

## Meeting #4

Lyndhurst, NJ  
March 8, 2016

The Lyndhurst Board of Education held a joint meeting with the Lyndhurst Board of Commissioners on March 8, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

President James Vuono called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and requested all those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following Board members answered roll call: (9) Joseph Abruscato, Beverly Alberti, Susan Alcuri, Ronald Grillo, Sheri Jarvis, Josephine Malaniak, Christopher Musto, Ronald Szwec, and James Vuono

Also present: James A. Corino, Ed. D., Interim Superintendent, Shauna DeMarco, Assistant Superintendent, and David DiPisa, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT

President James Vuono announced that adequate notice of this meeting was provided, in writing, to each Board member, The Herald and News, The Record, The Observer, The South Bergenite, the Township Clerk, and posted in the lobby of the Town Hall and the Board Office.

**Agenda Item****Public Comments:**

Denise Gilmore – What is the timeline?

Pat Morreale – Why is the Jr. High School on Matera Field?

Candice Jerace – What is plan if referendum fails?

Mike McCurry – Is the Jr. High School being built? What are we voting for?

Vita Sgroi – No comment

Pat Morreale – Will Lincoln School be demolished?

Roseann Almeida – A. Why is Jr. HS 7-8-9 grades? B. What is total population of school? C. How many lower schools K-6 are there? D. Where do Meadowlands properties go to school?

Barbara Carroll – Would like to say thank you.

Anthony Rosetti – Is Lincoln School condemned?

Amy Metcalf – When will we get information on referendum? What did the last referendum lose by?

Laurie Woolis – What happens if it does not pass?

Sara Rodriguez – State of Art Jr. HS. Can HS keep up with Jr. HS? Are there lunch facilities at each school? Security enhancements?

Debbie Wertolik – Special needs – curriculum included proposal?

Alexander Diaz – Existing playgrounds, benches, etc.?

Meeting 3-8-16

**Agenda Item:**

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

Motion made by Susan Alcuri second by Ronald Szwec that the following Resolution actions of the Board numbered 1, exception actions adopted.

Roll Call For: (9) Joseph Abruscato, Beverly Alberti, Susan Alcuri, Ronald Grillo, Sheri Jarvis, Josephine Malaniak, Christopher Musto, Ronald Szwec, and James Vuono

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education adopt the following resolution:

### RESOLUTION

Approving the 2016 Shared Services Agreement with the Lyndhurst School District and thereby approving a School Facilities Improvement Program including the replacement of the Lincoln School.

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**WHEREAS**, on November 24, 2014 the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Lyndhurst after giving due notice to the property owner, the Lyndhurst Board of Education, and upon receiving a resolution to the same affect from the Lyndhurst Planning Board designated the property located at Block 89, Lot 9, the Lincoln School, as an area in need of redevelopment (ANR) subject to condemnation having first declared this school as an ANR on February 9, 2010 within the meaning of the local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et. seq; and

**WHEREAS**, August 25, 2015 the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Lyndhurst adopted a resolution endorsing the improvements to the Lyndhurst High School, Lyndhurst elementary schools and approving the construction of a new junior high school on Matera Field, a copy of the certified resolution is attached and shall be considered a part of this resolution as though it was incorporated herein in full; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lyndhurst Board of Education together with the Township has developed a school facilities program encompassing all grades to be integrated with the replacement of the Lincoln School so that district wide school facility improvements will be made; and



**WHEREAS**, the Lyndhurst Board of Education applied for and in October 2015 received seven (7) Lyndhurst school facilities project approval letters from the State of New Jersey Department of Education indicating the eligible costs to be paid for by state aid as more particularly set forth in the "Shared Services Agreement" (also commonly referred to as an interlocal services agreement); and

**WHEREAS**, the improvement of public schools has a significant impact on residential property values, increasing home values by approximately twenty percent (20%) or more which is a primary objective of the Lyndhurst Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lyndhurst school facility improvements shall be the subject of a \$19,026,555 public proposal (referendum) being scheduled for November 8, 2016 including funding \$4.5 (+/-) million in improvements to the Lyndhurst High School with state aid covering approximately \$4,000,000 of the cost of the referendum; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lyndhurst School District has indicated that the improvements to Lyndhurst High School would allow the school district to provide greater opportunity in the areas of vocation technical instruction and professional preparatory coursework.

Instructional spaces would be created by the proposed improvements to provide students the opportunity to prepare for careers in the health and medical sciences, architecture, engineering, etc. This would result in cost savings leaving less need for the district to depend on out of district schools to provide such instruction to interested students. This would also invite more township students with an interest in these areas to study at Lyndhurst High School instead of seeking out-of-district schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lyndhurst School District indicates that the improvements to the elementary schools will allow neighborhood schools to remain fully intact. This neighborhood configuration will allow students to remain in the primary schools for grades kindergarten through grade six and then proceed to new facilities at the new Lyndhurst Junior High School and the improve facilities at Lyndhurst High School; and

**WHEREAS**, so as to increase residential property values and improve our children's education the Lyndhurst Board of Commissioners hereby commit to funding, through the authorization of the Shared Services Agreement, the acquisition and replacement of the Lincoln School in the approximate amount of \$53 million.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Lyndhurst Board of Education of the Township of Lyndhurst that the 2016 Lyndhurst School Facilities Program is hereby approved, including the

replacement of the Lincoln School, by the Township, with a new Lyndhurst Junior High School at an estimate cost of \$53 million. The Lyndhurst Board of Education also acknowledges and appreciates that the Board of Commissioners also endorses the proposed improvements to the Lyndhurst High School and elementary schools which said capital improvement program will be placed on the aforesaid referendum.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the shared services agreement between the Township of Lyndhurst and the Lyndhurst School District, which shall provide for the construction management of the entire 2016 School Facilities Improvement Program is hereby approved and authorized by the Board of Education and the Lyndhurst Board of Education President is hereby authorized to execute the Shared Services Agreement.

Adopted: March 8, 2016

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Motion by Christopher Musto second by Susan Alcuri and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David DiPisa  
School Business Administrator  
Board Secretary