hire a Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross trainer to in-service the Teen Parenting Program Infant Toddler Center staff in CPR.

School Based would hire a certified First Aid Trainer from the American Red Cross at a fee not to exceed \$550.00 to train Brooke Vuono, Head Teacher; Betty Howell, Child Care Worker; Jodi Byers, Child Care Worker, and Guadalupe Hunter-Mercado, Child Care Worker in CPR for infants and toddlers. The training will take place on Friday January 28, 2011 during the staff Professional Development Day.

**RESOLVED**, That the Plainfield Board of Education approve School Based Youth Services program to contract with the American Red Cross to provide Infant and Child First Aid with CPR. Brooke Vuono, Head Teacher, Betty Howell Child Care Worker, Jodi Byers Child Care Worker, and Guadalupe Hunter-Mercado Child Care Worker will be trained on Friday January 28, 2011 during the district staff Professional Development Day. Funds to cover the cost of the training will come from the School Based Youth Services grant budget line 20-441-218000-32A-38-0000.

**8. AFTA Conference: Sex, Gender and Cyberspace: Expanding the Vision of Family Therapy**

**Strategic Plan Link:**

**Goal 2: Human Resources**

To improve the recruitment, retention and development of district staff

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

Senior Case Manager, Abimbola Omisore, from the School Based Youth Services Program, will attend a workshop through the American Family Therapy Academy. The conference entitled "Sex, Gender and Cyberspace: Expanding the Vision of Family Therapy" will discuss the interrelationships of gender identity and sexual orientation in working with individuals, couples and families of diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

The conference is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, June 22 and 23, 2011 at the Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel, 300 South Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Abimbola Omisore to attend the American Family Therapy Academy (AFTA) Conference entitled "Sex, Gender and Cyberspace: Expanding the Vision of Family Therapy" in Baltimore, Maryland. The cost of registration for this conference is \$120.00 which will be funded by account 20-442-218000-330A-38-0000; all other additional expenses will be paid by the employee.

**C. Provision of Special Education Services**

**Strategic Plan Link:**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

**RESOLVED**, those seven (7) Plainfield pupils whose names have been certified by the Superintendent of Schools and are on file with the Secretary of the Board of Education will be provided with special education programs in OUT-OF-DISTRICT schools for the disabled during the 2010 - 2011 school year:

<b>PUPIL</b>	<b>SCHOOL OR PRIMARY INSTITUTION</b>	<b>CLASSIFICATION</b>	<b>APPROXIMATE COST TUITION AND TRANSPORTATION</b>
C. S-G.	Alloway School District	Gen. Ed.	\$10,435.24
M. G.	East Mtn. School/Carrier Clinic	OHI	\$16,146.54
B. B.	Katzenbach School f/t Deaf	AI	\$29,027.00
K. W.	MRESC/Center for Lifelong Learning	MD	\$11,502.00
A. F.	Somerset Academy	MD	\$13,440.00
H. C.	Washington Academy	OHI	\$11,865.42
A. C.	Westbridge Academy	OHI	\$23,398.16

**D. FY 2012 Hubbard Middle School Restructuring Plan**

**Strategic Plan Link:**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

Hubbard Middle School, a Title I school in Year 8 of school improvement, will implement a new restructuring plan in the 2011-2012 school year, per New Jersey Department of Education requirements.

The District Restructuring Committee for Hubbard Middle School has selected Option 1 (Implementation of any major restructuring of the school's governance), with input from all stakeholder groups. New governance strategies will support best instructional practices, professional development, smaller learning communities, targeted assistance for students and extended learning opportunities for all students, and redistribution of administrative responsibilities that affect school operations, including administrative support for the principal.

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes the Interim Superintendent of Schools to submit the FY 2012 Hubbard Middle School Restructuring Plan to increase student achievement and help Hubbard make AYP.

**E. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) – Budget Modification**

**Strategic Plan Link:**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

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

In support of these goals, the Department of Student Intervention and Family Support Services has received a grant award from the New Jersey Department of Education in the amount of \$535,000. Funds from the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Program competitive grant will be utilized to develop and provide high-quality academic, enrichment, and character education for approximately 300 children and their families for a five-year period (September 1, 2009 - August 31, 2014).

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education authorizes the Interim Superintendent of Schools to submit FY 2010-2011 Budget Modification and Request for Reallocation of grant funds to support educational programs in the district.

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Program Description</u>	<u>Administrator</u>	<u>Amount</u>
NJ Department of Education Office of Student Support Services	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers enables school districts with the assistance of community partners to plan, implement, or expand projects that benefit the educational, health, social services, cultural and recreational needs of the community. The program is designed to develop education centers for children and families in communities.	Anna Belin-Pyles	FY 2010-2011 Budget Modification  Request for Reallocation of funds in the amount of \$15,450.00

**F. Early Childhood – Preschool Research Network**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: LEARNING OUTCOMES**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

Early Childhood Programs and Services requests board approval to submit an application for membership to the Preschool Research Network. The Preschool Research Network is a small, diverse group of New Jersey districts committed to processing and disseminating information as well as conducting research to guide preschool policies and practices with a special focus on English Language Learners (ELL). The network has set in place a plan to jointly develop research questions, review research methods and develop a research plan. Among the issues to be examined are ; What are the PD needs of the teachers of (ELL), what impact does PD have on teacher's attitudes and practices toward ELL and what are the effects of a dual language program versus an immersion program?

There are no fees or dues payments required for membership. Member participation would be one half day per month at meetings.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Early Childhood Programs and Services submission of an application for membership to the Preschool Research Network.

## XI. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

### A. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer – March 2011

**Strategic Plan Link:**  
**Goal 3: Business Operations**

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

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

#### **RESOLUTION**

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

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

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

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

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

**TO BE PRESENTED AT THE MAY 17, 2011 BUSINESS MEETING**



**B. Payment of Bills — April 15, 2011- May 12, 2011**

**Strategic Plan Link:**  
**Goal 3: Business Operations**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

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

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

On the General Account

in the amount of \$

On the Agency Account

in the amount of \$

On the Food Service Account

in the amount of \$

IN THE GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$

**TO BE PRESENTED AT THE MAY 17, 2011 BUSINESS MEETING**

**C. 2010 – 11 Budget Transfers**

**Strategic Plan Link:**  
**Goal 3: Business Practices**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

<b>BUDGET TRANSFERS - FUND 11, FUND 12 AND FUND 13</b>			
<b>April 1, 2011 to April 30, 2011</b>			
<b><u>ACCOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>	<b><u>FROM</u></b>	<b><u>TO</u></b>
11-1XX-100-XXX	Regular Programs - Instruction		40,000.00
11-2XX-100-XXX 11-000-216,217	Special Education, Basic Skills/Remedial and Bilingual - Instruction and Other Student Related and Extraordinary Support Services		
11-3XX-100-XXX	Vocational Programs - Local - Instruction		
11-4XX-100-XXX	School-Spon. Co/Extra-Curr. Activities, School Sponsored Athletics, and Other Instructional Programs -Instruct		
11-800-330-XXX	Community Services Programs/Operations		
	<b>Undistributed Expenditures</b>		
11-000-100-XXX	Instruction		
11-000-211,213,218,219,222	Student Support Services - Attendance and Social Work, Health, Other Support Svcs-Regular, Other Support Svcs-Special, Education Media Services/School Library	158,000.00	
11-000-221,223	Improvement of Instruction Services and Instructional Staff Training Services		
11-000-230-XXX	Support Services - General Administration		54,000.00
11-000-240-XXX	Support Services - School Administration		
11-000-25X-XXX	Central Svcs & Admin Info Technology	51,100.00	
10-606	Increase in Maintenance Reserve		
11-000-26X-XXX	Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services		118,000.00
11-000-270-XXX	Student Transportation Services		
10-605	Increase in Sale/Lease-Back Reserve		
11-000-290-XXX	Other Support Services	2,900.00	
11-XXX-XXX-2XX	Personal Services - Employee Benefits		
11-000-310-XXX	Food Services		

	<b>TOTAL GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE</b>		
	<b>Capital Outlay</b>		
12-XXX-XXX-73X	Equipment		
12-XXX-4XX-XXX	Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services		
	<b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>		
13-XXX-XXX-XXX	<b>TOTAL SPECIAL SCHOOLS</b>		
10-000-100-56X	Transfer of Funds to Charter Schools		
10-000-520-930	General Fund Contribution to Whole School Reform		
	<b>GENERAL FUND GRAND TOTAL</b>	212,000.00	212,000.00

<b>BUDGET TRANSFERS - FUND 15</b>			
<b>April 1, 2011 to April 30, 2011</b>			
<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
15-1XX-100-XXX	Regular Programs - Instruction		27,300.05
15-2XX-100-XXX 15-000-216,217	Special Education, Basic Skills/Remedial and Bilingual - Instruction and Other Student Related and Extraordinary Support Services	25,300.05	
15-3XX-100-XXX	Vocational Programs - Local - Instruction		
15-4XX-100-XXX	School-Spon. Co/Extra-Curr. Activities, School Sponsored Athletics, and Other Instructional Programs -Instruct		500.00
15-800-330-XXX	Community Services Programs/Operations		
	<b>Undistributed Expenditures</b>		
15-000-100-XXX	Instruction		
15-000-211,213,218,219,222	Student Support Services - Attendance and Social Work, Health, Other Support Svcs-Regular, Other Support Svcs-Special, Education Media Services/School Library		9,354.77
15-000-221,223	Improvement of Instruction Services and Instructional Staff Training Services	1,045.77	
15-000-230-XXX	Support Services - General Administration		
15-000-240-XXX	Support Services - School Administration	3,500.00	
15-000-25X-XXX	Central Svcs & Admin Info Technology		
15-606	Increase in Maintenance Reserve		
15-000-26X-XXX	Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	9,300.00	
15-000-270-XXX	Student Transportation Services		1,991.00
15-605	Increase in Sale/Lease-Back Reserve		
15-000-290-XXX	Other Support Services		
15-XXX-XXX-2XX	Personal Services - Employee Benefits		

15-000-310-XXX	Food Services		
	<b>TOTAL GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE</b>		
	<b>Capital Outlay</b>		
15-604	Increase in Capital Reserve		
15-604	Interest Deposit to Capital Reserve		
15-XXX-XXX-73X	Equipment		
15-000-4XX-XXX	Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services		
15-000-4XX-931	Capital Reserve-Transfer to Capital Projects		
15-000-4XX-933	Capital Reserve-Transfer to Debt Service		
15-000-520-930	General Fund Contribution to Whole School Reform		
	<b>WHOLE SCHOOL REFORM GRAND TOTAL</b>	39,145.82	39,145.82

**D. Acceptance: School Based Youth Services Program Continuation Grant**

**Strategic Plan Link:**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

The Plainfield Board of Education will be awarded \$1,129,198 for the 2011-2012 academic year by the State Department of Children and Families, Division of Prevention and Community Partnerships. These funds are to provide a host of services to help middle and high school students stay in school, make sound decisions, and develop healthy life styles. Services are delivered through the School Based Youth Services Program, an established program with the Plainfield Public Schools for more than 22 years.

**RESOLVED**, the Plainfield Board of Education approves the receiving of funds from the State Department of Children and Families – Division of Prevention and Community Partnership in the amount of \$1,129,198 to continue to operate the School Based Youth Service Program for the 2011-2012 school year and authorizes the operation of the program effective July 1, 2011.

**E. United Way Mini-Grant: Family Success Center**

**Strategic Plan Link:  
Goal 5: Community & Family Engagement**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for families and community members to engage in meaningful and productive activities to ensure that all students achieve high academic standards and achieve life-long success. In support of these goals, United Way of Greater Union County has agreed to provide up to \$25,000 in supplemental "Flex Funds" that will enhance the services provided to families and children through the Family Success Center. The Family Success Center provides comprehensive educational and support services to the families of Plainfield in the areas of parent education, home-based support services, parent-child interaction and client assistance emergency funding. This funding will be used towards unforeseen family emergencies.

The Department of Student Intervention and Family Support Services has worked collaboratively with United Way of Greater Union County for the past five years in the implementation of various support services such as extended day programs & 21<sup>st</sup> Century programs. In addition, the Family Success Center has been in operation for the past two years. Upon receipt of these funds, the district will have up to an additional \$ 25,000 available to assist in the enhancement of the Family Success Center emergency service to families. Funding will be placed in the 20-034-200000-890A-38-0000 (SBYS UNITED WAY 504 EXPANSION

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the acceptance of the supplemental "Flex Funds" provided through the United Way of Greater Union County for the enhancement of the Plainfield Family Success Center family emergency services.

**F. FY 2010 Title I ARRA Consolidated Amendment 2**

**Strategic Plan Link:**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

ARRA Title I and SIA funds support student instruction, academic achievement, school improvement, professional development and extended year programs for Title I schools. ARRA Title I and ARRA SIA funds have been allocated for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years in the amount of \$1,757,769.

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes the Interim Superintendent of Schools to submit the FY 2010 Title I ARRA Consolidated Amendment 2.

**G. Award of Bids**

**1. Bid # 2011-25 2012 C 54 Passenger School Bus**

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A: 18A-1 (et seq) advertised for sealed bids for 2012 Type C 54 Passengers School Bus on April 18, 2011, and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with that advertisement bids were received, publicly opened and read aloud at the Board of Education Office on May 3, 2011 with the following results:

<b><u>VENDOR</u></b>	<b><u>PRICE</u></b>
<b>Truck King International Keansburg, NJ</b>	<b>\$87,300.00</b>
Wolfington Body Mt. Holly, NJ	\$91,750.00
American Bus & Coach, LLC Trenton, NJ	\$91,357.00

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education accepts the lowest responsible and responsive bid of Trucking King International in the amount of \$87,300.00

**2. Bid # 2011-26 2012 Type C 29 Passenger School Bus**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A: 18A-1 (et seq) advertised for sealed bids for 2012 Type c 29 Passenger School Bus on April 18, 2011, and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with that advertisement bids were received, publicly opened and read aloud at the Board of Education Office on May 3, 2011 with the following results:

**TO BE PRESENTED AT THE MAY 17, 2011 BUSINESS MEETING**

**H. Mandatory Board Member Training**

It is recommended, the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, under the School District Accountability Act, all board members must attend the Governance I, New Board Member Orientation Conference in their first year of service, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Alex Edache, Dorien Hurtt and Jameelah Surgeon to attend this training given by the New Jersey School Boards Association on June 4, 2011 in Robbinsville, NJ at no cost to the District.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

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