

Plainfield Board of Education
Plainfield, N.J.

Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2012

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. Renata A. Hernandez, President
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell, Vice President
Mr. Alex O. Edache
Mrs. Keisha Edwards
Mrs. Brenda L. Gilbert
Mr. Dorien Hurtt
Mrs. Lisa Logan-Leach
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, November 7, 2012 for advertisement on Saturday, November 10, 2012 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 schooled where in-depth discussion occurs.

At the Board of Education's committee meetings, no formal action is taken. The typical monthly schooled 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 recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and other relevant items. Committee approval authorizes resolutions to be place 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 represented 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, November 20, 2012, 8:00 p.m., in the Plainfield High School Auditorium.

VII. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

VIII. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

- Legal Shield

IX. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

X. REPORT OF THE CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

A. Fieldtrips

(1) Sterling Hill Mining Museum – Ogdensburg

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 Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

Twenty-two (22) students in grade 8 enrolled in Science 8 at Plainfield Academy for the Advanced Arts and Studies (PAAAS) and one (1) chaperone will attend the Sterling Hill Mining Museum, 30 Plant Street, Ogdensburg, New Jersey, on Thursday, November 29, 2012. Students will experience a guided tour through the Sterling Hill Mine, exhibit hall and museum. Most importantly they will take part in the "Rock Discovery Center". Students will collect and learn about the three (3) main types of rocks on Earth. Students will use the collections of rocks, which they get to keep, to either reinforce their knowledge of rocks or will be used as examples when learning about them. Departure is scheduled for 8:30 am and return at 12:30 pm.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves twenty-two (22) PAAAS students in grade 8 and one (1) chaperone to travel to Sterling Hill Mining Museum, 30 Plant Street, Ogdensburg, New Jersey. The cost of admission is \$11.00 per student. The total cost for the field trip, \$242.00 will be paid by the parents. There is no cost to the District, excluding transportation; transportation will be provided by the District Transportation Department.

(2) The Metropolitan Museum of Art – New York, NY

Strategic Plan Link

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Two (2) fifth grade classes consisting of thirty-five (35) students and four (4) chaperones from Woodland School will visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City on December 4, 2012.

The purpose of this trip is to expose our fifth grade students to the museum's Exploring Art Tour. Students will study African textile design and cultural history of various regions on the continent. There is a rich historical component to the gallery that would benefit the students.

Departure is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 and returning at 2:30 p.m.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves two (2) fifth grade classes and (4) chaperones from Woodland School to participate in a field trip to the Museum of Metropolitan Art in New York City. The cost of admission is \$585.00; the cost of transportation, provided by Raritan Valley Bus Service, is \$850.00, for a total cost not to exceed \$1,450.00. The availability of funds for these items has been verified and will be charged to accounts 15-190-100000-800A-22-0000 (Other Object Admission Fees), and 15-000-270000-512A-22-0000 (Woodland Principal Transportation).

(3) Microsoft Store – Bridgewater

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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Plainfield Academy for the Arts and Advanced Studies students 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. This field trip will expand the students' learning beyond the walls of the classroom into the vast community outside. It will also 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.

The Microsoft Store will allow forty (40) PAAAS students, grades 9-12 and five (5) chaperones to visit their Bridgewater retail location. Departure is scheduled from PAAAS parking lot on Friday, December 14, 2012 at 8:30 a.m., returning at 11:00 a.m. Transportation will be provided through the District.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves forty (40) PAAAS students, grades 9-12 and five (5) 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 Transportation Department.

(4) Latin American Rhythms - Maurice Levine Theater – West Orange

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.

In keeping with the strategic plan and goals for the district, Cedarbrook K-8 Center's 7th and 8th grade students will attend a performance of Latin American Rhythms at the Maurice Levine Theater, West Orange, NJ on Monday, November 19, 2012; departing 8:00 AM and returning 1:00 PM. All students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the interrelationship between language and culture for at least one language other than English. In addition, students will be able to identify the various historical, social and cultural influences and traditions which have generated artistic accomplishments throughout the ages and which continue to shape contemporary arts.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves one hundred fifteen (115) Cedarbrook K-8 Center 7th and 8th grade students, and ten (10) chaperones to attend The Latin American Rhythms at the Maurice Levine Theater, West Orange, NJ, on Monday, November 19, 2012; departing 8:00 AM and returning approximately 1:00 PM. The entrance fee is \$13.95 per person, not to exceed \$1,646.10. Transportation will be provided by the District's Transportation Department. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-190-10001-500A-13-0000 (Other Purchased Services).

(5) La Gringa – New York, New York

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

In keeping with the strategic plan and goals for the District, twenty (20) Plainfield High School students, grades 9-12 and two (2) chaperones will attend an 11:00 AM performance of “La Gringa” at the Spanish Theater Repertory Company, New York, New York, on Tuesday, January 8, 2013. All students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the connection between language and culture for at least one language, other than English. The students will be able to identify the historical, cultural, and social influences which have generated artistic accomplishments for many years.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approve for twenty (20) Plainfield High School students, grades 9-12 and two (2) chaperones to attend the 11:00 AM performance of “La Gringa” at the Spanish Theater Repertory Company, New York, New York, Tuesday, January 8, 2013; departing at 8:30 AM and returning approximately 3:30 PM. The cost for transportation is \$750.00. The cost for admission is \$460.00 (\$23.00 per student) and chaperones are free. The cost of this trip (transportation and admission) will not exceed \$1,210.00. 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 Services).

(6) Europe Trip to London, Paris, Florence and Rome - PAAAS

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 Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

The PAAAS High School students will participate in various tours in London, Paris, Florence and Rome. By traveling abroad, students can understand what is truly “American” by seeing and experiencing what is not American. They bring their experiences and insights back into their classrooms and their hometowns, each in his or her own way helping to lessen the knowledge gap between America and the cultures from which many of our cultural, religious, language, and civic traditions evolved.

Thirty-five (35) students in grades 9-12 and six (6) chaperones will depart from Newark Liberty Airport on Sunday, November 3, 2013 at a time to be determined by flight schedules. The students will return on Tuesday, November 12, 2013. Transportation to and from Newark Liberty Airport will be provided by the parents.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves thirty-five (35) PAAAS High School students in grades 9-12 and six (6) chaperones to travel to Europe from November 3-12, 2013 at no cost to the district.

B. Assembly

(1) Bureau of Lectures & Concert Artists, Inc.

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

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 as productive citizens. To this end, the Bureau of Lectures & Concert Artists provides educational and amazingly entertaining programs.

Bureau of Lectures & Concert Artists, Inc. has agreed to present two (2) outstanding performances to the entire student population, approximately 605 students at Cedarbrook K-8 Center.

1. *Egyptian Animals*, a highly entertaining and educational performance that allows the students an opportunity to meet some of the world's exciting and fascinating animals on November 12, 2012. The cost for this performance is \$690.00.
2. *Direct from Kenya-The African Acrobats*, a multicultural performance exhibiting African Acrobatics, that will feature everything from Contortions, Balancing and Hoop Diving to Human Pyramid Building, on December 13, 2012. The African Acrobats performance will encourage celebration of African-American heritage and awareness. The cost for this performance is \$830.00.

The total cost for the two (2) performances will not exceed \$1,520.00.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approve payment to the Bureau of Lectures & Concert Artists for two (2) performances, the first on November 12, 2012 and the second on December 13, 2012. The total cost of the two (2) performances will not exceed \$1,520.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-190-100001-500A-13-0000 (Other Purchased Services).

C. Professional Development

(1) Advanced Assessment and Diagnosis Workshop

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 2: Human Resources:

To improve the recruitment, retention and development of district staff

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.

School Psychologist, Kanan Shah, and School Social Worker, Melissa Remo, will attend a workshop for Advanced Assessment & Diagnosis using the DSM-IV-TR on November 27, 2012 in Saddlebrook, NJ, and November 29, 2012 in Edison, NJ, respectively, at a cost of \$199.99 per person plus \$24.99 for the cost of the CBT Skills Workbook.

Participants in this workshop will be informed about the proposed changes to the DSM-IV, learn how to become more proficient in correctly diagnosing mental illness, describe the role that stress plays in mental illness, develop effective therapeutic strategies, incorporate an understanding of the mind and brain into therapy, and understand the basic neuroscience of mental illness.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Kanan Shah, School Psychologist to attend the Advanced Assessment & Diagnosis Workshop on November 27, 2012 in Saddlebrook, NJ, and Melissa Remo, School Social Worker to attend the Advanced Assessment & Diagnosis Workshop on November 29, 2012 in Edison, NJ, at a cost of \$199.99 per person plus \$24.99 each, for the cost of the CBT Skills Workbook. The cost of this workshop shall not exceed \$449.96. The availability of funds for these items has been verified and will be charged to account 20-250-200000-500A-32-0000 (IDEA/CO).

(2) Practical Piano Skills Course

Strategic Plan Links

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in Clinton K-8 Center

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 purchase software and employ consultants to address the needs of teachers and students in order to promote school improvement.

Clinton Elementary School Music Teacher, Stanley Michalowski will be taking a course on the Practical Piano Skills between November 29, 2012, and June 14, 2013, which also includes private lessons for thirty (30) minutes every Friday from 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM for a total of twenty-six (26) weeks. The course will provide Mr. Michalowski with an excellent background for becoming a functional sight reader at the piano which is an essential and invaluable tool in the classroom. Mr. Michalowski's professional development in this area will provide long-term support for the Vocal Music Program for students in Grades K-8 at Clinton.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Clinton Elementary School Music Teacher, Stanley Michalowski to take the Practical Piano Skills Course between November 29, 2012, and June 14, 2013, including private lessons for thirty (30) minutes long at a cost of \$1,500.00 from Rose M. Cabbagestalk of Rose's Studio, located in Plainfield, N.J. Payment of funds to be distributed in three (3) equal payments of \$500.00 each over the course of the lessons (December, March, and June). The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-190-100018-320A-14-0000 Professional Ed Services.

(3) “Obesity Prevention in NJ, The State of the State: Important Next Steps” – East Brunswick

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 2: Human Resources:

To improve the recruitment, retention and development of district staff

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

RESOLUTION

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

School Nurses, Karen Trammell (Cook) and Donna Moreen (PHS), will attend a conference entitled “Obesity Prevention in New Jersey, The State of the State: Important Next Steps”, presented by The Rutgers Office of Continuing Education, in East Brunswick, New Jersey, December 11, 2012. Conference registration cost is \$45.00 per person.

The conference will expose them to updated information regarding the latest issues and trends related to quality health care for school children.

The speakers will provide direction on what recommendations, strategies and actions should be implemented in the short term to accelerate progress in obesity prevention. Professional development hours, which are required to maintain licensure, will be awarded.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves Karen Trammell Cook School Nurse and Donna Moreen, PHS School Nurse to attend “Obesity Prevention in New Jersey” on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 in East Brunswick, NJ. Total registration cost for the conference will not exceed \$90.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-190-100001-320A-25-0000 (PHS Professional Services) and 15-204-100101-500A-15-0000 (Cook LRNG DIS PURCH SV).

(4) Morris-Union Jointure Commission workshops for Struggling Learners – New Providence

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.

Karen Gee, Interventionist, along with Supplemental Teachers Kristi Colton and Kaleena Lear, will attend the following workshops presented by Morris-Union Jointure Commission in New Providence, NJ: *Strategic Interventions: The Spark That Will Ignite Your Struggling Learners (K-12)*, December 12, 2012; and *Success for Struggling Learners: Strategies That Target Student Needs (Pre-K-2)*, January 30, 2013.

Participants in the *Strategic Interventions: The Spark That Will Ignite Your Struggling Learners (K-12)* workshop will develop proactive, intervention plans that can be used to support students before, during, and after the lesson.

Participants in the *Success for Struggling Learners: Strategies That Target Student Needs (Pre-K-2)* workshop will provide effective, teacher tested strategies to help tackle the challenge of meeting the needs of struggling learners.

The cost of each of these workshops is \$145.00 per person.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Karen Gee, Interventionist, along with Kristi Colton and Kaleena Lear, Supplemental Teachers, to attend the following workshops presented by Morris-Union Jointure Commission in New Providence, NJ: *Strategic Interventions: The Spark That Will Ignite Your Struggling Learners (K-12)*, December 12, 2012 and *The Success for Struggling Learners: Strategies That Target Student Needs (PreK-2)* workshop, January 30, 2013. The cost of each workshop is \$145.00 per person and will not exceed \$870.00; inclusive of both December 12, 2012 and January 30, 2013. The availability of these funds has been verified and will be charged to account 20-250-200000-500I-32-0000 (IDEA/CEIS-CO).

(5) Maximize Achievement in Your World Language Classroom – Fairfield

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.

Belkis Peralta, World Language Teacher at Cedarbrook K-8 Center, will attend the seminar offered by the Institute for Educational Development, “Maximize Achievement in Your World Language Classroom” on November 27, 2012 at the Best Western Plus-Fairfield, Fairfield, NJ.

The conference will provide an opportunity to engage its attendees in learning effective instructional strategies that actively engage students to work in small groups (Grade 6-12). The cost of the workshop is \$219.00 per person.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Belkis Peralta, World Language Teacher at Cedarbrook K-8 Center, to attend the seminar “Maximize Achievement in Your World Language Classroom” on November 27, 2012 at the Best Western Plus-Fairfield in Fairfield, New Jersey. Total cost of the work shop will not exceed \$219.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-221000-320A-13-0000 (Cedarbrook Instructional Improvement Education).

(6) Learning Forward 2012 Annual Conference – “Connect. Engage. Learn.” – Boston, MA

Strategic Plan Link

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 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 and the students. Therefore, it has provided the Superintendent of Schools the authority to employ administrative staff member to participate in out of district professional development.

WHEREAS, the specific focus is to lead districts through new educational challenges, and to make a difference for teachers and shape the future for professional development opportunities that will provide increase student achievement.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Yvonne Breauxsaus, Director of Planning Research and Evaluation, to attend the Learning Forward 2012 Annual Conference – “Connect. Engage. Learn.” in Boston, MA, December 3-5, 2012, at a cost of \$1,707.54 (\$578.00 - *registration and membership*, \$772.54 - *housing*, \$215.00 - *train rail*, \$142.00 - *meals and incidental expenses*). Availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account number 11-000-223000-320P-26-0000 (Curriculum Purchase Services).

(7) Increasing Reading Comprehension Skills... – Edison

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

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Karen Gee, Interventionist, Tania Center and Joseph Harris, Special Education Teachers will attend a two (2) day hands-on workshop entitled, "Increasing Reading Comprehension Skills with Accountable Talk - Aligned with Common Core". This two (2) day workshop will take place at Crowne Plaza Hotel in Edison, New Jersey, December 3-4, 2012.

Participants will learn how to promote talk that is truly accountable to the text, and gain strategies for engaging and supporting struggling readers. The cost of the workshop is \$125.00 per person.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Karen Gee, Interventionist, Tania Center and Joseph Harris, Special Education Teachers to attend a two (2) day hands-on workshop entitled, "Increasing Reading Comprehension Skills with Accountable Talk - Aligned with Common Core" at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Edison, NJ, December 3-4, 2012. The cost of the workshop is \$125.00 per person; total cost not to exceed \$375.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to the following accounts: Karen Gee - \$125.00 charged to 20-250-200000-500I-32-0000 (IDEA/CEIS-CO); Tania Center and Joseph Harris - \$250.00 charged to 20-250-200000-500A-32-0000 (IDEA/CO).

(8) Eden Institute, Inc.

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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The following professional development will be offered to staff for the Special Education Expansion Program:

Vendor	Program	Cost
Eden Institute, Inc.	- Staff Training - Travel/Expenses - 2 hrs. round trip	- \$200.00 per hour - \$40.00 per hour

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves services with the Eden Institute, Inc. from November 2012 through June 2013. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-250-200000-500A-32-0000 (IDEA/CO).

(9) Eric Martin, Security Consultant

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.

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

RESOLUTION

As a result of recent changes to the security laws, policies, and plans in New Jersey, Jefferson School and PAAAS have contracted Eric Martin, security consultant, to provide Crisis Management and Emergency Response professional development to members of the respective schools crisis management teams.

Participants will learn essential communication techniques, basic response to common and emergency safety matters, and proper execution of the security protocols according to the State and local security plans.

The emergency crisis management workshops will consist of no more than twenty (20) hours per school (40 hours total) of instruction and consultation, at the agreed upon rate of \$40.00 per hour (a total cost not to exceed \$800.00 per school). Professional development will be provided to Jefferson and PAAAS crisis management teams and the entire staff, to ensure that staff members have the skills to respond to a security concern and to follow District and State response procedures. The workshops will take place at agreed upon staff meetings from December 2012 through April 2013.

Ten (10) members of Jefferson and ten (10) members of PAAAS school crisis teams will be trained and receive the Emergency Management Incident Response certification as a result of their participation. Included in the twenty (20) hours is school safety plans and two drills for the schools.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Mr. Eric Martin to deliver the Emergency Crisis and Response professional development sessions at Jefferson and PAAAS and to provide twenty (20) hours of consultation (per school) on the security plans of both schools, for a total of forty (40) hours at a cost not to exceed \$1,600.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged equally to accounts 15-000-223000-390A-18-0000 (JEFFSN TRAINING PROF&TEC) and 15-000-220000-320A-52-0000 (PAAAS Professional Services).

(10) iPad Workshop for Learning Leaders

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

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Janet R. Grooms, Principal of Dewitt D. Barlow School, and Kimberly Moore-Jones, School Social Worker, will attend a workshop entitled, *iPad Workshop for Learning Leaders*, November 27, 2012 at the Foundation for Educational Administration Conference Center, 12 Centre Drive, Monroe Township, NJ 08831. The hands-on workshop guides administrators in procedures for observation and evaluation as well as teaching and learning applications while modeling a close research and collaborative environment necessary for the PARCC assessment.

Participants will gain knowledge and skills in:

- Increasing productivity while transforming a traditional paper based workflow.
- Improve the way of organization, communication, consume, and create.
- Expand the ability to have fingers on all data as they shift content seamlessly across all of work devices.

The cost of the workshop is \$189.00 per person.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Ms. Janet R. Grooms, Principal, Dewitt D. Barlow School and Kimberly Moore-Jones, School Social Worker, to attend *iPad Workshop for Learning Leaders*, on November 27, 2012, at the Foundation for Educational Administration Conference Center, 12 Centre Drive, Monroe Township, NJ 08831. The cost of the workshop is \$189.00 per person – total cost not to exceed \$378.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-240000-800A-11-0000 (Barlow Principal Other Expense).

(11) Down Syndrome 101 – Morris Plains

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 2: Human Resources:

To improve the recruitment, retention and development of district staff

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

RESOLUTION

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

The New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education is presenting a conference entitled “Down Syndrome 101, a Hands-on Training for Educators”, at the Learning Resource Center in Morris Plains New Jersey on November 30, 2012. The cost of registration is \$40.00 per person, and professional development hours will be awarded.

The training will cover topics such as:

- preferred teaching methods
- communication issues and strategies for success
- behavior intervention strategies
- how to improve social skills
- benefits of inclusive education,
- peer presentations to increase friendships
- processing time and memory issues
- common medical issues related to Down Syndrome
- environmental issues which can hamper success

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves attendance by Preschool Master Teacher for Inclusion, Louise Frankel, to attend “Down Syndrome 101, a Hands-on Training for Educators”, at the Learning Resource Center, Morris Plains New Jersey, November 30, 2012. Total registration cost for the conference training will not exceed \$40.00 plus mileage reimbursement. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-218-200000-329A-34-0000 (ECPA Other Purchased Professional-Education Services).

(12) 31st Annual U.S. All-Star Track & Field/Cross-Country Clinic – Atlantic City

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

Three (3) Plainfield Track Coaches, Sharon Thimons, Crystal Cox and Ruth Wright will attend a professional development workshop, the 31st Annual U.S. All-Star Track & Field/Cross-Country Clinic, at the Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Departure will be from Plainfield High School on Wednesday, December 13, 2012 at 6:15 PM.

The cost of registration is \$85.00 per coach.

The main objective of this professional development workshop/clinic at the 31st Annual U.S. All-Star Track & Field/Cross-Country Clinic c/o M & F Athletic is to provide lectures, learn-by-doing activities, drills, coaching exciting activities and instruction that will include principles of training, fundamental techniques, periodization, training methods and performance-enhancing strategies, knowledge of developing reasoning ability to become independent, self-reliant, methodical thinkers.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves PHS Track Coaches, Sharon Thimons, Crystal Cox and Ruth Wright to attend professional development workshop, the 31st Annual U.S. All-Star Track & Field/Cross-Country Clinic, at the Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City, NJ, December 13-14, 2012. The cost is \$85.00 registration fee per coach, mileage not to exceed \$40.00 per coach. The total cost not to exceed \$375.00. Availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 11-402-100402-890A-27-0000 (Athletic Instructional Deeds, Fees, & Lic.).

(13) The Latino Family Literacy Project – Newark

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 staff and administrative members to participate in out-of-district professional development opportunities.

Mrs. Rosa Salinas, Vice Principal, Mrs. Shirley Clore, ESL Coordinator and Mrs. Leola Bellazzin, School Counselor of Washington Community School will attend “The Latino Family Literacy Project” on November 28, 2012 at the Hilton Hotel in Newark, New Jersey. This conferencing will cover the following:

- Early Language Development And Parenting
- Skill-Based Books To Increase Vocabulary
- Family Reading And English Vocabulary Development
- A Cultural Competency And Framework For Working With Latino Families
- A Complete Bilingual Curriculum Binder
- Training And Preparation To Use All Our Age-Specific Programs

The cost of the workshop is \$250.00 per person for a total cost of \$750.00.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Mrs. Rosa Salinas, Mrs. Shirley Clore and Mrs. Leola Bellazzin of Washington Community School to attend the “The Latino Family Literacy Project” workshop on November 28, 2012 in Newark, New Jersey at cost of \$250.00 per person, total cost not to exceed \$750.00. The availability of funds for these items has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-221000-320A-21-0000 (Purchased Prof-Education Services).

D. Partnership

(1) 21st Century Community Learning Centers Programs – Collaborator/Partner Agreements

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

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 will enter into agreements for the purpose of rendering enrichment learning services for students participating in the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) after school programs at CH Stillman Elementary and Washington Community Schools (grades 4-5); Maxson and Hubbard Middle Schools (grades 6-8) with the following providers:

The identified partner and collaborators are included in the 2012-2013 SY 21st CCLC Continuation Grant application. The partner and collaborators have a documented history of demonstrating expertise in their service area meeting all the guidelines and regulations put forth by the NJDOE Office of Educational Support Services (by way of NCLB Act 2001, Title IV, Part B). The program partner and collaborator will provide essential services as identified in the 2012-2013 SY 21st CCLC Continuation Grant application's project activity plan.

- **Program Evaluation and Assessment:** Program partner, Elaine Walker, Ph.D. (Sametric Research, LLC), will provide evaluation and assessment services, including action research and related professional development, co-facilitation of Advisory Board meetings, completion of the mid-year and final evaluation reports, and identification of evidence-based assessment tools for program improvement. Elaine Walker, Ph.D. will comprehensively assess and evaluate the 21st CCLC Program at a flat fee rate of \$25,000.00.
- **Arts Horizons** is a non-profit arts education organization dedicated to improving the development of the whole person by providing high quality arts education programs. Arts Horizons agrees to provide forty (40) sessions @ \$238.00 per session of arts education instruction for student participants enrolled at Stillman, Washington, Hubbard, and Maxson schools, connected to CCSS, sites of the 21st CCLC After-School Program at a total cost of \$9,520.00.
- **Sigma Beta Club (Sigma Community Enrichment Initiative)** is a non-profit mentoring, parental involvement, and community service education organization dedicated to improving the development of at-risk male elementary students by providing standards-based workshops and projects that help to build students' self-awareness, connection to community, and student achievement. Sigma Beta Club agrees to provide up to twenty-five (25) weeks, up to two (2) hours each week for a total of up to fifty (50) hours of enrichment services for student participants enrolled at Stillman and Washington school sites of the 21st CCLC After-School Program at a flat rate cost of \$3,960.00.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Plainfield Public Schools to enter into a contractual agreement with program partner, Elaine Walker, Ph.D (Sametric Research, LLC), and the aforementioned community collaborators at a total cost of \$38,480.00. Availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to accounts 20-453-200000-320A-38-0000 and 20-453-100000-320A-38-0000, respectively – 21st CCLC (Instructional & Non-Instructional) Purchased Professional Services.

E. Grants

(1) 2013-2014 New Jersey Agricultural Society Learning through Gardening Teacher Materials Grant - Approval for Submission of Application

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 (inclusive of English Language Learners and Special Education Students) meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

The NJ Agricultural Society Learning through Gardening Teacher Materials Grant will allow Mrs. Mitta to work directly with Ms. Christiansen's and Ms. Lehnhoff's K-2 Autism classes. This year long project will include science activities in the classroom and art activities in the art room related to the garden.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education authorizes Irene Mitta to submit the following application to secure FY 2013-2014 New Jersey Agricultural Society Learning through Gardening Teacher Materials Grant. The program period is for one (1) year commencing September 2013 and concluding June 2014.

Funding Source	Program Description	Administrator	Amount
NJ Agricultural Society	The garden grant will allow Mrs. Mitta to work directly with Ms. Christiansen's and Ms. Lehnhoff's K-2 Autism and additional classes as identified by the principal. This year long project will include science activities in the classroom and art activities in the art room related to the garden. Vegetables will be grown and students will be able to draw the plants at all levels allowing students in grades K-5 to draw directly from nature.	S. Johnson- Tucker	Gardening Materials valued at \$250.00

(2) 2012-2013 Plainfield Cultural and Heritage Commission Project Support Grant Approval for Submission of Application

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 Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

The Plainfield Cultural and Heritage Commission Project Support Grant will support the Art Garden Project at Woodland School. The Art Garden was created so students could create art projects based upon the plants that grow in the garden.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education authorizes Irene Mitta to submit the following application to secure FY 2012-2013 Plainfield Cultural and Heritage Commission Project Support Grant. The program period is for one (1) year commencing November 2012 and concluding June 2013.

Funding Source	Program Description	Administrator	Amount
Plainfield Cultural and Heritage Commission Project Support Application	The Art Garden was created so students could create art projects based upon the plants they grew at Woodland School. Students will read books about gardening, track growth and write observations. This grant will be used to purchase a fence and additional gardening materials. Also, Art supplies for printmaking and painting will be purchased.	S. Johnson-Tucker	\$500.00

(3) Perkins Grant Acceptance

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

To improve 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 as productive citizens. At Plainfield High School programs of study are offered in professional technical education which is defined as a program of study that integrates technical and career proficiencies with academic content; and prepares students for the workplace, further education, training and family and community roles. The Carl D. Perkins Grant provides financial support for these programs.

The Plainfield Board of Education has been awarded \$93,778.00 by the Perkins Grant for the time period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. The Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998, was signed into law on October 31, 1998. It sets out a new vision of vocational and technical education for the 21st Century.

Purpose of the Perkins Act

The purpose of this Act is to more fully develop the academic, vocational, and technical skills of secondary students and postsecondary students who elect to enroll in vocational and technical education programs by:

- 1) building on the efforts of States and localities to develop challenging academic standards;
- 2) promoting the development of services and activities that integrate academic, vocational, and technical instruction, and that link secondary and postsecondary education for participating vocational and technical education students;
- 3) increasing state and local flexibility in providing services and activities designed to develop, implement, and improve vocational and technical education, including tech-prep education; and disseminating national research, and providing professional development and technical
- 4) assistance, that will improve vocational and technical education programs, services, and activities.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the acceptance of The Carl D. Perkins Grant in the amount of \$93,778.00 to support programs in professional technical education.

Funding Source	Program Description	Administrator(s)	Amount
Carl D. Perkins Grant (state and federal funds)	Professional Technical Education programs of study	Angela M. Bento Otis Brown	\$93,778.00

(4) Approval for Submission of Application - 2013-2015 Artist-in-Education Residency Program Continuation School Grant

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 Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

The Artist-in-Residency Grant program will provide funding for an Artist-in-Residence to work with second and third grade students and teachers at Woodland School, art related professional development for classroom teachers, visits to the Newark Museum and Metropolitan Museum of Art and a culminating event.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education authorizes Irene Mitta to submit the following application to secure the Artist-in-Residency Program at Woodland School. The program period is two (2) years commencing September 2013 and concluding June 2015.

Funding Source	Program Description	Administrator	Amount
Funded by the Arts in Education Consortium which includes the NJ State Council on the Arts, Arts Horizons, and Young Audiences of NJ with generous support from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts.	Throughout the 2013-2015 school years the following events take place: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Artist in Residence works with 2nd and 3rd grades• Art related professional development for classroom teachers• Visit to Newark Museum and Metropolitan Museum of Art• Culminating event (dance, visual arts, music) in March.	S. Johnson-Tucker	\$14,000.00

F. Title I Compensatory Educational Services for Non-Public School

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 Educational is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards.

The Union County Educational Services Commission will provide Title I Compensatory Educational services, including Language Arts and Mathematics to eligible non-public students, grades 1-8, who attend Koinonia Academy, in accordance with applicable Federal Title I statutes.

The Commission will provide supplemental instruction for identified students, specialized instructional supplies and materials, staff development, supervision/administration required for the implementation of services and programs and participation in consultation meetings with non-public schools initiated by the Plainfield School District.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education authorizes the District to subcontract with Union County Educational Services Commission from November 2012 through August 31, 2013 for a total of \$2,520.00 for Title I services. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to FY 2013 NCLB Title I 20-230-100000-320N-39-0000 (TI PURCHASE SERVICES) account.

G. Reading Plus

Strategic Plan Links

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in Clinton K-8 Center

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 purchase software and employ consultants to address the needs of teachers and students in order to promote school improvement.

Reading Plus System of Huntington Station, New York, has achieved extensive, documented success in increasing scores in high-stake standardized tests and producing substantial gains in fluency in silent reading, comprehension, vocabulary and oral reading proficiency for thousands of students in grades two through college. Clinton K-8 Center will acquire five (5) Concurrent User seats enabling 3rd and 4th grade students to enroll to use Reading Plus on a rotational schedule designed to meet each student's individual needs.

The cost of the five (5) Concurrent User seats is \$400.00 per seat, a total of \$2,000.00. Reading Plus will also provide Clinton K-8 Center with one (1) Professional Development Day at a cost of \$500.00.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the purchase of Reading Plus five (5) Concurrent Seats at a price of \$400.00 each (a total of \$2,000.00), and one (1) day of Professional Development, at a cost of \$500.00, for a grand total, not to exceed \$2,500.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to accounts 15-190-100018-610A-14-0000 (General Supplies) and 15-190-100018320A-14-0000 (Professional Development Services).

H. Castle Learning Online Education

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

The Barack Obama Academy of Academic and Civic Development (BOAACD) will implement Castle Learning as a 9-12 academic resource utilizing the programs' core testing content and myriad supplemental formats. Instant grading, detailed assessment reports, and instructional feedback, which improves academic success. Castle Learning is a web-based tool that supports classroom instruction, homework assignments, common assessments and self-generated student practice. Of significant importance is that the program is aligned to Common Core Standards which provides the necessary data analysis which will assist the BOAACD administrator in meeting state mandated Focus School initiatives.

Barack Obama Academy faculty will benefit from Castle Learning's academic focus utilizing a web-based review, testing and assessment tools in the areas of Math, Social Studies, Science, English, and Foreign Languages with additional offerings in math review and literature:

- Enhanced educational effectiveness and efficiency
- Academic support for students
- Align coursework with Core Content State Standards
- Improved academic performance

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the implementation of Castle Learning which combines 21st century technology with proven educational principles, allowing BOAACD teachers and administration to empower every student to reach his or her full academic potential at a total cost of \$551.25 for the 2012-2013 academic school year. The availability of funds for this time has been verified and will be charged to account 15-190-100018-610A-51-0000 (Supplies and Materials).

I. Option II

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

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 New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) recognizes and acknowledges that not all students will achieve Core Curriculum Content Standards (CCCS) in the same manner and/or with the same level of success.

Option II, adopted in 2009, states, "District boards of education shall establish a process to approve individualized student learning opportunities that meet or exceed the Core Curriculum Content Standards. This new regulation requires all New Jersey high schools to adopt "Option II" policies and procedures that permit a student or group of students to meet or exceed the core standards in any subject area through alternative activities. These activities may be school sponsored or accomplished outside the school. Documentation of a student's achievement in regards to curricular objectives is required." Students are permitted to earn credit toward graduation through Option II learning experiences. These experiences include, but are not limited to: interdisciplinary or theme-based programs, independent study, early college credit, magnet programs, student exchange programs, distance learning, on-line learning, work-based programs, internships, service learning, co-curricular or extra-curricular programs, and/or other structured learning experiences.

In addition, Option II allows for group programs based upon specific instructional objects that meet or exceed Core Curriculum Content Standards. Participation in Option II is predicated on the application process through which students seek approval. Attainment of credit toward graduation is based on the successful completion of assessments that verify student achievement in meeting or exceeding the Core Curriculum Content Standards at the high school level.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Plainfield High School students to receive high school credits for alternative learning experiences that enable them to fulfill or exceed the expectations set forth in the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. Option II (N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1(a) 1ii) of the high school graduation requirements allows the Plainfield Public School District to design and/or approve educational experiences that serve as an alternative to traditional instruction and provide meaningful learning experiences which support student achievement of the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. Option II allows schools to provide enhanced educational opportunities for all the students through the use of multiple and diverse pathways.

J. 2012-2013 Nursing Services Plan

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 4: Safe Learning Environment:

To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of business operations

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

RESOLUTION

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.1 each district board of education shall develop and approve a plan for the provision of school nursing services based upon student needs in the school district. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16.2.1 the school nursing service plan may assign one or more duties to non-certified school nurses to perform permitted under their license from the State Board of Nursing. Also as allowed, N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.1(a) provides that each non-certified school nurse is assigned to the same school building or school complex as the certified school nurse. The assignment plan for nurses working in this capacity shall be submitted to the County Superintendent for review and approval as part of the certificated staff report.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the Nursing Services Plan for 2012-2013 which has been developed according to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.1.

XI. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer – September 2012

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 of 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 make part of the record of this meeting; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education certified 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.

FUND	CASH BALANCE	APPROPRIATION BALANCE	FUND BALANCE
(10) General Current Expense Fund			
(11, 16, 17,18) Current Expense	19,753,979.67	19,366,145.26	138,258,448.79
(12) Capital Outlay	-	8,194,472.87	-
(13) Special Schools	-	-	-
(15) Reform Schools	1,979,386.73	3,888,643.66	0.01
Capital Reserve			
(20) Special Revenue Fund	1,414,294.88	8,550,842.68	214,194.03
(30) Capital Projects Fund	-	-	-
(40) Debt Service Fund	287,249.29	561,181.85	561,183.29
(60) Enterprise Fund	159,600.22	421,487.30	739,838.14
TOTAL	23,594,510.79	40,982,773.62	139,773,664.26

B. Payment of Bills – October 12, 2012 – November 15, 2012

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 3: Business Operations

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 NOVEMBER 20, 2012 BUSINESS MEETING

C. 2012 – 2013 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 NOVEMBER 20, 2012 BUSINESS MEETING

D. Designation of Bank Signatures

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

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education authorizes the following staff as official signatories on checks and drafts for the Student Activity Funds:

Administrator

Reginald Davenport

Secretary

Rose Davis

School

Maxson Middle School

E. 2012 – 2013 Special Education Transportation Jointure Renewal Contract

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

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, the Plainfield Board of Education approves the transportation route as follows:

<u>Route</u>	<u>Carrier</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>	<u>Amount P/D</u>	<u>Aide P/D</u>	<u>Total</u>
102VT	Green Brook BOE	Somerset Vo-Tech	10/09/12-06/30/12	\$63.93	N/A	\$10,552.68

F. Approval of the 2011 – 2014 PASA Collective Bargaining Agreement

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City of Plainfield has entered into collective negotiations with the Plainfield Association of School Administrators (PASA), and

WHEREAS, these negotiations have resulted in a tentative agreement on various terms and conditions of employment as set forth in the collective bargaining agreement between the Plainfield Board of Education and the Plainfield Association of School Administrators covering the period of July 2011 to June 30, 2014, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Plainfield Board of Education does hereby accepts and adopts this collective bargaining contract, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the President and Secretary to the Board of Education are authorized to sign and execute said contract on behalf of the Board of Education.

G. Out-of-State Travel

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 3: Business Operations

To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of business operations.

The following is recommended for adoption:

RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education has determined that the National School Boards Association (NSBA) Annual Conference in San Diego, CA, on April 13 – 16, 2013, is vital and necessary to the goals of the District and the success of the Board; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education hereby authorizes the following Board Members to attend the conference, Dorien Hurtt and Jameelah Surgeon, which is not to exceed \$4,500.00 and charged to 11-000-230000-580A-01-0000 (Board Travel), and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Members share the information received from the conference with the Board.

H. **Resolution Of The Board Of Education Of The City Of Plainfield Affirming Superintendent's Determination In HIB Case Number 117**

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, after taking testimony at the July 17, 2012 hearing held pursuant to New Jersey Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act, also known as P.L. 2010; and

WHEREAS, the complexity of the matter, the timespan covered and the seriousness of the allegations demanded an expanded investigation; and

WHEREAS, the parent consented to an extended timeline of forty five (45) days to investigate this matter; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City of Plainfield made the determination, after a full discussion of the facts and issues, to modify the Superintendent's June 27, 2012 decision by recommending further investigation by General Counsel, Pickett & Craig, Esqs; and

WHEREAS, Pickett & Craig, Esqs., conducted a comprehensive and thorough investigation into the HIB allegations in case number 117, including witness interviews, in order to ascertain the facts surrounding the alleged incidents detailed during the July 17, 2012 hearing before the Board; now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, as a result of their investigation, Pickett & Craig, Esqs., recommended and the Board now agrees to affirm the previous determinations with regard to the May 18, 2012 incident and further recommend professional development to the teacher at issue in this proceeding at the discretion and direction of the Superintendent.

I. **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

WHEREAS, there are currently 16 tennis courts at Hub Stine Field that are in need of repairs and/or resurfacing. In order to complete this project during the fall/winter of 2012, the following architectural engineering services are necessary:

- Construction Document Phase
- Bidding and Negotiation Phase
- Construction Administration Phase

WHEREAS, Foreman Architects/Engineers Inc. has the experience and expertise to provide such services, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the appointment of Forman Architects/Engineers Inc. to manage the Hub Stine Field tennis court repair and resurfacing project for a fee of 8% of the actual construction costs of \$176,450.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to 11-000-262000-300A-31-0000 (Professional Services).

J. 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

WHEREAS, Hub Stine Field is in need of a new lower field house as well as appropriate restroom facilities on the upper field and in order to initiate this project the following architectural engineering services are necessary:

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

Foreman Architects/Engineers, Inc. has the experience and expertise to provide such services, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the appointment of Foreman Architects/Engineers Inc. to manage the Hub Stine Field houses project for a fee of 8% of the actual construction costs which are estimated to be \$1,365,000.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to 12-000-400000-450A-31-0000 (Capital Outlay).

K. Submission of the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan

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

RESOLUTION

The Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting “required” maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and,

The required maintenance activities for the various school facilities of the Plainfield Public Schools are consistent with these requirements, and

All past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan that is on file in the Board Secretary’s Office for the Plainfield Public Schools, in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

L. Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials

Strategic Plan Link:

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

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the “Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials – 2011 Revisions”.

XII. REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

A. Adoption of Policies – Second Reading

The Board of Education finds it necessary that these policies be implemented for the management and operation of the Plainfield Public Schools; therefore the following is recommended for adoption:

The Board of Education has reviewed the policies listed below and finds it acceptable for the management and operation of the Plainfield Public Schools, and

The Board of Education now finds it necessary that these policies be implemented, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves, on **second reading**, the following policies:

<u>Policy Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	
4119.26/4219.26	Staff Use of Internet Social Networks and Other Forms Electronic Communication	New

B. Adoption of Policies – First Reading

The following is recommended for adoption:

RESOLUTION

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

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

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

<u>Policy Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	
6172	Alternative Education Programs	Amended
9326	Minutes	Amended

XIII. ADJOURNMENT