

Meeting #1

Lyndhurst, NJ
January 5, 2021

The Lyndhurst Board of Education held a Public meeting on January 5, 2021 at 7:07 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

President Erin Keefe called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and requested all those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Swearing in of new Board Members:

Darwin Belen

Erin Keefe

Domenick Abbate, Jr.

ROLL CALL

The following Board members answered roll call:

(9) Domenick Abbate, Jr., Chris Andrinopoulos, Darwin Belen,
Anthony Dell'Aquila, James Donovan, Frank Ferrandino, Erin Keefe,
Richard Pizzuti, Jr. and Elaine Stella

Also present: Anthony Grieco, Superintendent, Thomas Egan, State Monitor, Mark Hayes, Interim Business Administrator, Board Secretary and Jaclyn Morgese, Board Attorney.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT

Superintendent, Anthony Grieco announced that adequate notice of this meeting was provided, in writing, to each Board member, The Record, the Township Clerk, and posted in the lobby of the Town Hall and the Board Office.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Happy New Year to all. Surveys to parents for return to school in-person instruction will be going out shortly. We will reopen our buildings on January 18, 2021 moving forward with Phase 1. Congratulations to our new board members and our outgoing members.

STATE MONITOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Egan advised elected Board of Education members that they will need to arrange a time to come into the district to sign the oath of office and that the newly seated Board members will be contacted to discuss his role in the District.

AGENDA/NON-AGENDA

Mr. Greico addressed public comments in the chat box related to Roosevelt School, the school survey and kindergarten registration.

REORGANIZATION

Any Board member who takes exception to any of the following listed actions may so indicate now and a separate motion for each of the excepted action will be entertained.

Motion made by James Donovan and second by Elaine Stella that the following actions of the Board be adopted.

Roll Call For: (9) Domenick Abbate, Jr., Chris Andrinopoulos, Darwin Belen,
Anthony Dell'Aquila, James Donovan, Frank Ferrandino, Erin Keefe,
Richard Pizzuti, Jr. and Elaine Stella

1. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints Jaclyn Morgese to serve as Board Secretary, pro tem, for the January 5, 2021 Board of Education Reorganization Meeting.

Nomination and Election of President

2. To nominate Chris Andrinopoulos as President of the Board of Education.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that Chris Andrinopoulos be elected to serve as President of the Lyndhurst Board of Education commencing January 5, 2021, until the Reorganization Meeting of 2022.

Any Board member who takes exception to any of the following listed actions may so indicate now and a separate motion for each of the excepted action will be entertained.

Motion made by Chris Andrinopoulos and second by Elaine Stella that the following actions of the Board be adopted.

Roll Call For: (9) Domenick Abbate, Jr., Chris Andrinopoulos, Darwin Belen,
Anthony Dell'Aquila, James Donovan, Frank Ferrandino, Erin Keefe,
Richard Pizzuti, Jr. and Elaine Stella

Nomination and Election of Vice-President

4. To nominate Richard Pizzuti, Jr. as Vice-President of the Board of Education.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that Richard Pizzuti, Jr. be elected to serve as Vice President of the Lyndhurst Board of Education commencing January 5, 2021, until the Reorganization Meeting of 2022.

Any Board member who takes exception to any of the following listed actions may so indicate now and a separate motion for each of the excepted action will be entertained.
Motion made by Richard Pizzuti, Jr. and second by Elaine Stella that the following actions of the Board be adopted.

Roll Call For: (9) Domenick Abbate, Jr., Chris Andrinopoulos, Darwin Belen, Anthony Dell'Aquila, James Donovan, Frank Ferrandino, Erin Keefe, Richard Pizzuti, Jr. and Elaine Stella

6. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the attached New Jersey School Board Association (NJSBA) Code of Ethics pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et.seq. See attached document to be executed.

Any Board member who takes exception to any of the following listed actions may so indicate now and a separate motion for each of the excepted action will be entertained.

Motion made by Richard Pizzuti, Jr. and second by Elaine Stella that the following actions of the Board be adopted.

Roll Call For: (9) Domenick Abbate, Jr., Chris Andrinopoulos, Darwin Belen, Anthony Dell'Aquila, James Donovan, Frank Ferrandino, Erin Keefe, Richard Pizzuti, Jr. and Elaine Stella

7. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the following Work Session/Executive Session meeting date via Zoom. This session will be held at 7:00 pm and will have no public action:
 - January 19, 2021
8. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the following Public Session date, via Zoom. This session will be held at 7:00 pm and the board will take action:
 - January 26, 2021
9. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, the board hereby approves the employment contract of Mark Hayes as Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary, effective January 6, 2021, at a per diem rate of \$550/day, not to exceed 3 days per week, for the 2020-2021 school year. This has been approved by the Bergen County Interim Superintendent of Schools, as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Anthony Dell'Aquila and second by Elaine Stella that the following actions of the Board be adopted.

1. Anthony Dell'Aquila discussed the need for independent legal counsel to review the Property Transfer Agreement. He made a motion from the floor to create an ad hoc committee to evaluate the need for such counsel.

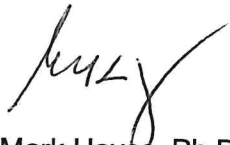
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Mr. Andrinopolous will appoint people to the committee similar to the other standing committees.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Motion made by Erin Keefe seconded by Frank Ferrandino and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Hayes', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Hayes, Ph.D.
Interim School Business Administrator
School Board Secretary



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Code of Ethics for School Board Members

N.J.S.A 18A:12-24.1

- a. I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
- b. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.
- c. I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
- d. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.
- e. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.
- f. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
- g. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.
- h. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
- i. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
- j. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

N.J.A.C. 6A:32-3.2

Requirements for the code of ethics for district board of education members and charter school board of trustees members

- (a) Each district board of education and charter school board of trustees shall:
 - 1. Discuss annually the School Ethics Act and the Code of Ethics for School Board Members, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et seq., at a regularly scheduled public meeting;
 - 2. Adopt policies and procedures regarding the training of district board of education and charter school board of trustees members in understanding the Code of Ethics; and
 - 3. Provide documentation pursuant to (b) below that each member of the district board of education or charter school board of trustees has received and reviewed the Code of Ethics.
- (b) Each member of the district board of education or charter school board of trustees shall sign an [acknowledgement of receipt](#) of the Code of Ethics for School Board Members contained within N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et seq. The acknowledgement of receipt requires each district board of education member and charter school board of trustees member to read and become familiar with the Code of Ethics.