

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

MINUTES of a **WORK & STUDY** Meeting of the Board of
Education Held on Tuesday, October 1, 2013

A **WORK & STUDY** Meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Plainfield was held this day in the Plainfield High School Conference Room. Notice had been provided to Board members and to the Courier-News, Star Ledger, Public Library, City Clerk, Plainfield Police Department, and posted in all Plainfield Public Schools and on the Plainfield Public Schools' website. Mr. Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. and the following action took place:

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. WELCOME

WELCOME to a Work & Study 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 Monday, September 23, 2013 for advertisement on Saturday, September 28, 2013.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell, President
Mrs. Keisha Edwards, Vice President, left @ 10:00-returned @ 10:09 p.m.
Mrs. Jackie Coley
Mr. Alex O. Edache, left @ 10:00 p.m.
Ms. Mahogany Hendricks
Mrs. Renata A. Hernandez, arr. @ 6:55 p.m.-left @ 8:15 p.m.
Mr. Dorien Hurtt, arr. @ 7:30 p.m.-left @ 10:00 p.m.
Mr. Frederick D. Moore, Sr.

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles, Superintendent
Mr. Gary L. Ottmann
Ms. Margaret Morales (Public only)
Mr. Robert Pickett, Esq., arr. @ 7:45
Mr. Charles Craig, Esq.
Mr. Nixon Kannah, Esq.

Ms. Jameelah Surgeon, absent

The following resolution was moved by Ms. Hendricks seconded by Mrs. Campbell, 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 6:41 p.m.

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of its Work & Study meeting at 8:15 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Mrs. Campbell welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting and there is going to be a presentation of the new teacher/leader evaluation system.

V. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Belin-Pyles indicated that Margaret Morales will be giving the presentation tonight and that the Teach NJ Act is the legislation that established the new education evaluation system.

VI. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

The finance agenda was moved to the business agenda. Ms. Hendricks suggested that we investigate whether our recent lighting projects were eligible for rebates. Additionally, there also may be rebates available for our planned generator purchases; we can obtain information at sustainable New Jersey.com

VII. REMARKS FROM THE POLICY COMMITTEE

The policy agenda as moved to the business agenda.

VIII. REPORT OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

A. Retirement

The Superintendent of Schools recommends and moved by Mrs. Campbell and seconded by Mrs. Edwards adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education accepts the retirement of the following staff member and acknowledges his many years of dedicated service and extends sincere thanks to him 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>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Lawrence Bodine	Social Studies	11	Personal	12/1/13

The motion passed on a roll-call vote with Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Coley, Mr. Edache, Mrs. Edwards, Ms. Hendricks and Mr. Moore in favor. Mr. Hurtt abstained and none were opposed.

AG. Resolution Of The Board Of Education Of The City Of Plainfield On The Bifurcation of School Business Administrator/Board Secretary Position

The Superintendent of Schools recommends and moved by Mrs. Campbell and seconded by Ms. Hendricks adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the District Superintendent of Schools has recommended to the Board of Education that the position of School Business Administrator/Board Secretary be bifurcated into two separate positions of School Business Administrator and Board Secretary for reason of efficiency of school district operations; and

WHEREAS, the current occupant of the position of School Business Administrator/Board Secretary has agreed to resign from his tenured position as Board Secretary and remain in his tenured position of School Board Administrator without any loss of tenure, seniority of compensation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the current position of School Business Administrator/Board Secretary will be bifurcated for efficiency into two separate positions of School Business Administrator and Board Secretary; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves the attached revised and updated job description for the position of School Business Administrator and the Board also approves the attached job description for the position of Board Secretary; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the employee currently serving as School Business Administrator/Board Secretary will continue in his tenured position as the School Business Administrator without any loss of tenure, seniority or compensation in accordance with applicable statutes.

The motion passed on a roll-call vote with Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Coley, Mrs. Edwards, Ms. Hendricks and Mr. Moore in favor. None were opposed.

IX. REPORT OF THE CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Edwards moved Curriculum & Instruction as a Consent Agenda, seconded by Ms. Hendricks. The motion carried, on a roll-call vote, with five members in favor. Mrs. Edwards abstained on Item C7 only and Mrs. Coley abstained on all. None were opposed.

C. Professional Development

(1) Rutgers Institute for Improving Student Achievement – Building Capacity in the Time of Common Core and Teacher Evaluation

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

Goal 2: Human Resources:

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

The following Hubbard and Barlow staff members will attend the Rutgers Institute of Improving Student Achievement’s (RIISA) Middle Grades Network, at Rutgers University, 80 Cottontail Lane, Suite 410, Somerset, NJ – Hubbard – Felicia Gorman, Joseph Clark, Olufunke Onigbogi, Paola Jimenez, and Vanessa Burrowes; Barlow – Janet R. Grooms, Principal, Kimberly Moore-Jones, School Social Worker, Teachers – Mary Holt, Jesus Peraza, Eleanor Wilson and Shondell Anderson.

Attendance at the Rutgers Institute of Improving Student Achievement’s (RIISA) Middle Grades Network with a focus on “Building Capacity in the Time of Common Core and Teacher Evaluation” will help provide PPS staff various strategies to expand their instructional practices and be better able to effectively enhance their level of student engagement. The workshops consist of four (4) professional development days spread throughout the academic year with the following dates: September 24, 2013, October 29, 2013, December 3, 2013, and March 4, 2014.

Participants will gain knowledge and skills in:

- Manage Learning
- are PARCC Assessments about
- teacher effectiveness
- How does Common Core Change the way we
- A deeper look into the Assessments and what
- Instructional Feedback – Aligning measure of
- Leadership Areas of Development

The cost of registration is \$2,950.00 per team of five (5). Total cost for the two (2) teams (Hubbard/Barlow) of five (5) is \$5,900.00.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approve Hubbard and Barlow Schools staff members, above to attend RIISA Middle Grades Network professional offerings for the 2013-2014 academic year. The cost of registration for a team of five (5) is \$2,950.00 - the total cost for two (2) teams of five (5) will not exceed \$5,900.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-190-100018-320A-23-0000 (HMS Professional Ed), and 15-190-100018-610A-11-0000 (Barlow General Supplies).

(2) AENJ “Art is Infinite” – New Brunswick

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

PAAAS teachers, Paola Rached and Laura Hoyos will attend the AENJ “Art is Infinite” conference at the Hyatt in New Brunswick, NJ, October 3-5, 2013. The cost of registration is \$175.00 per person.

“Art is Infinite” is an annual gathering held by the AENJ of almost 5,000 professionals representing professors of higher education, school district administrators, art specialists and teachers of the visual artists. It is a three (3) day conference that features over 100 workshops, trade show, panels and guest speakers including internationally known artists.

The conference will allow exposure to new teaching techniques and knowledge to improve the students learning about art and the other subjects in connection to the arts. The conference provides new and recurring positive aspects of art education. Participation will allow me to keep up to date with standards, art materials and new practices.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves PAAAS teachers, Paola Rached and Laura Hoyos to attend the AENJ Annual Art Educator Conference “Art is Infinite”, October 3-5, 2013. The total cost to attend will not exceed \$350.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-221000-320A-52-0000 (PAAAS Professional Services).

(3) The Latino Family Literacy Project – Newark

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 2: Human Resources

To improve the recruitment, retention and development of district staff

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

RESOLUTION

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

Ms. Tara Cuneo, 1st Grade Bilingual Teacher, Ms. Liliana Bohorquez-Morocho, 3rd Grade Bilingual Teacher and Ms. Belkys Galvez, 3rd Grade Bilingual Teacher of Washington Community School will attend “The Latino Family Literacy Project” on October 11, 2013 at the Marriot Hotel in Newark, New Jersey. This conferencing will cover the following:

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Ms. Tara Cuneo, Ms. Liliana Bohorquez-Morocho, and Ms. Belkys Galvez of Washington Community School to attend “The Latino Family Literacy Project” workshop on October 11, 2013 in Newark, New Jersey at cost of \$250.00 per person – total cost not to exceed \$750.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-221000-320A-21-0000 (Purchased Prof-Education Services).

(4) Cenergistic Conference – Fort Worth, TX

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 3: Business Operations:

To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of business operations

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

RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, the specific focus of the workshop is to have effective communication, critical focus areas of EMS and maximize the savings potential in the District, now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Michael Pate to attend the Cenergistic Conference to be held in Fort Worth, Texas, October 14-16, 2013, at no cost to the District.

(7) Association of School Business Officials International Annual Conference – Boston, MA

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 3: Business Operations:

To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of business operations

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

RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, the specific focus is to lead district's through today's' economic challenges, and to make a difference for students and shape the future of education funding,

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Gary L. Ottmann, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, to attend the 2013 Annual Meeting and Exhibits to be held in Boston, Massachusetts, October 25-28, 2013, at a cost of \$1,945 (\$775.00 for registration, \$725.00 for hotel, \$250.00 for travel, \$225 for meals and incidental expenses). The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 11-000-251000-592T-04-0000 (Misc Purchased Srv Travel).

(9) Eden Outreach Autism Training – Monroe Township

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 1: Human: Resources:

To improve the recruitment, retention and development of District staff

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

RESOLUTION

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

Kimberly Miller, Kindergarten Inclusion teacher, and Robert Chenera, Kindergarten Special Education Inclusion teacher will attend the Eden Outreach Autism training on October 25, 2013 at the Conference Center at the Foundation for Educational Administration in Monroe Township.

Training is offered to educational professionals interested in learning about autism and Applied Behavior Analysis. Workshops encompass a wide range of topics and techniques for designing, implementing, and assessing remedial programs for individuals with autism. Workshops are led by Eden faculty members, who have significant experience with the material presented.

Registration cost is \$100.00 per person.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves Inclusion teachers, Kimberly Miller and Robert Chenera to attend the Eden Outreach Autism training, October 25, 2013 in Monroe Township. Total cost will not exceed \$200.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-251-200000-320E-32-0000 (IDEA CEIS Prof Tech Serv).

(12) MEDS PDN Seminar “Self-Regulation in Children” – Somerset

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

Goal 2: Human Resources:

To improve the recruitment, retention and development of District staff

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

RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that a highly qualified competent, skilled and dedicated workforce is essential to the success of the district and the students. Therefore, 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.

Early Childhood PIRT members - Marie Blot, Marlene Rosenblum and Donna McAuliffe will attend MEDS PDN PECEI Education’s one- (1) day seminar entitled “Self-Regulation in Children: Keeping the Body, Mind, and Emotions on Task in Children with Autism, ADHD or Sensory Disorders” on Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at The Somerset Hotel, Somerset, New Jersey.

Workshop topics include: “Sensory Therapy Techniques, Communication Methods and Transition Strategies”.

The registration fee is \$189.99 per person plus one Video DVD at \$169.99. Total cost for registrations and DVD will not exceed \$739.96.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves attendance of Early Childhood PIRT members Marie Blot, Marlene Rosenblum and Donna McAuliffe at the seminar, “Self-Regulation in Children: Keeping the Body, Mind, & Emotions on Task in Children with Autism, ADHD or Sensory Disorders” on Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at The Somerset Hotel, Somerset, New Jersey. The total cost of registration is \$569.97, plus mileage reimbursement – upon submission of appropriate documentation The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-218-200000-329A-34-0000 (ECPA Other Pur Professional), 20-218-200000-580A-34-0000 (ECE Travel), and 20-218-200000-600A-34-0000 (General Supplies).

(13) New Jersey Division of Early Childhood Annual Conference – Kean University

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

Goal 2: Human Resources:

To improve the recruitment, retention and development of District staff

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

RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that a highly qualified competent, skilled and dedicated workforce is essential to the success of the District and the students. Therefore, 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.

Early Childhood PIRT members, Tracey Mullen, Rosa Mannarino and Master Teacher, Louise Frankel will attend the New Jersey Division of Early Childhood's Annual Conference, entitled "Developing and Enabling Competency" on October 25, 2013 at Kean University – University Center, Union, New Jersey. Workshops include:

- "Early Childhood Special Education 101", and
- "Yes! You Can Say 'No!' - Setting Developmentally Appropriate Limits in the Preschool Classroom".

The registration fee is \$90.00 per person.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves attendance of Early Childhood PIRT members Tracy Mullen, Rosa Mannarino and Master Teacher Louise Frankel, at the workshop, "Developing and Enabling Competency" on October 25, 2013 at Kean University-University Center, Union, New Jersey. Registration fee is \$90.00 per person, total cost of registration not to exceed \$270.00, plus mileage reimbursement – upon submission of appropriate documentation. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-218-200000-329A-34-0000 (ECPA Other Pur Professional), and 20-218-200000-580A-34-0000 (ECE Travel).

(14) Rutgers University – Literacy Network Meetings – New Brunswick

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

Goal 2: Human Resources:

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

Charles H. Stillman School has selected Cheryl Dotts-Garcia, first grade teacher; Frederick W. Cook School has selected Principal, Caryn D. Cooker and Grade 3 teacher, Luanne Lohman-DiCicco to attend the Rutgers Network Meetings (series of four [4] plus annual conference), throughout the 2013-2014 school year, at Rutgers University, New Brunswick Campus, will help provide practical lessons to improve teaching and learning.

The Office of English Language Arts has established a partnership with Rutgers University to align research-based strategies aligned to the CCSS. Through the literacy network meetings, teachers will gain a deeper understanding of instructional practices that help students make meaning of complex text and improve writing skills. The series will include the following national presenters:

- Ralph Fletcher, Educational Consultant - Author of *What a Writer Needs*, *Craft Lessons*, *Writing Workshop: The Essential Guide* & more. October 18th, 2012.
- Richard Allington, University of Tennessee - Author of *Teaching Struggling Readers*, *What Really Matters in Fluency: Research-Based Practices Across the Curriculum*, *Schools that Work: Where all Children Read and Write* & more. December 11, 2013
- Nell Duke & Elizabeth Moje, University of Michigan - Author of *Reading and Writing Genre with Purpose K-8*, *Reality Checks: Teaching Reading Comprehension with Non-Fiction Text*, *All the Stories that We Have: Adolescents Insights about Literacy Learning*, *Constructions of Literacy* & more. January 16, 2014
- Stephanie Harvey, Educational Consultant - Author of *Strategies that Work*, *Comprehension Connections*, *The Inside Guide to the Reading-Writing Classroom* & more. May 29, 2014

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Cheryl Dotts-Garcia, of Stillman School, along with Caryn D. Cooper and LuAnne Lohman-DiCicco of Cook School to attend the four (4) Rutgers University Network Meetings, along with the annual Reading and Writing Conference, at a total cost not to exceed \$900.00 (amount to cover \$750.00 registration fee for four [4] sessions and conference plus commensurate travel expenses). The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-221000-320A-20-0000 (Stillman - Instruct Imprv Educ Svc); and 15-190-100001-500A-15-0000 (Cook – Other Purchased Services).

(19) IACP School Safety 2013 Conference – Philadelphia, PA

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 3 - Business Practices:

To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of District and school operations

Goal 4: Safe Learning Environment:

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

The Superintendent of Schools recommends and I so move the 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.

Mr. Eugene Campbell, Jr., Director of School Safety and Security, will attend the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) School Safety Conference, October 19-20, 2013 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

The IACP has been in existence since 1893 and provides exceptional, cutting edge training. By attending this conference, Director Campbell will be exposed to trends, capabilities and networks which he can transfer to Plainfield Public Schools to improve the overall safety and security of our staff and the citizens of Plainfield.

The expense breakdown is as follows:

- First Time Member + Annual Membership - \$395.00
- Overnight lodging per the GSA - \$143.00, plus tax
- Meals and incidentals for one (1) day/night - \$49.50
- Travel/Parking - \$100.00

Total cost not to exceed - \$687.50

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Director of School Safety and Security, Eugene Campbell, Jr. to attend the International Association of Chiefs of Police *School Safety 2013 Conference*, October 19-20, 2013 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA. Total cost not to exceed \$687.50. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 11-000-266000-500T-40-0000 (Security Travel).

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

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

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

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

Students will have performance assessments and consistent formative assessments to monitor their progress. The program will operate Tuesday - Thursday 3:05 p.m. to 4:35 p.m., beginning October 29, 2013, and concluding on April 24, 2013.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the F.W. Cook After-School Program, beginning October 29, 2013 and concluding on April 24, 2014. Teachers will be compensated at a rate of \$28.00 per hour and teacher assistants \$10.50 per hour; not to exceed the total budgeted amount of \$13,440.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-120-100018-101C-15-0000 (Cook Teacher Stipends).

F. Soar to Success Academy – Maxson Middle School

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

The Plainfield Board of Education approves the implementation of a multi-tiered School Improvement Initiative to provide additional academic support through the Soar to Success Academy, which will run from October 1, 2013 thru April 30, 2014.

The academy will address science, literacy, social studies, and math. The Soar to Success Academy will run from Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 3:30-5:00 p.m. Student enrollment and participation shall determine actual staff retained for instruction.

Staff will not exceed thirty (30) hours. Certificated staff will be compensated at \$28.00 per hour and teacher assistants \$10.50 per hour, as per the collective bargaining agreement.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield of Education approves the implementation of the Soar to Success Academy, a multi-tiered school improvement initiative to provide academic support. Certificated staff members will be compensated at a rate of \$28.00 per hour, and teacher assistants \$10.50 per hour, as per the collective bargaining agreement, not to exceed one hundred-eight (108) hours and/or a maximum of \$3,024.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-236-100000-110M-24-0000 (Maxson Middle School SIP).

L. Rutgers University – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

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

RESOLUTION

The Rutgers University – Rutgers Cooperative Extension Department of Nutritional Sciences, a sub-contractor of the Union County Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP-Ed Plan), desires to enter into an agreement with the Plainfield Board of Education to offer behaviorally-focused, nutrition classes and workshops for elementary school students.

The workshops are designed to help educate students about the benefits of making healthy choices and the importance of food safety. The program also supports the district's efforts to provide nutrition education in elementary schools, reinforces its school lunch policy, and is aligned with the health component of the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standard 2.1 (Wellness) and Science Component 5.1 (Scientific Process). Workshops will be conducted during health and science classes at identified schools and will be provided in two (2), ten- (10) week sessions; with grades K-3 receiving thirty (30) minutes of instruction, and grades 4-5 receiving forty-five (45) minutes of instructional time.

The workshops will be offered at Cedarbrook K-8 Center, Clinton K-8 Center, Cook K-7 Center, Washington Community School, and Woodland Elementary School from October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education enters into an agreement with Rutgers University – Rutgers Cooperative Extension Department of Nutritional Sciences to offer behaviorally-focused, nutrition classes and workshops for elementary students for the 2013-2014 school year at no cost to the District.

M. NJQSAC Long Term Improvement Plan – School Year 2013-2014

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

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

RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that a highly qualified, competent, skilled, and dedicated workforce is essential in the success of the District and the students. Therefore, it has provided the Superintendent of Schools recommends the adoption of the following:

The intention of NJQSAC legislation is designed to assure compliance with the statutes, regulations that govern schools and districts in New Jersey, and it is designed to provide the school community with specific strategies, actions that include best practices in instructional programs, targeted teaching strategies, embedded professional development and community communication, and regulations require implementation of a Long Term Plan to the New Jersey Department of Education.

QSAC requires that for each District Performance Review (DPR) area districts achieve at least an 80% weight. Plainfield Public School District did not achieve at least 80% of the weighted indicator in the DPR area of instruction and program. Therefore, in accordance with requirements of N.J.A. C. 6A:30-5.4 and 5.5, the district is required to develop a district (LTP) Long Term Plan to address the following noncompliant indicators:

- DPR: Instruction and Programs 1, 2,3, 4, 5a, 6, 7,12,13,14, 15, 17a, 17b, and 18.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education hereby approve for submission the NJQSAC Long Term Improvement Plan for School Year 2013-2014.

Mrs. Campbell moved and seconded by Mr. Moore and unanimously approved by the Board to return to the executive session at 9:30 p.m.

Mr. Moore moved and seconded by Mrs. Campbell and unanimously approved by the Board to return to the public session at 10:09 p.m.

Mr. Moore moved and seconded by Mrs. Campbell and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Recorded by:

Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary
GLO/bsc