

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD  
IN UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

MINUTES of an **EMERGENCY** Meeting of the Board of  
Education Held on Tuesday, June 7, 2017

An **EMERGENCY** Meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Plainfield was held this day in the Plainfield High School, conference room. Notice had been provided to Board members and the District's website. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Dr. Debra Sheard, Acting Superintendent, and the following action took place:

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. WELCOME

WELCOME to an EMERGENCY 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).

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mrs. Emily E. Morgan, President  
Mr. Dorien Hurtt, Vice President  
Ms. Lynn B. Anderson  
Mr. Terrence S. Bellamy, Sr.  
Mrs. Carletta D. Jeffers  
Mr. David M. Rutherford  
Mr. Richard Wyatt

Mr. John C. Campbell, absent  
Ms. Carmencita T. Pile, absent

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Debra Sheard, Acting Superintendent

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

NONE.

V. REMARKS FROM THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT

NONE.

VI. REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC

NONE.

## VII. REMARKS THE CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Mr. Wyatt moved C & I as a Consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Bellamy. The motion carried on a roll-call vote with seven members in favor. None were opposed.

### A. Field Trips

#### (1) Branch Brook Park Roller Skating Rink – Newark, NJ (Maxson)

##### Strategic Plan Link

##### Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

The Acting 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 all students meet the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, and achieve academic, behavioral, emotional, and lifelong success.

**Maxson Middle School** 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes will visit Branch Brook Park Roller Skating Rink, in Newark, New Jersey.

The entire cost of the field trip will be funded by student fundraising efforts and parents. Transportation will be provided by the District. The breakdown is as follows:

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| <b>Date</b>   | June 12, 2017       |
| <b>Time</b>   | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm   |
| <b># Students</b>                                       | 150                 |
| <b># Staff</b>  | 15                  |
| <b>Transportation</b>                                   | District Operations |
| <b>Admission</b> <i>(paid from fundraising efforts)</i> | (\$1,650.00)        |
| <b>Total Cost to District</b>                           | \$0.00              |

Students who have worked diligently in their academic activities will attend the trip, which will expand students' learning beyond the walls of the classroom and community.

The trip will include an indoor skating environment, with a variety of activities that encourage interaction for students. Students will have the pleasure of enjoying the freedom to socialize with their classmates and teachers.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Maxson Middle School 8th grade classes, to visit and participate in activities at Branch Brook Park Roller Skating Rink, in Newark, NJ, June 12, 2017 – at **no cost to the District**.

**(2) Liberty State Park and Ellis Island – New Jersey/New York (Hubbard)**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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**RESOLUTION**

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**Hubbard Middle School** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, will visit Liberty State Park and Ellis Island, NJ/NY.

The entire cost of this field trip will be funded by Hubbard fundraising efforts. Transportation to Liberty State Park will be provided by the District; students/staff will board the ferry from Liberty State Park to Ellis Island. The breakdown is as follows:

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| <b>Date</b>  | June 8, 2017        |
| <b>Time</b>  | 9:00 am – 3:00 pm   |
| <b>Grades</b>  | 7 <sup>th</sup>     |
| <b># Students</b>                                    | 150                 |
| <b># Staff</b>                                       | 12                  |
| <b>Transportation</b>                                | District Operations |
| <b>Admission</b> (\$20.00 p/p – fundraising efforts) | (\$3,240.00)        |
| <b>Total Cost to District</b>                        | \$0.00              |

The purpose of this trip is to provide a learning experience that will enhance their study of New Jersey and U.S. history. Before the trip students will learn and create a project about Ellis Island and share their personal experiences as immigrants as appropriate. After the trip, students will write an explanatory essay about what they learned at Ellis Island.

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves Hubbard Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> Grade to attend Ellis Island/Statue of Liberty, June 8, 2017 – at **no cost to the District**.

**(3) RARE Academy visit to First Choice Women’s Resource Center – Plainfield, NJ (Hubbard)**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

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**Hubbard Middle School’s RARE (*Righteous, Anointed, Redeemed & Empowered*) Academy** club members will participate in an abstinence field trip at the *First Choice Women’s Resource Center*, located at 211 West Front Street, Plainfield, New Jersey. This is a walking field trip. The breakdown is as follows:

|                               |                                     |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Date / Time</b>            | June 8, 2017 / 3:30-4:30 pm         |
| <b>Grades</b>                 | 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> |
| <b># of Students / Staff</b>  | 18 Students / 2 Staff               |
| <b>Transportation</b>         | Walking                             |
| <b>Total Cost to District</b> | \$0.00                              |

*RARE Academy* after-school program empowers teen girls in the areas of abstinence, education, community service and financial literacy. Additionally, *RARE Academy* provides teen girls the space to cultivate and nurture healthy relationships between their female peers. Teen girls will be given tools necessary for their future personal and academic success.

Attending this field trip to the *First Choice Women’s Resource Center*, our young ladies will get a deeper understanding of the benefits of abstinence. *First Choice* facilitator, Pamela Wormick, will deliver a brief presentation about abstinence, as well as an activity that highlights the benefits of abstinence in relationship. Students will gain an understanding of and reflect on why it is important to make positive choices that will affect them now and in the future, as well as how choices can change your physical, emotional, intellectual, social and spiritual lives. This field trip provides students with an out-of-classroom learning experience that will enhance what they’ve learned in Health class.

This trip supports the districts goals in promoting positive and healthy lifestyles, that impact academic success, and the Student Learning Standards of Comprehensive Health and Physical Education: Healthy Relationships and Sexuality 2.4.8.a.5 (*determine when a relationship is unhealthy and explain effective strategies to end the relationship*). 2.4.8.B.2 (*determine the benefits of sexual abstinence and develop strategies to resist pressures to become sexually active*). 2.4.8.B.4 (*relate certain behaviors to placing one at greater risk for HIV/AIDS STIs and unintended pregnancy*).

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the Hubbard School’s RARE Academy club members to participate in an abstinence field trip to *First Choice*, in Plainfield, June 8, 2017 – at no cost to the District.

**(4) Overnight Field Trip – Howard University and Washington, DC Tour (Cedarbrook)**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

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In keeping with the “tradition” established by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team at **Cedarbrook K-8 Center** for the past five years; as an end of year trip, students will tour Howard University, and our nation’s capital, Washington D.C.

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

|                               |                                     |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Departure Day / Time</b>   | June 8, 2017 / 6:00 AM              |
| <b>Return Day / Time</b>      | June 9, 2017 / 3:00 PM              |
| <b>Grade / # of Students</b>  | 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade / 40 Students |
| <b># of Staff</b>             | 7                                   |
| <b># of Chaperones</b>        | 7                                   |
| <b>Transportation</b>         | \$3,150.00                          |
| <b>Cost of Dormitory</b>      | \$1,285.00                          |
| <b>Total Cost to District</b> | \$4,435.00                          |

Students will tour Washington D.C. our nation’s capital, monuments, libraries, and congressional buildings. They will sleep and eat breakfast on the historic campus of Howard University. The historic Hotel Harrington in downtown D.C. will provide a buffet dinner for students. This trip has proven to be a valuable educational recreational resource, as evidenced by its growing popularity. This trip educates our students on various aspects of campus and civic life. The monuments and the museums we visit are designed to promote a better awareness of our nation’s capital.

In the past a representative from OSHA has accompanied us on part of the tour of Washington D.C. allowing us access into many of the federal buildings. Some of the monuments that we will visit will include the MLK Monument, Lincoln Monument, Jefferson Memorial, Washington Monument, and the Vietnam Wall.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education Cedarbrook K-8 Center 8<sup>th</sup> grade overnight field trip to Howard University and tour of Washington, DC, June 08-09, 2017 – total cost not to exceed \$4,435.00. The availability of funds for this item will be verified and will be charged to account 15-000-270000-512A-13-0000 (Cedarbrook Prin Field Trip).

**(5) Wharton State Forest – Hiking Trip – Shamong, NJ (Hubbard) (AMENDED Dates)**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

The Hubbard Hiking Club strives to provide students with an experience to connect with nature while being active. Furthermore, students will create a community of hikers who can learn more about health, fitness, nature, and the environment. From the hiking trips and club meetings, students will learn to appreciate and become stewards of the great outdoors.

**The Hubbard Middle School** Hiking Club will visit Wharton State Forest, in Shamong, New Jersey. Transportation will be provided by the district. The breakdown is as follows:

|                                |                                   |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Date</b>                    | June 10, 2017                     |
| <b>Time</b>                    | 9:00 am – 7:00 pm                 |
| <b>Grades</b>                  | 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> |
| <b># Students / # of Staff</b> | 15 / 2                            |
| <b>Transportation</b>          | District Operation                |
| <b>Admission</b>               | \$5.00 ( <i>per vehicle</i> )     |
| <b>Total Cost to District</b>  | \$0.00                            |

Hubbard's Hiking Club has accomplished four successful hikes during the 2016-2017 school year – one at Washington Crossing State Park, two at Trailside Nature Center, and South Mountain Reservation. The students had great experiences learning more about American history and nature while enjoying the benefits of being outdoors and physically active.

Wharton State Forest has one of the top 50 hikes in New Jersey according to Explorer's Guides. The park has 120,000+ acres, and 50 miles of trails. Hiking provides students with a greater appreciation for natural settings.

Students will study and experience some of New Jersey's history at Batsto Village. Batsto Village is the site of a former bog iron and glass making industrial center (1766-1867) that currently reflects the agricultural and commercial enterprises that existed here during the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century. This Pine Barrens village consists of 33 historic buildings and structures including the Batsto Mansion, gristmill, sawmill, general store, workers' homes and post office. Students will tour the village and compare and contrast growing up at Batsto Village then, versus Plainfield today.

This field trip provides students with a learning environment that school cannot offer, which further supports the district goal of providing interdisciplinary curricula of history and physical education. Students will once again, enhance their relationship with nature, history, and science by visiting another historic site, hiking, and camping in tents.

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves Hubbard's Hiking Club to hike at the Wharton State Forest, June 10, 2017 – at **no cost to the District**.

**(6) Jersey Lanes Bowling – Linden, NJ (Maxson)**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to improving the learning and academic performance of all students so they reach their full potential in life. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring all students meet New Jersey Student Learning Standards, achieve academic behavioral, emotional, and long-life success.

**Maxson Middle School** 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes, will visit Jersey Lanes Bowling Alley, in Linden, NJ.

Parents will pay cost of admission, and transportation will be provided by the District. The breakdown is as follows:

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| <b>Date</b>  | June 12, 2017      |
| <b>Departure / Return Time</b>   | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  |
| <b># of Students</b>   | 200                |
| <b># of Staff</b>  | 15                 |
| <b>Admission</b> ( <i>paid by parents - \$10 p/p – chaperones free</i> ) | (\$2,000)          |
| <b>Transportation</b>  | District Operation |
| <b>Total Cost to District</b>  | \$0.00             |

The trip will meet mathematics standards MA.6.SP.B4, MA.6.SP.B5.a-d where all students will understand how to collect and interpret data from bowling. They will also have the pleasure of enjoying the freedom to socialize with their classmates and while applying the Student Learning Standards.

This field trip will also provide Maxson Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> graders with experiences that cannot be duplicated in school. Upon returning the students will participate in educational activities that will enhance them academically as well as socially and emotionally.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Maxson Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes, to visit Jersey Lanes Bowling, June 12, 2017 – at **no cost to the District**.

Mr. Bellamy moved and seconded by Mr. Wyatt and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Reported by,

Dr. Debra Sheard, Acting Superintendent  
DS/bsc