

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

MINUTES of a **BUSINESS** Meeting of the Board of  
Education Held on Tuesday, April 19, 2011

A **BUSINESS** Meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Plainfield was held this day in the Plainfield High School, auditorium. Notice had been provided to Board members and to the Courier-News, Star Ledger, Public Library, City Clerk, Plainfield Police Department, and posted in all Plainfield Public Schools and the District's website. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Mr. Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary, and the following action took place:

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**II. WELCOME**

WELCOME to a Business Meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Plainfield. Members hope you will find the meeting interesting and informative. We thank you for taking the time to attend. Please be advised that 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 advance notice required therein has been provided to the Courier News and the Star Ledger on Thursday, March 31, 2011 for advertisement on Saturday, April 2, 2011.

**III. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT

Mr. Rasheed Abdul-Haqq, Vice President  
Ms. Patricia Barksdale  
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell  
Mr. Agurs Linward Cathcart, Jr.  
Mrs. Keisha Edwards  
Mrs. Brenda Gilbert  
Mrs. Renata Hernandez  
Ms. Katherine Peterson

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles, Interim Superintendent  
Mr. Gary L. Ottmann  
Mr. Robert Pickett, Esq.  
Mr. Charles Craig, Esq.  
Ms. Lauren Craig, Esq.  
Ms. Chanelle Sears, Student Liaison

Mrs. Lisa C. Logan-Leach, absent

The following resolution was moved by Ms. Barksdale seconded by Ms. Peterson, and unanimously approved by the Board:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, 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, now therefore be it

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

- Personnel
- Legal

and be it

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

**The Board of Education adjourned into its Executive Session at 6:46 p.m.**

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of its Business Meeting at 7:59 p.m.

#### IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Abdul-Haqq indicated that Mrs. Logan-Leach is not here due to illness in the family.

He also stated that he plans to introduce a resolution to rename Plainfield High School to the Dr. James West High School.

#### V. REMARKS FROM THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Belin-Pyles indicated that this is a wonderful meeting because we are recognizing our students tonight. She is so very proud of so many of our students. She also reviewed a number of activities recently held in the District.

Awards were given to the Plainfield High School basketball team and cheerleaders in recognition of their recent successes.

Mrs. Belin-Pyles addressed a concern from PHS students for the lack of textbooks and the quality of instruction at Plainfield High School.

Her philosophy has always been that the Plainfield High School is the flagship of the District and has opened the door in terms of requests to bring the quality of the school up. Ninety three thousand dollars was spent on supplies from their budget of \$14 million. No one should allude that the Board of Education is not committed to a high standard of education at the high school.

There are recommendations in place to renovate the industrial wing at the high school this summer. There is a need for an additional 400 new computers and I have made a commitment to increase technology to include smart boards.

The first meeting with principals was to ensure textbooks were purchased for all schools, since this was an issue for a number of years.

Cook Elementary School is a challenge as well as all elementary schools in the District. The plan to implement the K – 8 centers didn't forecast out 7 – 8 years. I made the necessary corrections for the school that could be done at that time. I apologize if it wasn't communicated to the parents.

#### VI. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

The Plainfield High School basketball team thanked the Board and community.

John Campbell spoke in support of Keisha Edwards on her role as a board member. He thanked her for making those tough decisions.

Janice Richards has been a volunteer with PHS since 1965 and she is still asking the Board to reinstate home economics; they need survival skills.

Rosetta Walker, parent of Cook School student, is very unhappy with what's been going on and wants to know when a decision will be made regarding next year's assignments.

PHS students inquired if the school is renamed will new science and technology classes be added.

Jennifer Taylor Fuller, President of the Cook School PTO, has many concerns about Cook and they need to know what the grade configuration will be.

Robert Darden thanked Mrs. Belin-Pyles for helping him on a recent health fair with distribution of flyers for the event.

Ethel Coleman is very upset about the slideshow running while people are speaking at "privilege of the floor".

Ms. Barksdale thanked Ms. Peterson for her years of service.

Ms. Peterson expressed her gratitude for working with the Board and the District and enjoyed her service to the community.

Dr. Bilal acknowledged that there are some classes without sufficient textbooks. He also indicated that he has not received the proper number of evaluations as required.

Mr. Jenkins spoke in favor of principals who are up for tenure.

Ms. Maria Pellum has a number of questions concerning the district's LRFP. She also had a question about administrators certified to evaluate administrators.

Mrs. Barksdale inquired if any survey had ever been done concerning a possible name change for PHS.

#### VII. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Mrs. Hernandez thanked the team who helped put on the multicultural day last Friday.

She also spoke about the upcoming Youth Summit scheduled for April 29, 2011.

Ms. Barksdale shared that she received an email from Ms. Pellum concerning the Long Range Planning Committee. In the near future the committee will meet with the CSA to strategize.

#### VIII. REPORT OF DELEGATES/LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mrs. Campbell reports that May 14, 2011 is the annual delegate assembly and Mr. Abdul-Haqq is the alternate to attend.

#### IX. REPORT OF BOARD/SCHOOL LIAISONS

Ms. Barksdale reported that Clinton School is having their Project Yes celebration tomorrow. McDonald's is also looking to hire a large number of employees; students might want to investigate.

X. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board Secretary presents the following minutes, moved by Mrs. Campbell and seconded by Ms. Barksdale:

March 1, 2011	Special Meeting
March 8, 2011	Work & Study Meeting
March 15, 2011	Business Meeting
March 29, 2011	Special Meeting

as printed for Board adoption, the motion carried, on a roll-call vote, with four members in favor of all, Ms. Barksdale in favor of all but abstained on March 29, 2011; Mr. Cathcart. Campbell in favor of all, but abstained on March 8, 2011; Mrs. Edwards in favor of all, but abstained on March 1 & 8 2011; and Ms. Peterson in favor of all but abstained on March 29, 2011. None were opposed.

**XI. REPORT OF HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Mrs. Campbell moved H.R. as a Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Cathcart. The motion carried, on a roll-call vote, with nine members in favor and none opposed.**

“The Board of Education of the City of Plainfield reaffirms its commitment to ensure that the district provides equal employment opportunities regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, age, ancestry, national origin, handicap and social or economic status...”

It is the policy of this district to provide, through a positive and effective affirmative action program equal opportunities for employment, retention, and advancement of all people.

The equal employment objective for the Board of Education calls for achieving full utilization of minorities and women, and handicapped persons at all levels of management and non-management and by job classification; to prohibit discrimination in employment because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex or age; and to have a work environment free of discrimination.

**A. Contractual Appointments**

**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 in the success of the District and students. Therefore, it has provided the Superintendent of Schools the authority to employ non-administrative and administrative staff members between the Business meeting of the Board of Education and next succeeding meeting of the Human Resource Committee.

The individuals listed have been verified by the Superintendent of Schools as qualified pursuant to the NJ Administrative Code, Statute 6A:9-1.1, which “sets forth the rules governing preparation, licensure, and professional development of those educators required by their positions to be certified”. The Superintendent, in this item has used his authority.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the employment of the following individual subject to the requirements contained in Ch. 116,P.L. 1986 and upon verification of experience.

	<b><u>Name/ Certification</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>	<b><u>Salary Pro-rated</u></b>	<b><u>Assignment</u></b>	<b><u>Replacing</u></b>	<b><u>Position Codes</u></b>
1.	Yanira Escobar Bilingual Elementary Teacher	04/18/11-06/30/11	\$46,700.00	Stillman	New	PEAT-209
2.	Elsa Rodriguez Bilingual Elementary Teacher	03/09/11-06/30/11	\$48,736.00	Woodland	New	PEAT-090

3.	Charisse Miglis Biology Teacher	01/24/11–06/30/11	\$46,700.00	PHS	C. Livres	PEAT-706
4.	Marta Wirth Bilingual Social Studies Teacher	05/2/11 – 06/30/11	\$49,600.00	Maxson/ Hubbard	New	PEAT-206

**(A roll-call and an affirmative vote of 5 board members are required for passage.)**

**B. Substitute, Hourly and Per Diem Appointments**

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 substitute, hourly and per diem employees as needed with terms as stated, provisionally, subject to requirements contained in Ch.116, P.L. 1986:

	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>	<b><u>Rate of Pay</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Funding Source</u></b>
1.	Mustafa Hicks	03/24/11 – 06/30/11	\$10.00 per hr.	Substitute Custodian	31HOURLYBG
2.	Leon Williams	03/24/11 – 06/30/11	\$10.00 per hr.	Substitute Custodian	31HOURLYBG
3.	Theresa Motley	03/24/11 – 06/30/11	\$10.00 per hr.	Substitute Custodian	31HOURLYBG
4.	Faye G. Clark	03/25/11 – 06/30/11	\$85.00 per day	Substitute Teacher	ELEMSUBTEA
5.	Maria Rosero	03/25/11 – 06/30/11	\$85.00 per day	Substitute Teacher	ELEMSUBTEA
6.	Rodeline Daux	03/10/11 - 06/30/11	\$100.00 per day	Substitute Teacher	ELEMSUBTEA
7.	Linda Okoye	03/24/11 – 06/30/11	\$100.00 per day	Substitute Teacher	ELEMSUBTEA
8.	Katherine Moore	03/28/11 – 06/30/11	\$28.00 per hr.	Teacher	32HOMEINST
9.	Nikita Bailey	03/28/11 – 06/30/11	\$28.00 per hr.	Teacher	32HOMEINST
10.	Tiffany L. Williams	03/31/11 – 06/30/11	\$85.00 per day	Substitute Teacher	ELEMSUBTEA
11.	Lamont Mayers	04/01/11 – 06/30/11	\$10.00 per hr.	Substitute Custodian	31HOURLYBG
12.	Tiffany Johnson	04/01/11 – 06/30/11	\$10.00 per hr.	Substitute Custodian	31HOURLYBG
13.	Magrely Genao	04/01/11 – 06/30/11	\$10.00 per hr.	Substitute Custodian	31HOURLYBG
14.	Christopher T. Pringle	03/31/11 – 06/30/11	\$100.00 per day	Substitute Teacher	ELEMSUBTEA
15.	Jennifer Bailey	04/05/11 – 06/30/11	\$10.50 per hr.	Substitute Teacher Asst.	ELEMSUBTEA
16.	Lenice Jones	04/07/11 – 06/30/11	\$85.00 per day	Substitute Teacher	ELEMSUBTEA

**(A roll-call and an affirmative vote of 5 board members are required for passage.)**

**C. Leave of Absences**

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 leave of absences:

	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position/Location</u></b>	<b><u>Dates/Reason</u></b>
1.	Tamara Cress	Librarian Stillman	02/08/11 - 04/01/11 Medical
2.	Mercedes Hazuri	Secretary Maxson	*02/28/11 – 03/21/11 Medical
3.	Delores Jackson	Elementary Teacher Stillman	04/04/11 – 05/16/11 Medical
4.	Sandra Jones	Secretary Evergreen	02/22/11 – 04/26/11 Medical
5.	Carolyn Melhorn	Math Teacher PHS	*03/14/11 – 03/31/11 Medical
6.	Rebecca Ziegler	Elementary Teacher Cedarbrook	*03/04/11 – 04/07/11 Medical
7.	Darryl Damon	Head Custodian District Facilities	01/26/11 – 04/05/11 Medical/FMLA
8.	Sharon Lonergan	Math Teacher Hubbard	02/28/11 – 04/21/11 Medical/FMLA
9.	Barbara Woldin	Special Education Teacher Stillman	02/22/11 – 04/07/11 FMLA
10.	Ana Ramos-Saenz	Elementary Teacher Evergreen	03/14/11 – 03/22/11 Personal
11.	John Seay	Custodian/Fireman District Facilities	02/22/11 – 05/02/11 Medical
12.	Belinda Greer	Asst. Custodian District Facilities	02/22/11 – 05/20/11 Medical/FMLA
13.	Audrey Fenton	Special Education Teacher Clinton	04/13/11 – 04/21/11 Medical

\*denotes extension/update to existing leave

**D. Return to Payroll**

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

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approve the return of the following employees to payroll:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position/Location</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
1. Mary Evans	Teacher Assistant PHS	\$26,050.00	03/07/11
2. India James	P/T Teacher Asst. Cook	\$21,290.00	03/03/11
3. Dale Munn	Coordinator SIFS	\$87,170.00	03/07/11
4. Ana Ramos-Saenz	Elementary Teacher Evergreen	\$56,736.00	03/23/11
5. Shauna Vie Brock	Health/PE Teacher PHS	\$53,736.00	02/24/11
6. Wendy Webster	Science Teacher Cedarbrook	\$58,236.00	02/28/11
7. Diana Ortiz	Secretary PHS	\$58,899.00	04/01/11

**E. Resignation**

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

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education accepts the following resignation:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position/School</u></b>	<b><u>Yrs. In District</u></b>	<b><u>Reason</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
1. Katherine Rydzy	Elementary Teacher/Barlow	7	Personal	04/29/11



**F. Retirements**

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

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education accepts the retirement of the following staff members and acknowledges their many years of total dedicated service and extends sincere thanks to them on behalf of the Board, administrators, staff, students and citizens of Plainfield:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Yrs. In District</u>	<u>Effective</u>
1.	Ita Maldonado	Spanish Teacher/PHS	13	07/01/11
2.	Deborah Boyd	Coordinator/Administrative Services	10	02/01/12
3.	Mary P. Evans	Teacher Assistant/PHS	25	04/01/11
4.	Shelli Greenberg	Elementary Teacher/Stillman	14	07/01/11

**G. Transfers/Reassignments**

**Strategic Plan Link:**

**Goal 3: Business Practices**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes the need to improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the district and school operations. As part of this process, the following transfers and reassignments are in alignment with and support of district goals and objectives, as well as efforts to strengthen accountability, effectiveness and efficiencies;

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the following transfer/reassignment for the 2010 – 2011 school year. The employee has been notified in writing pursuant to District procedures and contractual requirements:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Position Code</u>
1.	Jeanette Jordan-Gaffney	Kindergarten Teacher Emerson School	Kindergarten Teacher Washington School	4/4/2011	PEAT-132
2.	Sharon Chelnik	Kindergarten Teacher Washington School	Kindergarten Teacher Emerson School	4/7/2011	PEAT-271
3.	Wilma Brown	Guidance Counselor Plainfield High School	Guidance Counselor Woodland School	5/2/2011	PEAT-628

**Compensation for Additional Assignments**

**H. Maxson Middle School – Saturday Academy**

**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 Maxson Middle School – Saturday Academy is defined as an extended day program that offers academic and enrichment activities in the areas of language arts, math, and science and for students designated Grades 7-8. The program will operate Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for students and 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. for staff from January 22, 2011 – April 16, 2011.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the compensation of the listed staff to work in the Maxson Middle School – Saturday Academy. Teachers will be compensated at a rate of \$28.00 per hour. The availability of funds will be from account # 15-130-100000-18-101C-24-0000.

	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Rate of Pay/Maximum Amount</u></b>
1.	David Kole	Math Teacher	\$28.00 per hr./\$800.00
2.	William Wessells	Math Teacher	\$28.00 per hr./\$800.00
3.	Kent Thompson	Language Arts Teacher	\$28.00 per hr./\$800.00
4.	Nakomis Smith	Science Teacher	\$28.00 per hr./\$800.00
5.	Diana Saenz-Torres	Language Arts Teacher	\$28.00 per hr./\$800.00

**I. Plainfield Academic Institute - Amended**

**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 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 staff members to participate in professional development opportunities within our District.

To support student understanding in literacy and mathematics and to build teacher pedagogical knowledge and understanding of reading comprehension, writing, and mathematics, the Office of Educational Services will provide three (3) instructional programs for teachers with a stipend of \$28.00 per hour for a total not to exceed nine (9) hours. Facilitators of the instructional programs will receive a stipend of \$28.00 per hour not to exceed eighteen (18) hours (nine hours of instruction and nine hours for preparation). The workshops will take place after school from 3:05 p.m. to 4:35 p.m. once per week for six weeks.

After a thorough review of applications, the following teachers have been identified from each building and grade level to attend these workshops.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the three instructional programs: Best Practices – Reading Comprehension Strategies, Conferring Workshop, and Mathematics – number sense and operations for a total of 29 teachers in grades K-12 at a cost not to exceed \$24,192.00 and to be charged to NCLB account 20-272-200000-101A-26-0000.

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School/Location</u>	<u>Rate of Pay/Maximum Amount</u>
1.	Joyce Corriero	Elementary Teacher	Emerson	\$28.00 per hr./\$252.00
2.	Donna McGregor	Elementary Teacher	Cedarbrook	\$28.00 per hr./\$252.00
3.	Patricia Liberatos	Bilingual Teacher	Washington	\$28.00 per hr./\$252.00
4.	Lina Maria Cruz	Bilingual Teacher	Washington	\$28.00 per hr./\$252.00
5.	Lisa Biondi	Bilingual Teacher	Washington	\$28.00 per hr./\$252.00
6.	Andy Schuh	Elementary Teacher	Barlow	\$28.00 per hr./\$252.00
7.	Upendra Sabat	Math Teacher	PHS	\$28.00 per hr./\$252.00
8.	Sandra Gil	Bilingual Teacher	Evergreen	\$28.00 per hr./\$252.00
9.	Jasmine Edwards	Elementary Teacher	Stillman	\$28.00 per hr./\$252.00
10.	Fatima Embden	Elementary Teacher	Barlow	\$28.00 per hr./\$252.00
11.	Lois Kraus	Elementary Teacher	Barlow	\$28.00 per hr./\$252.00
12.	Beatriz Bolanos	Bilingual Teacher	Stillman	\$28.00 per hr./\$252.00
13.	Jacqueline Wilson	Math Teacher	PAAAS	\$28.00 per hr./\$252.00
14.	Hernando Villafane	Spanish Teacher	Stillman	\$28.00 per hr./\$252.00
15.	Louis Pedrick	Math Teacher	Hubbard	\$28.00 per hr./\$252.00
16.	Maria Acero	Bilingual Teacher	Clinton	\$28.00 per hr./\$252.00
17.	Timothy Spaur	ESL Teacher	Jefferson	\$28.00 per hr./\$252.00
18.	Oladele Ighodaro	Elementary Teacher	Clinton	\$28.00 per hr./\$252.00
19.	Rosemary Clark	Bilingual Teacher	Washington	\$28.00 per hr./\$252.00
20.	Jill Daly-Huston	Special Education Teacher	PHS	\$28.00 per hr./\$252.00
21.	Peggy Smith	Special Education Teacher	PHS	\$28.00 per hr./\$252.00
22.	Eleanor Hemphill	Elementary Teacher	Cedarbrook	\$28.00 per hr./\$252.00
23.	L. Lohman-DiCicco	Kindergarten Teacher	Cook	\$28.00 per hr./\$252.00
24.	Margie Barrett	Elementary Teacher	Barlow	\$28.00 per hr./\$252.00
25.	Cynthia Webster	Elementary Teacher	Cedarbrook	\$28.00 per hr./\$252.00
26.	Kimberly Morris	Resource Teacher	Educational Services	\$28.00 per hr./\$504.00
27.	Pamela Garcia	Resource Teacher	Educational Services	\$28.00 per hr./\$504.00
28.	Donna Mullaney	Teacher Coach	Special Education	\$28.00 per hr./\$504.00

**J. Plainfield on Stage – Support Staff**

**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 providing a safe, secure, professional and clean environment for students, staff and members of the community. As part of efforts to provide a safe learning environment it is recommended that staff members monitor and supervise the “Plainfield on Stage” program. The “Plainfield on Stage Program” for selected K-12 students throughout the district will receive training and support in Performing and Visual Arts. In providing these services the listed Theatre teacher will assist the program coordinator, Stephanie Minatee as well as provide instruction to students.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the compensation of the listed staff to work on the technical and design preparations of the “Plainfield on Stage” production. The teacher will be compensated at a rate of \$28.00 per hour not to exceed twenty hours. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 26IISTIPEND.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School/Location</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u> <u>Maximum Amount</u>
1. Othell Miller	Theatre Teacher	Hubbard Middle School	\$28.00/\$560.00

**K. 2011 ELL After-School Academy**

**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, 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 Office of Bilingual Education/ESL and World Languages of The Plainfield Public School District will provide additional language acquisition services to students who are English Language Learners (ELL) at specifically identified schools. The ESL instruction will take place during the months of May and June 2011. Services will be provided at Cook K-8 Center, Stillman Elementary, Evergreen Elementary, Washington Community School and Woodland Elementary Schools.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the hiring of Bettina Heller, Washington School; Bridgett Trott-Holmes; Edith Farrell, Woodland School; Jean Colrick, Cook School; Natalie Pereira for the make-up services at a rate of \$28.00 per hour; not to exceed \$8,440.00 to be charged to the Title I Stipend line.

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School/Location</u>	<u>Rate of Pay/Maximum Amount</u>
1.	Betina Heller	ESL Teacher	Washington School	\$28.00 per hr./\$1568.00
2.	Bridgett Trott-Holmes	ESL Teacher	Evergreen School	\$28.00 per hr./\$1568.00
3.	Edith Farrell	ESL Teacher	Woodland School	\$28.00 per hr./\$1568.00
4.	Jean Colrick	ESL Teacher	Cook School	\$28.00 per hr./\$1568.00
5.	Natalie Pereira	ESL Teacher	Stillman School	\$28.00 per hr./\$1568.00

**L. Intramurals**

**Strategic Plan Link:**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes**

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

**Goal 2: Human Resources**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life. In doing so, it is also committed to providing enrichment in such extra curricular activities such as the performing arts, student government, athletic teams and social skills.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves each school's Intramural Units and (extra curricular activities, i.e. clubs and teams) compensates staff as per the PEA Guide. An intramural unit is valued at \$274.00 and funded by each school's individual stipend account.

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Units</u>
1.	Doris Hawley	Elementary Teacher/Cedarbrook	Safety Patrol Club	1
2.	Monique Davis	Elementary Teacher/Evergreen	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Tutorial	1
3.	Emma Anderson	Elementary Teacher/Evergreen	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Tutorial	1
4.	Adolfo Gillioz	ESL Teacher/Evergreen	ESL Tutorial	1
5.	Sandra Gil	Elementary Teacher/Evergreen	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Tutorial	1
6.	Marie F. Lucarelli	Elementary Teacher/Evergreen	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Tutorial	1
7.	Edith Farrell	Elementary Teacher/Woodland	Drama Club	1
8.	Carlos Vasquez	Elementary Teacher/Woodland	Basketball	2
9.	Joanne Barrett	Elementary Teacher/Woodland	Yearbook Club	1
10.	Kent Thompson	English Teacher/Maxson	Photo Club	2
11.	William Wessells	Math Teacher/Maxson	Math Club	2
12.	Michael Burke	P.E. Teacher/Hubbard	Character Building Ropes Course	1
13.	Kristina Horn Devincenzo	Art Teacher/Hubbard	Art Club	1
14.	Jessica LaPine	Music Teacher/Hubbard	Vocal Music Club	1

**M. Extra Curricular**

**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 enrichment in extra curricular activities such as performing arts, student government, athletic teams and social skills.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves compensation to the listed staff in accordance with the PEA Guide.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/School</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Stipend Amount</u>
1. Rose Davis	Secretary/Maxson	Student Council	\$1,125.50
2. Brenda Noble	Social Studies Teacher/Maxson	Student Council	\$1,125.50
3. Ayesha Howard	School Based Counselor/Maxson	Yearbook Club	\$ 589.50
4. Mercedes Hazuri	Secretary/Maxson	Yearbook Club	\$ 589.50

**N. Professional Growth Reimbursement**

**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, the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education recognizes the value of professional growth as represented by courses designed to improve an employee's effectiveness in the classroom by providing partial reimbursement to employees for expenses incurred in approved courses. The listed individuals presented approved coursework in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Collective Bargaining and contractual agreements for a pro-rated payment in the amount indicated below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School/Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Joel I. Plummer	Social Studies Teacher	PHS	\$2,844.00

**O. FY 2011 NCLB ARRA Title I Funding**

**Strategic Plan Link:**

**Goal 3: Business Operations**

**To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of district and school 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 FY 2011 NCLB ARRA Title I funding source for certificated personnel listed below, for the 2010-2011 school year:

	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Funding Code</u></b>
1.	Erin Blaine	\$50,236.00	20-460-100000-101A-52-0000
2.	Leon Thomas	\$72,415.00	20-460-100000-101A-52-0000

**P. Mentoring Fees**

**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, the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education agrees to reimburse PASA employees the full amount of all state required mentoring fees paid by the individual upon the attainment of tenure in the Plainfield School district. Antoinette Adams, Special Education Department, should be reimbursed \$3,100.00, the required mentoring fees for the state program "Leaders to Leaders". (Article XII, C.8 Professional Growth)

**Q. Reassignment**

**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**

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the following temporary reassignment of John Martucci, Principal from Cook School to the Administration Building effective April 12, 2011.

**(A roll-call and an affirmative vote of 5 board members are required for passage.)**



## XII. REPORT OF THE CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Peterson moved C & I as a Consent Agenda, seconded by Ms. Barksdale. The motion carried, on a roll-call vote, with eight members in favor. None were opposed.

### A. Trips

#### 1. AMC Loews Cinema - Evergreen 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

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.

One hundred thirty-nine (139) students in grades 4-5 and thirteen (13) chaperones from Evergreen Elementary School will attend a field trip to AMC Loews Cinema in Mountainside, New Jersey to see Walt Disney's African Cats on Thursday, May 5, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The story exposes students to the science and geography theme of Africa. It will increase students' knowledge of the African Savanna and the animals that live there; as well as help them develop and understand how living things are connected, and why these connections are important. Students will be able to enrich their appreciation for the animals and ecosystems of the African Savanna.

The purpose of the program is to provide additional academic, behavioral, and character development enriching opportunities for students in grades 4 and 5 that complement their regular school day and help them meet State Curriculum Standards in core subjects.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves one hundred thirty-nine (139) students in grades 4 and 5 and thirteen (13) chaperones to attend a viewing of Walt Disney's African Cats at AMC Loews Cinema in Mountainside, New Jersey on Thursday, May 5, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost for admission is \$5.00 for each student and chaperone. Parents will pay for student's admission. Evergreen Elementary School will cover the cost of the thirteen (13) chaperones at \$5.00 with a subtotal of \$65.00 as well as any student with financial difficulties. Transportation will be provided by the district.

## **2. Ellis Island / Statue of Liberty – Hubbard Middle School**

### **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.

Forty (40) students in grades 7 and 8 and four (4) chaperones from Hubbard Middle School will visit Ellis Island/Statue of Liberty on May 19, 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 8:30 a.m. and return at 2:00 p.m. Students will board a ferry from Jersey City, New Jersey that will transport them to and from Ellis Island. The cost of admissions is \$5.00 per person for a total not to exceed \$220.00.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves forty (40) students in grades 7 and 8 and four (4) chaperones from Hubbard Middle School to attend Ellis Island/Statue of Liberty, the ferry will be departing from Jersey City's port on May 19, 2011. District transportation will be provided to and from the port. The cost of admissions is \$5.00 per person for a total not to exceed \$220.00. Availability of funds for this item has been verified will be charged to account 15-190-100000-800A-23-0000.

### **3. Medieval Times – Hubbard Middle School**

#### **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.

Forty (40) students in grades 7 and 8 and six (6) chaperones from Hubbard Middle School will attend Medieval Times on May 12, 2011. Students will be given an opportunity to “step back in time”; 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. Departure is scheduled for 8:45 a.m. and return at 1:00 p.m.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves forty (40) students in grades 7 and 8 and six (6) chaperones from Hubbard Middle School to attend Medieval Times in Lyndhurst, NJ on May 12, 2011. The cost for this trip will be paid by fundraisers, parents and chaperones. District transportation will be provided.

#### **4. Historic Philadelphia – Hubbard Middle School**

##### **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.

One hundred (100) students in grade 8 and ten (10) chaperones from Hubbard Middle School will visit Historic Philadelphia including the Liberty Bell Center, Independence Hall and The African American Museum in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on June 7, 2011. Students will be given an opportunity to view primary source documents and explore historical buildings in the nation's first capital. Departure is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. and return at 3:30 p.m.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves one hundred (100) students in grade 8 and ten (10) chaperones from Hubbard Middle School to visit Historic Philadelphia including the Liberty Bell Center, Independence Hall and The African American Museum in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on June 7, 2011. The cost of the trip will be paid by fundraisers, parents and chaperones. The cost for transportation is \$2,040.00 and will be paid from account 15-000-270000-512A-23-0000. The availability of funds for this item has been verified.

## **5. Somerset Patriots Stadium - 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 Content Curriculum Standards for optimal academic achievement and life-long success.

Sixty-four (64) students in grades 1-6 who participate in the Family Friendly Extended Day Program at Jefferson Elementary School and eight (8) chaperons will visit the Somerset Patriot Stadium in Bridgewater, New Jersey. Upon arrival students will receive cross-curricular supplemental materials as well as a Somerset Patriot Score Card to fill out during the observation of the baseball game. With these tools students will be able to develop an understanding of how other discipline areas are essential in sports and everyday life.

Departure is scheduled from Jefferson Elementary School at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 25, 2011. Students will return to school no later than 2:20 p.m. Transportation will be provided by the district and admission will be paid from the Jefferson Student Fund Account. The cost for lunch and admission is \$10.00 per person and will not exceed \$720.00.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves sixty-four (64) students in grades 1-6 that participate in the Family Friendly Center Extended Day Program at Jefferson School and eight (8) chaperones to travel to The Somerset Patriot Stadium in Bridgewater, New Jersey on Wednesday, May 25, 2011. Transportation will be provided by the district. The cost is \$10.00 per person (admission and lunch) and not to exceed \$720.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-448-218000-516A-18-0000.

## **6. Chubb Insurance Group's Project Exposure – Plainfield High 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 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.

Thirty (30) students in grades 9 through 12 and three (3) chaperones from Plainfield High School will attend Chubb Insurance Group's "Project Exposure" on April 20, 2011. "Project Exposure" is intended to give high school students an overview of the property and casualty industry in general and Chubb specifically. Representatives from the company's human resources, finance, claims, and underwriting, as well the diversity offices will address the students. Students will be given a tour of their worldwide headquarters, in Warren, New Jersey. Prior to the trip, students are required to visit the company's website and familiarize themselves with the business, so that the educational sessions can be more interactive and fun. Ultimately, the goal is to demonstrate that one can have an exciting and fulfilling career within the insurance industry regardless of their specific academic interests.

Departure is scheduled from Plainfield High School parking lot on Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. and returning at 1:00 p.m. Transportation for students and chaperones will be provided by the District.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves thirty (30) students in grades 9 through 12 and three (3) chaperones from Plainfield High School to attend the Chubb Insurance Group's "Project Exposure" on April 20, 2011. Transportation will be provided by the district.

## **7. The New York Liberty Camp Day Event – 21<sup>st</sup> CCCLC/SBYS**

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

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

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

To actively engage families and communities in 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**

Plainfield Public Schools 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 achieve high academic standards and life-long success.

The 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Program helps 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 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.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers in partnership with School Based Youth Services (SBYS) will implement the 2011 Summer Enrichment Camp for approximately 120 students from July 5, 2011 to August 12, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A component of the 2011 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC/SBYS Summer Enrichment Camp is to build upon student learning by providing field trips which expose students to various recreational, cultural, and enrichment opportunities outside the classroom. The Women's National Basketball Association's (WNBA) New York Liberty team has temporarily relocated to the Prudential Center for this season; and is offering a Camp Day Event on Wednesday, July 13, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. One hundred twenty (120) students in the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC/SBYS Summer Enrichment Camp and fifteen (15) chaperones will attend this event at a cost of \$10.00 per ticket for a total not to exceed \$1,350.00. Transportation will be provided by Villani Bus Company at a cost not to exceed \$1,575.00.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves for approximately one hundred twenty (120) students and (15) chaperones to participate in the 2011 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC/SBYS Summer Enrichment Camp field trip to the NY Liberty Camp Day at the Prudential Center in Newark, NJ at a cost of \$10.00 per person for a total not to exceed \$1,350.00. Transportation will be provided by Villani Bus Company at a cost not to exceed \$1,575.00 for 3 buses. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to accounts 20-453-100000-800A-38-0000 and 20-453-200000-500A-38-0000.

**8. 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, “Strengthen Those Who Touch the Lives of Children,”**

**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 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.

Fifteen (15) students from the School Based Youth Services Teen Parent Program and two (2) staff members will participate in the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, “Strengthen Those Who Touch the Lives of Children,” a conference at The Ocean Place Spa & Resort in Long Branch New Jersey on May 9, 2011. The conference is designed to bring teen moms together, help them network, and find support and resources that go beyond the greater Plainfield community. Workshops will focus on the unique challenges of young moms raising children, and will provide a variety of topics for the students to choose and attend. There is no cost to the conference for our students. The cost of transportation will be provided by Prevent Child Abuse as they have sent a letter notifying us that we are a recipient of a stipend for transportation. The students would leave from the high school parking lot at 7:45 a.m. and return back at approximately 3:00 p.m.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves fifteen (15) students and two (2) staff members from the School Based Youth Services Teen Parenting Program to participate in the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, “Strengthen Those Who Touch the Lives of Children,” a conference for teen mothers on May 9, 2011. The Conference will be held at The Ocean Place Spa & Resort in Long Branch New Jersey and is sponsored by Prevent Child Abuse. There is no cost to the district.



## **9. Great Swamp Outdoor Educational Center - Cook K-8 Center**

### **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, the adoption of the following:

### **RESOLUTION**

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

Thirty-seven (37) students in grade 5 along with two (2) teachers and two (2) one-to-one assistants from Frederic W. Cook K-8 Center will visit the Great Swamp Outdoor Educational Center in Chatham, NJ on Tuesday, June 14, 2011. The goals of the Blazing the Way Educational Program is to teach and engage students' interest in America's Colonial Era.

The objectives of this program are as follows:

- To understand how North American colonial societies survived
- To develop an understanding of the relationship between the pioneers and Native Americans
- To understand what life was like during Colonial times

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves thirty-seven (37) students in grade 5 along with two teachers and two one-to-one assistants from Cook K-8 Center to visit the Great Swamp Outdoor Educational Center in Chatham, NJ, on Tuesday, June 14, 2011. Departure is at 8:30 a.m. and returning at 1:00 p.m. The admission cost of \$250.00. Availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-204-100101-500A-15-0000. Transportation will be provided by the district.

## **10. Boston, Massachusetts - Plainfield Academy for the Arts & Advanced Studies**

### **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 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 Standard for optimal academic achievement and life-long success.

Forty (40) ninth grade students and five (5) chaperones from PAAAS will visit Boston, Massachusetts from June 10-12, 2011. Boston, Massachusetts is a vibrant, thriving city renowned for its cultural facilities, world-class educational institutions, champion sports franchises, as well as its place at the very forefront of American history. Tourism is one of New England's largest industries.

Students will partake in the Freedom Trail tour which will expose them to a 2.5 mile red-brick walking trail that will lead them to 16 nationally significant historic sites, each one an authentic American treasure. The Freedom Trail is a unique collection of museums, churches, meeting houses, burying grounds, parks, a ship, and historic markers that tell the story of the American Revolution and beyond. Students will also visit Boston's Science Museum, Boston University and Boston College in preparation for their own college careers. This field trip will expand the students' learning beyond the walls of the classroom into the vast outside community.

Departure is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on June 10, 2011 with a return time of 6:00 p.m. on June 12, 2011. There is no cost to the district for admission or lodging. PAAAS will contribute \$1,125.00 towards the cost of transportation. Admission and lodging cost will be paid by students, fundraisers and donations.

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves forty (40) ninth graders and five (5) chaperones to attend on June 10-12, 2011. PAAAS will contribute \$1,125.00 towards the cost of transportation to be charged to account 52POFLDTRP. Transportation will be provided by Colpitts World Travel, Boston, MA. There is no cost to the district for admission or lodging. Availability of funds has been verified and will be charged to 52POFLDTRP and PAAAS's student activity account.

## **11. The Lion King – Washington Community School**

### **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 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.

Seventy-nine (79) students (67 students from Kindergarten thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 12 Young Entrepreneurs Club members) and eleven (11) chaperones (5 teachers and 6 parents) from Washington Community School will visit the Minskoff Theatre to see a live performance of “The Lion King,” on June 15, 2011. This professional performance will expose students to experience a play based on building self-esteem and individual personality. Upon their return, to Washington Community School students will draw and write a response, as well as compare a live performance with literary folktales read aloud by the teachers.

The cost of admission per person is \$95.00; parents are required to pay \$50.00 per child (which may be supplemented by fundraisers) and the balance of \$45.00 per person will be funded by Washington Community School. Transportation will be financed by community donations and parents. Departure is schedule from Washington Community School at 11:00 a.m. and returning at 6:00 p.m.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves seventy-nine (67 students from Kindergarten thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 12 Young Entrepreneurs Club members) and eleven (11) chaperones (5 teachers and 6 parents) from Washington Community School to attend “The Lion King” on Broadway at the Minskoff Theatre in New York City, on Wednesday, June 15, 2011. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-190-100000-800A-21-0000.

## **12. Dorney Park – Plainfield High 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 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.

Students in the Class of 2011 and 2012 will participate in educational activities that will enhance them academically as well as socially and emotionally. The Coordinator of Educational Activities at Dorney Park, Pennsylvania has invited one hundred (100) students in grade 11 and 12, and seven (7) chaperones to participate in a day filled of activities. 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 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 high school.

One hundred (100) students in grades 11 and 12 and seven (7) chaperones will participate in activities at Dorney Park in Allentown, Pennsylvania on Saturday, June 18, 2011. Departure is scheduled from Plainfield High School parking lot on Saturday, June 18, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. The return is scheduled for Saturday, June 18, 2011 at 10:00 p.m. The cost for the entrance fee and transportation is \$50.00 per student. There is no cost for chaperones.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approve for one hundred (100) students in grades 11 and 12 and seven (7) chaperones to participate in activities at Dorney Park in Allentown, Pennsylvania on Saturday, June 18, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00 which will be paid by the students in attendance. There is no cost to the district.

### **13 Carnival Cruise - Plainfield High School Chorus**

#### **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 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 Plainfield High School Chorus has been going on field trips since 1995. The Cruise Coordinator of Educational Activities has invited the Plainfield High School Chorus to perform and attend their St. Johns, Canada Carnival Cruise from Sunday, June 5, 2011 to Thursday, June 9, 2011. Eighteen (18) students, grades 11-12 and three (3) chaperones from Plainfield High School will attend this special event. The Plainfield High School Chorus has worked diligently in their fundraising activities to offset cost for this year's trip. This field trip will expand the students' learning beyond the walls of the classroom into the vast outside community.

Eighteen (18) students, grades 11-12 and three (3) chaperones will attend the Plainfield High School Chorus Field Trip from Sunday, June 5, 2011 to Thursday, June 9, 2011. Departure is scheduled from Plainfield High School parking lot on Sunday, June 5, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. The return is scheduled for Thursday, June 9, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. The St. Johns, Canada Carnival Cruise departs from New York, New York. The cost for lodging and food per student is \$650.00. There is no cost for chaperones. Round trip transportation to the New York Harbor will be provided by the district at a cost of \$598.00 and charged to Plainfield High School General Funds account.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approve for eighteen (18) students, grades 11-12, and three (3) chaperones to perform and attend the St. Johns, Canada Carnival Cruise from Sunday, June 5, 2011 to Thursday, June 9, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$12,398.00. All expenses including admissions, food and transportation will be paid by attending students, fundraisers and donations. The availability of funds has been verified and will be charged to Plainfield High School General Funds account.

#### **14. Hershey Park – Plainfield High 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 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 Coordinator of Educational Activities has invited thirty (30) 10<sup>th</sup> grade students from Plainfield High School in grade 10 and three (3) chaperones to participate in activities at Hershey Park, Hershey Pennsylvania. Students will participate in educational activities that will enhance them academically as well as socially and emotionally. This field trip will expand the students' learning beyond the walls of the classroom into the vast community outside

Thirty (30) Plainfield High School students, in grade 10 and three (3) chaperones will participate in activities at Hershey Park in Hershey, Pennsylvania on Saturday, June 4, 2011. Departure is scheduled from Plainfield High School parking lot on Saturday, June 4, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. The return is scheduled for Saturday, June 4, 2011 at 10:00 p.m. The cost for the entrance fee, food and transportation is \$65.00 per student. There is no cost for chaperones. The cost for admissions, food and transportation will be paid by attending students

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves for thirty (30) 10<sup>th</sup> grade students and three (3) chaperones to participate in activities at Hershey Park in Hershey, Pennsylvania on Saturday, June 4, 2011 not to exceed \$1,950.00. All expenses including admissions, food and transportation will be paid by attending students. The availability of funds has been verified and will be charged to Plainfield High School General Funds account. There is no direct cost to the district.

## **15. 2011 Project Graduation**

### **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 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 Class of 2011 at Plainfield High School has been involved in Project Graduation since 1993. Activities that are organized for the Project Graduation Program take place when the Graduation Ceremony is finished. The Project Graduation Committee orchestrates an evening of activities that will provide our graduates with a safe, alcohol and substance free night. The Parent Teacher Student Organization has invited three hundred thirty (330) students and twenty two (22) chaperones to participate in Project Graduation at The Funplex Lanes, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey.

Three hundred thirty (330) high school graduates will attend the Project Graduation Program on June 23, 2011. Departure is scheduled from Plainfield High School parking lot on Thursday, June 23, 2011 at 9:30 p.m. The return is scheduled for Friday, June 24, 2011 at 5:00 a.m. The 2011 Project Graduation Program will be funded through fundraisers, PTSO, sponsors and community donations.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approve for three hundred thirty (330) graduates and twenty- two (22) chaperones to attend the 2011 Project Graduation Program on June 23-24, 2011 in Mt. Laurel, New Jersey. At no cost to the district.

**B. Professional Development**

**1. New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants**

**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 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.

**WHEREAS**, the specific focus of the workshop is to discuss topics that include case studies on independence and continuing professional education, and record retention, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Cynthia Lam to attend the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants workshop to be held in Mt. Olive, New Jersey on May 4, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$100.00. Availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 11-000-251000-592T-04-00000.



## **2. 2011 Spring Conference: Creating Global Learning Communities for ELLs**

### **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. The population of English language learners in the Plainfield Early Childhood Programs Services classrooms has increased from 55% in 2007 to 65% in 2010. ELLs are in every classroom of our preschool centers. There is a need for continual improvement of efforts and seeking of new research regarding dual language education.

The New Jersey Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages/New Jersey Bilingual Educators (NJTESOL/NJBE) is presenting a conference on May 24-25, 2011 entitled "Creating Global Learning Communities for ELLs". The conference will provide updated information regarding the latest research, issues and trends related to dual language education. The cost of registration is \$264.00

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Fantasy Ko, Early Childhood Master Teacher to attend the 2011 NJTESOL/NJBE CONFERENCE "Creating Global Learning Communities for ELLs", May 25-25, 2011. The cost of registration, \$264.00 to be paid to NJTESOL/NJBE Inc., and mileage reimbursement of 0.31 per mile to be reimbursed to Fantasy Ko upon presentation of proper documentation. Availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to accounts 20-218-200000-329A-34-0000 and 20-218-200000-580A-34-0000.

### **3. New Jersey Association of School Business Officials**

#### **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 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.

**WHEREAS**, the specific focus of the workshop is on Audit and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report preparation, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Yolanda Henry, Assistant Business Administrator and Cynthia Lam, Accounting Coordinator to attend the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials workshop to be held in Mt. Laurel, New Jersey on June 23, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$150.00. Availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 11-000-251000-592T-04-00000. .

#### **4. New Jersey Early Childhood Summit**

##### **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.

The Prevent Child Abuse New Jersey and Community Coordinated Child Care of Union County will be hosting New Jersey Early Childhood Summit on Saturday, May 21, 2011 at Liberty Hall Corporate Center, 1085 Morris Avenue Union, NJ. The summit will offer workshops by experts in the field of child abuse; workshops will cover topics such as anti – bullying strategies, bullying coping skills and enhancing child development through play.

Brooke Vuono, Head Teacher for the Infant /Toddler Center, and the child care workers Betty Howell, Jodi Byers, and Guadalupe Hunter-Mercado, will attend the New Jersey Early Childhood Summit held on Saturday, May 21, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost for registration is \$15.00 per person at a cost not to exceed \$60.00.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Brooke Vuono, Head teacher for the Infant /Toddler Center, and Child Care Workers Betty Howell, Jodi Byers, Guadalupe Hunter-Mercado, to attend the New Jersey Early Childhood Summit sponsored by the Prevent Child Abuse Organization and Community coordinated Child Care of Union County. Registration for the workshop is \$15.00 per person at a cost not to exceed \$60.00. Availability of funds has been verified and will be charged to School Based Youth Service Grant account 20-441-218000-320A-38-0000.

## **5. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Summer Enrichment 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, 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 YMCA Camp Bernie has a long history of working with staff and students in offering high quality professional development. The quality team-based course is designed to meet specific group goals which include progressive problem-solving, communication, trust building, diversity awareness, conflict resolution and cooperative-based activities. The seminar and adventure-based model targets extensive group processing and is facilitated by licensed staff members.

The 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Project Coordinator, five (5) Summer Teachers, three (3) Summer Teacher Assistants, two (2) School Based Youth Services personnel, two (2) volunteers, and ten (10) College Interns will attend the YMCA Camp Bernie Team Building Seminar in Port Murray, New Jersey on June 28, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the above-referenced 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Summer Enrichment Program staff to participate in the YMCA Camp Bernie Team Building Seminar. The cost is not to exceed \$700.00 and to be charged to account 20-453-200000-500A-38-0000. Transportation will be provided by Plainfield district buses.

## **6. Learning to Use Proloquo2Go: An App for the iPad” Workshop**

### **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.

Dede Safer, special education teacher and Laurie Thurston, speech specialist will attend the “Learning to Use Proloquo2Go: An App for the iPad” workshop on May 13, 2011 in Shrewsbury, New Jersey. Participants in this workshop will be able to gain competency in programming and backing up the P2G, determine if the P2G is appropriate for their child or student and be able to customize the device for the student. The cost of the workshop is \$50 per person.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Dede Safer, Special Education Teacher and Laurie Thurston, Speech Specialist to attend the “Learning to Use Proloquo2Go: An App for the iPad” workshop on May 13, 2011 in Shrewsbury, New Jersey at cost of \$50.00 per person for a total cost not to exceed \$100.00. The availability of funds for these items has been verified and will be charged to account: 20-251-100000-320A-32-0000.

## **7. Teaching of Reading & Writing Summer Institute & Professional Development**

### **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.

Columbia University's Teachers College is offering their yearly Teaching Reading and Writing Summer Institutes and Professional Development. The Teaching Reading and Writing Summer Institute will provide professional development in study methods and plan curricula, revitalize thinking, and most importantly, encouraging student to lead rich, literature lives. Renowned experts in literacy education and acclaimed children's book authors will facilitate this legendary endeavor.

Teachers College Teaching Reading and Writing Summer Institute is offering four institutes during the months of June through August. The cost for registration which includes materials is \$675.00 per institute. Acceptance into the TR&W Summer Institute is processed through an on-line application that must be completed by all who wish to attend and must be approved by the Teachers College. In keeping with the district's writing initiative eight (8) district administrators and twenty-seven (27) teachers have applied to attend Columbia University's Teachers College Teaching Writing Summer Institutes and Professional Development (three teachers per administrator).

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves for up to eight(8) district administrators and twenty-seven (27) teachers to attend the Columbia University's Teachers College Teaching Writing Summer Institutes and Professional Development upon receiving letters of acceptance into the program; at a cost not to exceed \$23,625.00 (\$675.00 per institute/attendee). Availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-272-200000-320A-26-0000.

<b>Educational Services</b>	<b>Position</b>
Caryn D. Cooper	Acting Assistant Superintendent
Donna Mullaney	Interventionist
Pamela Garcia	District Resource Teacher
Delores BrownJohnson	Principal – Clinton K-8 Center
Kathryn Horne	Clinton 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher
Oladele Ighodaro	Clinton 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher
Mona Rae Stokes	Clinton 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher
Wilson Aponte	Principal – Evergreen Elementary
Joi Bethea	Vice Principal – Evergreen Elementary
Gina Iacocca	Evergreen 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher
Alicia N. Smith	Evergreen 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher
Ana Ramos-Saenz	Evergreen 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher
Scott Burkholder	Principal – Jefferson Elementary
Melissa Logan	Jefferson 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Bilingual Teacher
Andrea Green	Jefferson ESL Bilingual Support Teacher
Constance Brown – Anderson	Literacy/Read180 Teacher
Rosa Salinas	Vice Principal – Washington Community School
Marlene West	Washington Community School – K-2 BD Teacher
Kamuella Tillman	Washington Community School – 6 <sup>th</sup> Teacher
Natasha Cox	Washington Community School – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher
Mark Williams	Principal – Stillman Elementary
Garrie Daniels	Stillman 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher
Whitney Jenkins	Stillman K Teacher
Aurora J. Hill	Acting Principal – Barlow Elementary
Fatima Embden	Barlow 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher
Tina Geslak	Barlow 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher
Shondell Anderson	Barlow 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher
Angela Bento	Interim Principal - PAAAS
Joan Cansdale	PAAAS 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher
Sandra Schultz	PAAAS 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher
Shirley Johnson-Tucker	Principal – Woodland Elementary
Loretta Taylor	Woodland – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher
Jacqueline Cox	Woodland 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher
Virginia Christmas	Woodland 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher
Ruth Wright	Cook – Resource Teacher Grades 2, 5-8

## **8. Model School Conference, Nashville, TN**

### **Strategic Plan Link:**

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

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 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. As approved and stated in the FY11 Perkins Grant, staff that represent the Career Technical Education (CTE) Team, Vice Principal Dion Roach has direct involvement with the approved programs offered in the Plainfield School District as reflected in the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) approved programs offered in the Plainfield School District as reflected in the NJDOE approved five (5) year CTE Plan and previously budgeted Perkins Grant.

Dion Roach, Plainfield High School Vice Principal will attend the *Model School Conference* in Nashville, TN on June 26-30, 2011. Attendance at this conference will help provide practical lessons and professional development for leaders. Also, it will improve teaching and learning. By exposure to the workshops led by nationally recognized researchers/presenters, attendees will be able to turnkey the information obtained to support the teaching staff.

The *Model School Conference* features model high schools, middle schools, elementary schools, and CTE programs that are highly successful at providing every student with a rigorous and relevant education. Twenty-five of the nation's highest performing and most rapidly improving schools that are using their resources most efficiently and effectively will be involved, some examples are: Brockton High School, Brockton, Massachusetts, White Pine Middle School, Ely Nevada, Midtown West School, NY, NY just to name a few. Focused strands dedicated to leadership, student engagement, creativity and innovation, whole school reform, effective interventions, and improving the performance of students with disabilities will be involved. Instructional practices and leadership approaches presented by schools that have achieved dramatic improvement in student performance will be involved. Also cutting edge research on best practices and the skills and knowledge needed for success in the 21st century.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Dion Roach Plainfield High School Vice Principal to attend the *Model School Conference* in Nashville, TN on June 26-30, 2011. The cost is not to exceed \$2,237.00 and will be charged to the Perkins Grant accounts 20-362-200000-580A-52-0000 and 20-362-200000-500A-52-0000.

#### **Expense Breakdown:**

Air Fare \$450.00

Hotel \$900.00

Registration \$655.00

Food Allowance \$282.00

Ground Transportation \$50.00



## **9. International Reading Association's 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention**

### **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 International Reading Association's 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention intensive sessions will boost knowledge; expand abilities and implementations of reading techniques. Attendance to this convention will allow attendees to not only gain information but strategies on the implementation of Common Core Standards in literacy. Such knowledge is essential for proper planning over the 2011-2012 school year for state mandated implementation of common core standards in literacy which is to commence in September 2012.

Acting Assistant Superintendent, Caryn D. Cooper will attend the International Reading Association's 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention on May 9-11, 2011 in Orlando, Florida. The cost for registration is \$450.00. There is no cost to the district for travel or lodging.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Caryn D. Cooper, Acting Assistant Superintendent to attend the International Reading Association's 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention on May 9-11, 2011 in Orlando Florida. The cost of registration is not to exceed \$450.00. There is no cost to the district for travel or lodging. Availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to 11-000-221000-500T-26-0000.

**C. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Summer Enrichment Camp**

**Strategic Plan Link:**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes**

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

**Goal 5: Community and Family Engagement**

To actively engage families and communities in 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.

The 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC program helps 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 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 requests approval to implement a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC), in partnership with School Based Youth Services (SBYS), Summer Enrichment Program beginning July 5, 2011 through August 12, 2011. The proposed 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Summer Enrichment Program will engage students in age-appropriate summer learning experiences that integrate academic and character development with relevant enrichment activities. These activities are designed to address the physical, intellectual, and emotional needs of the students enrolled in the program.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers, in partnership with School Based Youth Services (SBYS) Summer Enrichment Camp from July 5, 2011 through August 12, 2011. The Summer Enrichment Camp will serve approximately one hundred twenty (120) Plainfield Public Schools students in grades 4-12. Availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to the New Jersey Department of Education 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers grant.

**D. Provision of Special Education Services**

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves those eleven (11) Plainfield pupils whose names have been certified by the Interim 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>
E. D-S	Cerebral Palsy Assoc./Lakeview Sch.	PD	\$35,682.92
C. W.	Greenbrook Academy	MD	\$41,822.20
A. M.	MRESC/Raritan Valley Academy	SLD	\$22,672.00
M. L-B.	MRESC/You & Me	SLD	\$24,875.33
R. B.	Mtn. Lakes BOE/Lake Drive Sch.	AI	\$34,890.00
H. H.	Piscataway Township High School	LLD	\$6,493.00
E. D-J.	Piscataway Township High School		\$11,865.12
M. Q.	Somerset Hills School, Inc.	ED	\$67,609.10
R. M-S.	UMDNJ- Behavioral Healthcare	ED	\$60,480.00
A. C.	Westbridge Academy	PD	\$23,389.16
I. J.	Woodland Park Public School	OHI	\$10,465.61
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$340,244.44</b>

**E. Preparation for Learning, Achieving, & Soaring High (SPLASH): Summer Academic Enrichment Program**

**Strategic Plan Link**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:**

To improve the learning and academic performances 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 full potential in life. In so doing 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 Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act require PPS to use funds provided under Part B of the IDEA for coordinated early intervening services (CEIS) for students who are currently not identified as needing special education. CEIS are services provided to students in Kindergarten through grade 12 ( with a particular emphasis on students in Kindergarten through grade three) who are not currently identified as needing special education or related services, but who need additional academic and behavioral supports to succeed in a general education environment.

Through an Intervention and Referral Survey, District and State assessments, elementary school at risk students have been identified and will be offered the **Summer Preparation for Learning Achieving and Soaring High (**SPLASH**) program. **SPLASH**, a summer enrichment program for first through third grade general education students will be housed at Washington Community School. It will be in operation from July 5, 2011 through July 29, 2011 from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm, Monday through Thursday. Breakfast, lunch, and transportation will be provided. Enrichment in literacy, mathematics, science and character education will be offered. Trips are also included in the program.**

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the district to operate **Summer Preparation for Learning Achieving and Soaring (**SPLASH**), an academic summer enrichment program for up to one hundred (100) general education students who have been identified as at-risk in first through third grade. The operation of the **SPLASH** program will not exceed \$35,910.00. Availability of funds has been verified and will to be charged to account 20 -251-1000000-110S-32-0000.**

Six (6) Special Education Teachers	\$18,900.00
Ten (10) Teaching Assistants	\$12,600.00
Training (6) Teachers	\$1,260.00
One (1) School Nurse	\$3,150.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$35,910.00</b>

**F. Extended School Year Services**

**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 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 Individuals with Disabilities Act ensures the provision of Special Education and or Related Services.

In order to comply with Individual Educational Plans, Extended School Year services are provided for students with disabilities. An Extended School Year (ESY) program provides for special education services beyond the school year in accordance with the student's IEP. ESY is considered when an interruption in educational programming causes the student's performance to revert to a lower level of functioning and recoupment cannot be expected in a reasonable length of time. ESY is typically considered for those students with significant disabilities.

An in-district ESY program allows the student to continue his/her educational program while remaining in the district at a lower cost to the school district.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the district to provide Extended School Year services for 88 special education students from July 5, 2011 to July 29, 2011. The operation of the Extended School Year program will not exceed \$32,760.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-252-100000-101S-32-0000.

Six (6) Special Education Teachers	\$18,900.00
Ten (10) Teaching Assistants	\$12,600.00
Training: (6) teachers	\$ 1,260.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$32,760.00</b>

**G. ELL Summer Academy 2011**

**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, 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 Office of Bilingual Education will be providing a summer enrichment program for English Language Learners in grades K-12 for 15 days in July 2011, Monday-Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Head Teachers will work from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The Summer ELL Program will offer students additional support in ESL and Bilingual Education services.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the Summer ELL Academy at a rate of \$34.00 per hour. Title III funding sources have been verified.

**H. Approval for 2011 ELL After-School Academy**

**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, 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 Office of Bilingual Education/ESL and World Languages of The Plainfield Public School District will provide additional language acquisition services to students who are English Language Learners (ELL) at specifically identified schools. The ESL instruction will take place during the months of May and June 2011. Services will be provided at Cook K-8 Center, Stillman Elementary, Evergreen Elementary, Washington Community School and Woodland Elementary Schools.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the Office of Bilingual Education/ESL and World Languages to operate the 2011 ELL After School Academy at: Cook K-8 Center, Stillman Elementary, Evergreen Elementary, Washington Community School and Woodland Elementary Schools as directed by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights.

**XIII. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Edwards moved Finance as a Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Cathcart. The motion carried with seven members in favor of all, with Mrs. Campbell; Mrs. Gilbert; Mrs. Hernandez and Ms. Peterson abstaining on the check register that portion of the Finance Agenda failed.

The Finance Agenda was reconsidered with Mrs. Edward moving the Finance Agenda and seconded by Mrs. Hernandez. The motion carried with five members in favor of all, but Mrs. Gilbert in favor of all, but abstained on the check register and Mrs. Campbell abstained on the entire agenda.

The Finance Agenda was again reconsidered with Mrs. Edwards moving the Finance Agenda and seconded by Mrs. Hernandez. The motion carried with seven members in favor of all, but Mrs. Gilbert in favor of all, but abstained on the check register. None were opposed.

**A. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer – February 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 Treasurer of School Monies is required by statute to submit a report to the Board of Education on the cash balance in the various Board of Education Bank accounts.

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

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

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

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education directs the Interim 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) Current Expense	9,077,986.24	5,598,422.47	6,787,345.43
(12) Capital Outlay		406,375.70	-
(13) Special Schools		-	-
(15) Reform Schools	3,760,341.89	1,435,491.90	-
Capital Reserve			
(20) Special Revenue Fund	403,867.87	4,925,863.16	2,823,779.85
(40) Debt Service Fund	193,991.92	-	166,902.92
(60) Enterprise Fund	590,916.27	288,800.73	938,204.68
<b>TOTAL</b>	14,027,104.19	12,654,953.96	10,716,232.88

**B. Payment of Bills — March 11 – April 14, 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 182846 – 183317 in the amount of	\$8,037,097.58
On the Agency Account 163 – 164 182 – 188 5574 – 5636 in the amount of	\$3,066,969.93
On the Food Service Account 100102 – 100104 in the amount of	\$532,336.76
<b>IN THE GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT OF</b>	<b>\$11,636,404.27</b>

**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 2010 budget adjustments which reflect the appropriations sufficient to meet expenditures:

<b>BUDGET TRANSFERS - FUND 11, FUND 12 AND FUND 13</b>			
<b>March 1, 2011 to March 31, 2011</b>			
<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>
11-1XX-100-XXX	Regular Programs - Instruction		
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		8,972.00
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	672.00	
11-000-221,223	Improvement of Instruction Services and Instructional Staff Training Services	56,000.00	
11-000-230-XXX	Support Services - General Administration		67,000.00
11-000-240-XXX	Support Services - School Administration	2,000.00	
11-000-25X-XXX	Central Svcs & Admin Info Technology		52,900.00
10-606	Increase in Maintenance Reserve		
11-000-26X-XXX	Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	108,000.00	
11-000-270-XXX	Student Transportation Services		
10-605	Increase in Sale/Lease-Back Reserve		
11-000-290-XXX	Other Support Services		35,000.00
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		5,100.00
12-XXX-4XX-XXX	Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	2,300.00	
	<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>	168,972.00	168,972.00

<b>BUDGET TRANSFERS - FUND 15</b>			
<b>March 1, 2011 to March 31, 2011</b>			
<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>
15-1XX-100-XXX	Regular Programs - Instruction		15,817.36
15-2XX-100-XXX 15-000-216,217	Special Education, Basic Skills/Remedial and Bilingual - Instruction and Other Student Related and Extraordinary Support Services		30,449.00
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		400.00
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	43,730.00	
15-000-221,223	Improvement of Instruction Services and Instructional Staff Training Services	7,925.00	
15-000-230-XXX	Support Services - General Administration		
15-000-240-XXX	Support Services - School Administration	23,936.36	
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		32,000.00
15-000-270-XXX	Student Transportation Services		1,925.00
15-605	Increase in Sale/Lease-Back Reserve		
15-000-290-XXX	Other Support Services		
15-XXX-XXX-2XX	Personal Services - Employee Benefits	5,000.00	

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>	80,591.36	80,591.36

**D. 2011 – 2012 Transportation Contract Jointure – South Plainfield BOE**

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 2011 – 2012 jointure contract with South Plainfield Board of Education with the Plainfield Board of Education being the Host District.

<u>Route</u>	<u>Carrier</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Amount Per Diem</u>	<u>Aide Per Diem</u>	<u>Total Per Diem</u>
P58M	PBOE	Jardine Academy	07/06/11-08/16/11	\$65.00	N/A	\$65.00

**E. 2010 – 2011 Transportation Contract Jointure – South Plainfield BOE**

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 2010 – 2011 jointure contract with South Plainfield Board of Education with the Plainfield Board of Education being the Host District.

<u>Route</u>	<u>Carrier</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Amount Per Diem</u>	<u>Aide Per Diem</u>	<u>Total Per Diem</u>
P58M	PBOE	Jardine Academy	12/13/10-6/30/11	\$65.00	N/A	\$65.00

**F. Educational Data Awarded Bids**

**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**

The Plainfield Board of Education currently participates in the Ed Data Cooperative Purchasing Program. As part of this program, the ESC of Morris County has advertised and awarded bids for copy duplicator paper for various periods during the calendar year, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the use of the following vendor awarded bid by the ESC of Morris County.

(1) Copy Paper

Vendor

Contract Paper Group, Inc.

Address

Uniontown, OH

**XIV. REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE**

**A. Adoption of Policy – Second Reading**

**The following is recommended for adoption, moved by Mrs. Gilbert and seconded by Ms. Barksdale:**

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 policy 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>
9401	Cancellation of Board Meetings - Emergencies

**The motion carried, on a roll-call vote, with eight members in favor and none opposed.**

**Ms. Barksdale moved, seconded by Mrs. Campbell and unanimously approved by the Board, to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 p.m.**

Recorded by:

Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary  
GLO/bsc