

Lyndhurst, NJ
July 20, 2021

The Lyndhurst Board of Education held a Public meeting on July 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

President Chris Andrinopoulos called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and requested all those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following Board members answered roll call:

(7) Anthony Dell'Aquila, James Donovan, Frank Ferrandino, Erin Keefe, Elaine Stella, Richard Pizzuti, and Chris Andrinopoulos

Absent:

(1) Domenick Abbate

Also present: Joseph DeCorso, Superintendent, Mark Hayes, Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Jeff Merlino, Board Attorney.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT

President Chris Andrinopoulos 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 REPORT

Mr. DeCorso updated the Board of Education on:

- Referendum Progress
- Middle School/High School Schedules
- A new handicap accessible park in town
- High School roof project
- Middle School wall issues

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by James Donovan second by Elaine Stella that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the minutes of Meeting #10, June 29, 2021.

Roll Call For:

(7) Anthony Dell'Aquila, James Donovan, Frank Ferrandino, Erin Keefe, Elaine Stella, Richard Pizzuti, and Chris Andrinopoulos

Absent:

(1) Domenick Abbate

AGENDA

Public inquiries regarding the newly appointed Before and After Care Program.

NON-AGENDA

None

Finance

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

Motion made by Erin Keefe second by Elaine Stella that the following Finance Committee actions of the Board numbered 1 through 11 exception actions be adopted.

Roll call for the following resolutions that were recommended by the superintendent of schools:

For:

(7) Anthony Dell'Aquila, James Donovan, Frank Ferrandino, Erin Keefe, Elaine Stella, Richard Pizzuti, and Chris Andrinopoulos

Absent:

(1) Domenick Abbate

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the submission of the Lead Testing Program Statement of Assurance-Non-Lead Testing Year, for the 2020-2021 school year.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the agreement with Frontline Education for the absence & substitute management of substitute teachers, in the amount of \$9,909.58, for the 2021-2022 school year.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the IDEA Agreement with Bergen County Special Services, in the amount of \$ 42,000, for the 2021-2022 school year.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education accept the IDEA Consolidated application with a total amount available for the 2021-2022 school year of \$678,468. \$623,730 is the allotment for Public. \$54,738 is the allotment for Non-Public.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education accept \$752,135.00 in Extraordinary Aid from the State of New Jersey, for the 2020-2021 school year.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education accept \$12,642.00 in Non-Public Technology Aid for Sacred Heart, for the 2021-2022 school year.
7. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education accept \$18,066.00 in Non-Public Textbook Aid for Sacred Heart, for the 2021-2022 school year.
8. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education accept \$52,675.00 in Non-Public Security Aid for Sacred Heart, for the 2021-2022 school year.

9. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education accept \$33,712.00 in Non-Public Nursing Aid for Sacred Heart, for the 2019-2020 school year.
10. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve, Scirocco Financial Group, Insurance Agent, for the 2021-2022 school year and approve the following insurance purchases effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

School Alliance Insurance Fund Program:

Property, Environmental, B&M, EDP, Crime, General Liability and Auto	\$ 265,500.00
School Leaders Professional Liability	\$ 65,512.00
Excess Liability (SLPL)	<u>\$ 5,901.00</u>

Polaris Galaxy Insurance:

NJ Umbrella CAP	\$ 13,897.00
Excess Liability (NJUEP)	\$ 31,700.00
Bond Insurance	\$ 2,950.00
Student Accident Insurance	\$ 95,947.00
Travel Accident	<u>\$ 185.00</u>

Total Insurance Cost for the School Year	\$481,592.00
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11. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve, the transfer of \$27,175 from Capital Reserve to Fund 12 (Construction Services), for the Board/State approved High School Gymnasium Project.

Education and Curriculum

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

Motion made by Frank Ferrandino second by Elaine Stella that the following Education and Curriculum Committee actions of the Board numbered 1 through 5 exception actions be adopted.

Roll call for the following resolutions that were recommended by the superintendent of schools:

For:

(7) Anthony Dell'Aquila, James Donovan, Frank Ferrandino, Erin Keefe, Elaine Stella, Richard Pizzuti, and Chris Andrinopoulos

Absent:

(1) Domenick Abbate

1. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve all curriculum maps on file, for the 2021-2022 school year. (Curriculum maps are posted on the Lyndhurst Schools website).
2. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the following job description:

Assistant School Business Administrator/Assistant Board Secretary
3. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the application for the addition of a new MD class for grade 9 and 10 special education students at Lyndhurst High School for the 2021-2022 school year.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the application for the addition of a new LLD Mild/Moderate class for grades 6/7/8 special education students at Lyndhurst Middle School for the 2021-2022 school year.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education hereby authorizes the submission of the ESEA application for Fiscal Year 2022, and accepts the grant award of these funds upon the subsequent approval of the FY 2022 ESEA Application.

Policies and Rules/Regulations

Elaine Stella, Chairperson
 Anthony Dell'Aquila
 Richard Pizzuti

Any Board member who takes exception to any of the following listed actions under the category of Policies and Rules/Regulations Committee may so indicate now and a separate motion for each of the excepted actions will be entertained.

Motion made by Elaine Stella second by Frank Ferrandino that the following Policies and Rules/Regulations Committee actions of the Board numbered 1 through 4 exception actions be adopted.

Roll call for the following resolutions that were recommended by the superintendent of schools:

For:

(7) Anthony Dell'Aquila, James Donovan, Frank Ferrandino, Erin Keefe, Elaine Stella, Richard Pizzuti, and Chris Andrinopoulos

Absent:

(1) Domenick Abbate

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB investigations for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's decision to the students' parents, and directs the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents.

221447_LHS_05142021
 221680_LHS_06012021
 221722_RS_06042021

221724_RS_06042021
 221732_JS_06042021

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the following use of school facilities:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time, Date, Purpose</u>
Parks Department	Middle School Wrestling Room	June 7 - July 28, 2021 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Mondays & Wednesdays Wrestling Workouts
Parks Department	Middle School Gym	June 22 - July 27, 2021 4:00 pm - 8:30 pm Tuesdays & Thursdays Girls Basketball

Parks Department	High School Room 112	July 10, 2021 10:00 am - 11:00 am Parent Meeting/Pool
Parks Department	Middle School Gym	July 19-22, 2021 8:00 am - 3:00 pm Football Mini-Camp
Lyndhurst Police Dept.	Middle School	July 21, 2021 9:00 am - 11:00 am Senior Citizen Safety Training

3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the Second Reading of the following policies and regulations:

P 3421.13 Postnatal Accommodations (Teaching Staff)
P 4421.13 Postnatal Accommodations (Support Staff)

4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the following use of school facilities:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time, Date, Purpose</u>
Middle School PTA	Middle School Cafeteria	July 28, 2021 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm PTA Training

Athletics and Student Activities

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

Motion made by James Donovan second by Erin Keefe that the following Athletics and Student Activities Committee actions of the Board numbered 1 through 4 exception actions be adopted.

Roll call for the following resolutions that were recommended by the superintendent of schools:

For:

(7) Anthony Dell'Aquila, James Donovan, Frank Ferrandino, Erin Keefe, Elaine Stella, Richard Pizzuti, and Chris Andrinopoulos

Absent:

(1) Domenick Abbate

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the attached Athletic Monetary Position salary rates for the school year 2021-2022.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve a parent/student transportation contract in the amount of \$1,000.00 in lieu of district transportation for a student attending BCSSD's Bleshman School in Paramus for the 2021-2022 school year.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve a parent/student transportation contract in the amount of \$418.50 in lieu of district transportation for a student attending P.G. Chambers School in Cedar Knolls for the 2021 Extended School Year.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve a parent/student transportation contract in the amount of \$1,000.00 in lieu of district transportation for a student attending P.G. Chambers School in Cedar Knolls for the 2021-2022 school year.

New Business

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

Motion made by Anthony Dell'Aquila second by Elaine Stella that the following New Business actions of the Board numbered 1 through 6 exception actions be adopted.

Roll call for the following resolutions that were recommended by the superintendent of schools:

For:

(7) Anthony Dell'Aquila, James Donovan, Frank Ferrandino, Erin Keefe, Elaine Stella, Richard Pizzuti, and Chris Andrinopoulos

Absent:

(1) Domenick Abbate

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education would like to recognize and thank Lucia Cano and Church Alive for the donation of a ceramic kit, pottery wheel and kiln to the Art Program at the Middle School.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the following change order, #GC-15 to the Referendum from The Bennett Company, Inc.:

The following shall be deducted from the Allowance #2 and from Allowance #9:
Labor and material for additional repaving area at Roosevelt School (beyond scope area-as requested by the school) in the amount of \$26,864.00.

3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the following change order, #GC-16 to the Referendum from The Bennett Company, Inc.:

The following item shall be added to the total cost of the project:
Labor and material for additional excavation at Columbus School to meet compaction criteria as per soil compaction inspector due to unforeseen conditions (not suitable soil-sanding) in the amount of \$3,076.08.

Labor and material to remove and discard existing wood subflooring (unforeseen conditions) and install cementitious self-leveling material at existing corridor to be renovated at Roosevelt School in the amount of \$15,229.00.

Labor and material to install manhole structure for access to exterior sprinkler valve as requested by the Town Fire Inspector at Franklin School in the amount of \$3,326.43.

Labor and material to install manhole structure for access to exterior sprinkler valve as per Fire Inspector at Franklin School in the amount of \$4,174.64.

Labor and material for the installation of new concrete pad at new gas meter rig service at Franklin School as requested by the utility company at Franklin School in the amount of \$2,295.03.

4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the submission of the Right-To-Know survey for the 2020 school year.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the submission of the Tax Exempt Bond Compliance Survey dated June 4, 2021.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, by the recommendation of the finance committee that the board hereby awards the Before and Aftercare Services contract to AlphaBest Education.

Personnel Committee

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

Motion made by Rick Pizzuti seconded by Chris Andrinopoulos that the following Personnel actions of the board numbered A.1, A.2, and B. through P.2. exception actions be adopted.

Roll call for the following resolutions that were recommended by the superintendent of schools:

For:

(7) Anthony Dell'Aquila, James Donovan, Frank Ferrandino, Erin Keefe, Elaine Stella, Richard Pizzuti, and Chris Andrinopoulos

Absent:

(1) Domenick Abbate

A. EMPLOYMENT

1. Mr. Joseph DeCorso, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the **appointments** of the following school administrators, principals, teachers, custodians and other officers and employees pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:16-1, N.J.A.C. 23A-6.8, and Board Policies 3141 and 4125, effective through for the 2021-2022 school year, pending the results of a criminal background check and certification check/receipt:

Name	Position	Line Account and UPC#	Salary	Location	Effective Date
Christine Thomas	School Psychologist	11-000-219-104-19-25-000	\$69/hr (no more than 25 hours per week)	Elementary	9/1/21
Ashley Cappiello	High School English Special Education		MA Step 3 \$62,000	High School	9/1/21
Tara Banuls	Paraprofessional	11-204-100-106-07-35-110	\$15,000 + \$2000 ABA Stipend	Roosevelt School	9/1/21

Tiffany DiBenedetto	Reading Specialist	11-120100-101-05-IT-080 11-120-100-101-07-IT-110	MA Step 11 \$77,385	Elementary	9/1/21
Nicole DeJoseph	Elementary Teacher	11-120-100-101-07-25-110	BA Step 1 \$53,800	Roosevelt School	9/1/21
Alexander Duus	Social Studies Teacher	11-140-100-101-02-25-050	MA Step 5 \$62,900	High School	9/1/21
Melissa Cotugno	Executive Secretary to Superintendent	11-000-219-105-09-32-000	\$51,450	Board Office	7/26/21
Robert Ymeraj	Part Time Night Custodian	11-000-263-100-36-63-000	\$16.00 per hour	Washington School	7/26/21
Marc Ortiz	Part Time Grounds	11-000-263-100-36-63-000	\$16.00 per hour	District	7/26/21

2. Mr. Joseph DeCorso, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the following custodians from part time to full time.

Name	Position	Line Account and UPC#	Salary	Location	Effective Date
Mark Estevez	Full Time Day Custodian	11-000-262-100-36-61-000	Step 1 \$33,875	Middle School	7/1/21
Bertha Rojas	Full Time Day Custodian	11-000-262-100-36-61-000	Step 1 \$33,875	Middle School	7/1/21
Roger Heras	Full Time Night Custodian	11-000-262-100-36-61-000	Step 1 \$33,875 +1,141diff	Middle School	7/1/21
Ana Varela	Full Time Night Custodian	11-000-262-100-36-61-000	Step 1 \$33,875 +1,141diff	Middle School	7/1/21

-----SEPARATE VOTE-----

Motion made by Rick Pizzuti seconded by Chris Andrinopoulos that the following Personnel actions of the board numbered A.3. exception actions be adopted.

Roll call for the following resolution that was recommended by the superintendent of schools:

For:

- (5) Anthony Dell'Aquila, James Donovan, Frank Ferrandino, Elaine Stella, Richard Pizzuti, and Chris Andrinopoulos

Recuse:

- (1) Erin Keefe

Absent:

- (1) Domenick Abbate

3. Mr. Joseph DeCorso, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the following substitute custodians for summer hours, effective July 1, 2021 through September 17, 2021, at a salary of \$14.00 per hour. (Account #11 000 262 100 00 94 000)

Daniel Imbornoni
George Keefe
John Mulvany

Adrian Pabon
Sebastian Ribadeneira

B. RESIGNATION

- 1) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education accepts the resignation of Susan Consalvo, Paraprofessional, effective July 9, 2021, with regret.
- 2) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education accepts the resignation of Jamie Cirne, Paraprofessional, effective July 12, 2021, with regret.
- 3) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education accepts the resignation of Brandon Costa, Paraprofessional, effective July 16, 2021, with regret.
- 4) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education accepts the resignation of Jennifer Claydon, School Counselor, effective July 13, 2021, with regret.

C. RETIREMENT

N/A

D. COACHES/ADVISORS/STIPENDS

1) Mr. Joseph DeCorso, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the following Athletic Monetary Positions for the 2021-2022 school year. Salary schedule on file. ***Employment will be provisional, subject to authorization approval of criminal history background check, and subject to submission of all required application documents.**

Ralph Andreu	Robert Fagan	Tom McGuire
Diana Auteri	Sean Frew	Patrick Newman
Patrick Auteri	Rich Gress	Mark Offitto
Linda Bontempo	Joanne Guirland	Paul Passamano
Karen Carrino	Dana Heinold	Alyssa Radigan
David Carucci	Kim Hykey	David Rasczyk
Joseph Castagnetti	Danny Kesack	Margo Rendzia
Joe Catena	Tori Liaci	Don Roll*
Olivia Ciufalo	Ralph Lilore	Thomas Shoebridge
Michael Clifford	John Lisella	Edward Tessionalone
Carlos Dorjo	Laura Lombardi	Jason Thorne
Rick Falcicchio	Maureen McDowall	Rich Tuero

E. APPOINTMENT OF AIDES

1) Mr. Joseph DeCorso, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the **appointment** of the following aides pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:16-1 and Board Policy 4125, effective for the 2021-2022 school year, pending the results of a criminal background check:

Name	Position	Line Account and UPC#	Salary	Location	Effective Date
Dawn Dick	Paraprofessional		\$17,000	Middle School	9/7/21

F. SUBSTITUTES

1) Mr. Joseph DeCorso, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the **appointment** of the following substitutes for the 2021-2022 school year, pending the results of a criminal background check:

Gaetano Ricciardi Josef Trajanoski

NOTE: These appointments **cannot** exceed 29 hours per week and do not include benefits, vacations, health benefits, sick leave, sabbatical leave, or any other benefits provided by contract between the Lyndhurst Education Association ("LEA") and the Lyndhurst Board of Education.

G. TRANSFER

N/A

H. MOVEMENT ON GUIDE/SALARY ADJUSTMENT

N/A

I. VOLUNTEER

N/A

J. FMLA/MATERNITY LEAVE/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1) Mr. Joseph DeCorso, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve FMLA/Maternity/Leave of Absence for:

Name	School	Position	From	To
Michael Rogers	Jefferson School	Custodian	7/12/21 Leave of Absence 7/12/21-7/16/21 RTW 7/19/21	7/16/2021

K. WORKSHOP/TRAINING

1) Mr. Joseph DeCorso, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the following request for the 2021-2022 school year, for the following employees to attend workshops:

Name	Position	Date	Sub required	Activity	Location	Cost
Tanya Pastor	HS ELA 7-12	8/16-8/18/21	No	Summer Virtual Institute for Teachers: Holocaust Testimony & Historical Comparisons Workshop	Virtual	N/C
Frank Venezia	HS Assistant Principal	7/28/21	No	Confronting Implicit Bias in Schools Workshop	On-line	Registration - FY 2022 Title II ESEA Grant \$60.00

L. STUDENT TEACHING OBSERVATION/PRACTICUM/INTERNSHIP

N/A

M. PARAPROFESSIONALS

- 1) BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools at the June 29, 2021 meeting, that Judy Tunnell be amended to a Paraprofessional from Instructional Aide.
- 2) BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools at the June, 29, 2021 meeting, that Delia Hurtado's name be amended to Delia Flores.

N. EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS

N/A

O. JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Assistant BA - Assistant Board Secretary Job Description

P. GENERAL

- 1) Mr. Joseph DeCorso, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education **confirm/approve** Anne DeForge as the Lyndhurst Free Public Library Board Liaison, for the Lyndhurst School District, for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 2) BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the renewal of the following part-time staff for the 2021-2022 school year in the listed positions:

Name	Position	Line Account and UPC#	Salary	Location
Patrick Auteri	Permanent High School Substitute		\$22,000	High School

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Motion made by Frank Ferrandino and seconded by Elaine Stella and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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