

Meeting #14

Lyndhurst, NJ
January 10, 2011

The Lyndhurst Board of Education held a Regular meeting on January 10, 2011 at 8:00 p.m.

Call to Order

President Hooper called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and requested all those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

The following Board members answered roll call: (7) William Barnaskas, Louis Bilis, Thomas DiMascio, Ronald Grillo, Christine Melleno, Ellen Young, James Hooper. Absent: (2) James Cunniff, Stephen Vendola.

Also present: Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools; Dennis S. Sluka, Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Valerie Troncone, Finance Manager.

Open Public Meeting Act

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

Public Comments on Agenda Items

None

Presentations

Lyndhurst High School Jazz Band and Chorus performed "Hey Jude" for the audience. Gerald McConnell, high school music teacher, made a presentation regarding the music program. Joshua DeWald, elementary school music teacher, also gave a presentation regarding the K-5 grade music and instrumental programs.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Thomas DiMascio second by Ellen Young that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the minutes of Meeting #13, December 6, 2010.

Roll Call For: (7) William Barnaskas, Louis Bilis, Thomas DiMascio, Ronald Grillo, Christine Melleno, Ellen Young, James Hooper. Absent: (2) James Cunniff, Stephen Vendola.

LYNDHURST BOARD OF EDUCATION

ANNOUNCEMENT

The terms of School Trustees, Louis Bilis, Thomas DiMascio and Stephen Vendola will expire, thus three seats, all for three year will be filled at the next election, Wednesday, April 27, 2011. Polls will be open from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

A candidate whose name is to appear on the ballot must file his petition with the Secretary of the Board not later than 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 8, 2011.

A drawing for ballot position will be held at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 420 Fern Avenue. Should a candidate wish to withdraw his name as a candidate, he must do so in writing to the Secretary of the Board not later than 4:00 p.m., Monday, March 14, 2011.

The last day for candidates to file for appointment of challenges and alternates with the Bergen County Board of Elections Office is Wednesday, April 13, 2011.

Only those persons who are permanently registered or those who register with the Bergen County Board of Elections, Hackensack, or the Township Clerk by Wednesday, April 6, 2011 will be permitted to vote on Wednesday, April 27, 2011.

All judges to open the school elections at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at:

<u>District</u>	<u>School</u>
1	Jefferson School
2	Jefferson School
3	Senior Citizen Building
4	United Presbyterian Church
5	United Presbyterian Church
6	Lyndhurst High School
7	Lyndhurst High School
8	Lyndhurst Health Center
9	Jefferson School
10	Jefferson School
11	Joseph Carucci Apartments
12	Joseph Carucci Apartments
13	Lyndhurst High School

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All dates and times are tentative.

Finance and Negotiations Committee

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

Motion made by Ellen Young second by Ronald Grillo that the following Finance and Negotiations actions of the Board numbered 1 through 11 exception actions be adopted.

Roll Call For: (7) William Barnaskas, Louis Bilis, Thomas DiMascio, Ronald Grillo, Christine Melleno, Ellen Young, James Hooper. Absent: (2) James Cunniff, Stephen Vendola.

1. BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lyndhurst Board of Education that it has received and accepts the financial reports of the Secretary and Treasurer of School Monies for the month ended December 31, 2010 and certifies that the reports indicate that no major account or fund is over-expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23-2.11(a) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the school year. A copy of the certification shall be included in the minutes.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the payroll for the month ended December 31, 2010 be and the same is hereby approved and ordered paid:

Payroll	\$1,893,270.58
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3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached list of supplies received and services rendered to the Board of Education of the Township of Lyndhurst, County of Bergen, for the month ended January 10, 2011 be and the same are hereby approved and ordered paid:

Current Expense (Fund 11)	\$1,152,515.71
Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$ 16,195.92
Total	\$1,168,711.63
Debt Service (Fund 40)	\$ 92,970.00
General Ledger	\$ 151,863.77
Accounts Payable (Fund 20)	\$ 10,097.00

4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the ACCP/BCCP supplies received and services rendered to the Board of Education of the Township of Lyndhurst, County of Bergen, for the month of December 2010, be and the same are hereby approved and ordered paid:

Payroll/Payroll Taxes	\$8,575.31
Supplies/Telephone/Misc	\$ - 0 -
Tuition Refunds	\$ 229.60
Total	\$8,804.91

5. BE IT RESOLVED, that cafeteria services rendered to the Board of Education of the Township of Lyndhurst, County of Bergen, for the month of December 2010, be and the same are hereby approved and ordered paid:

Payroll/Payroll Taxes	\$19,676.05
Services	\$37,172.43

6. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the attached transfers for the month of December 2010.

7. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Audit Report of the Lyndhurst Board of Education for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010 submitted by DiMaria & DiMaria shall be accepted, and

Administrative Practices and Procedures

None

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

None

School Purchasing Programs

None

School Food Service

None

Student Body Activities

None

Application for State School Aid

None

Pupil Transportation

None

Facilities and Capital Assets

None

Miscellaneous

None

8. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education contract with Practical LLC, Jersey City, New Jersey, to repair Fire Escape and Brick Work (North Side) at Lincoln School at a base bid of \$22,430.00 plus \$2,000.00 alternate bid for a total of \$24,430.00.

Other Bids:	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
T.M. Brennan Hamburg, NJ	\$58,000.00	\$5,500.00
K.J. Sessa Clifton, NJ	\$69,500.00	\$1,000.00

9. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve a Joint Transportation Agreement and Transportation Service Agreement for Choice student attending Dwight Morrow High School for the 2010-2011 school year.

10. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education accept the Education Jobs Fund Grants in the amount of \$86,927.00.

11. WHEREAS, the Lyndhurst Board of Education desires to offer a Health Plan Opt-Out program to its eligible employees, and

WHEREAS, the Lyndhurst board of Education Finance Committee has recommended a Health Plan Opt-Out Incentive program, which reflects a \$2,500 payment, and

WHEREAS, the Lyndhurst Board of Education, as a whole, met on Monday January 10, 2011 to discuss the same,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lyndhurst Board of Education, on January 10, 2011, hereby agrees to offer a Health Plan Opt-Out Program as follows:

1. An Opt-Out employee shall receive a \$2,500.00 Opt-Out payment, by way of a \$250.00 per month deferred income payment through the current payroll process.

1. 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>
Project Graduation 2011	Lyndhurst HS Classroom	7:00 pm-8:30 pm 1-5-11 Meeting
Lyndhurst Recreation	Lyndhurst HS Gym	7:30 am-2:30 pm 12-19-10 Swim Meeting
LHS Music Association	Lyndhurst HS Hallway-Gym	7:00 pm-10:00 pm 12-14-10 Bake Sale
LHS Music Association	Lyndhurst HS Cafeteria	6:30 pm-10:00 pm 12-16-10 Reception-Concert
Lyndhurst Parks Dept.	Lyndhurst HS Gym	7:30 pm-9:30 pm 2-10,17,24-11 Basketball Games
Jefferson School PTA	Jefferson Lobby	9:00 am-3:00 pm 12-15,16-10 Holiday Sale
Jefferson School PTA	Jefferson Hallway	1:00 pm-3:00 pm 12-8-10 Santa Pictures
Lyndhurst Parks Dept.	Jefferson Gym	5:00 pm-8:30 pm 1/29; 2/5,12,19, 26/11 Soccer Training

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the following resolution proclaiming National PTA Teacher Appreciation Week May 2-6, 2011.

WHEREAS, America's greatest strength has always been an educated citizenry, and

WHEREAS, that educated citizenry is directly attributable to our system of free and universal public education that provides an educational opportunity for all students, and

WHEREAS, the foundation upon which that system of public schooling rests is the classroom teacher, and

WHEREAS, the classroom teacher is challenged daily to reach out to every student regardless of ability, interest in learning, social or economic background, physical, mental, or emotional handicap, race, religion, creed or ethnic origin, to provide assistance and guidance necessary for full intellectual development; and,

WHEREAS, the classroom teacher is key to the intellectual and occupational preparation of individual citizens, who collectively determine the quality of life in America and in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the work of the classroom teacher immeasurably affects the future lives of all students; and

WHEREAS, the classroom teacher deserved the deepest respect and admiration of the citizens of our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education hereby proclaims "Teacher Appreciation Week" May 2-6, 2011 for the purpose of providing public recognition and appreciation for the dedication and contributions of the classroom teacher, not only to our communities as a whole, but to each of us individually as citizens.

3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the following resolution declaring the week of May 9-13, 2011 as Special Education Week.

WHEREAS, the week of May 9-13, 2011 has been designated as Special Education Week by the New Jersey School Board Association and the Association of Schools and Agencies for the Handicapped; and

WHEREAS, in the Lyndhurst Board of Education we have a tradition of excellence in our special education programs and a superb and dedicated staff,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lyndhurst Board of Education does hereby declare May 9-13, 2011 as Special Education Week. The Lyndhurst Board of Education, furthermore, is proud to provide exceptional programs that assist every child in reaching his or her potential.

4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the following resolution honoring secretarial, clerical and bookkeeping personnel and proclaiming the week of April 25-29, 2011 as Professional Secretaries' Week.

WHEREAS, the Lyndhurst Board of Education secretarial, clerical and bookkeeping staff members have successfully served the Lyndhurst Public Schools, its administration, faculty and student body in the daily performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, the Lyndhurst Board of Education secretarial, clerical and bookkeeping staff members have faithfully and unselfishly carried out their duties in an exemplary manner to the benefit of our students and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Lyndhurst Board of Education wishes to formally recognize and honor every secretarial, clerical and bookkeeping staff member for their personal dedication;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the week of April 25-29, 2011 is hereby proclaimed "National Professional Secretaries' Week" for the purpose of providing public recognition and appreciation for the contributions that secretarial, clerical and bookkeeping staff members to the Lyndhurst School District in the performance of their duties.

5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approved the revised Exposure Control Plan (Bloodborne Pathogens Standard). Copy on file in the Board Office.

Student Activities & Recognition Committee

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

Motion made by Christine Melleno second by Thomas DiMascio that the following Student Activities & Recognition actions of the Board numbered 1 through 2 exception actions be adopted.

Roll Call For: (7) William Barnaskas, Louis Bilis, Thomas DiMascio, Ronald Grillo, Christine Melleno, Ellen Young, James Hooper. Absent: (2) James Cunniff, Stephen Vendola.

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve home instruction for one (1) student, subject to state approval.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the use of a hallway bathroom to serve the needs of one present kindergarten student in the self-contained classroom, which is housed in Room 12 of Washington School. A classroom aide will accompany the student to the entrance of the hallway bathroom.

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 Christine Melleno second by Ronald Grillo that the following Personnel actions of the Board numbered 1 through 13 exception actions be adopted.

Roll Call For: (7) William Barnaskas, Louis Bilis, Thomas DiMascio, Ronald Grillo, Christine Melleno, Ellen Young, James Hooper. Absent: (2) James Cunniff, Stephen Vendola.

1. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education accept the resignation of Steve Cortese, Bus Driver/Maintenance, effective January 14, 2011.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education post for the position of Bus Driver/Maintenance.

Adalberto Quesada Sub Bus Driver (pending completion of CDL License)
 Patrick Mobilio Sub Bus Driver (pending completion of CDL License)

9. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the following Professional Development Opportunities.

Bill Barnaskas James Cunniff Board Members	1/29/11, Collaborating on Real Solutions to the 2% Cap, approx. \$40.00 each
Peggy Romano Dir. of Sp. Svcs.	12/9/10, The Puzzle of Sp Ed Cost Containment-Laws and Models that Work
Theresa Brennen Jefferson	1/11/11, Growing, Growing, Growing, Experienced Use Math, approx. \$98.72 3/31/11, Kaleidoscopes, Experienced Use Math approx. \$98.72 5/12/11, Shapes of Algebra Experienced Use Math approx. \$98.72
Marlene Krupp Lisa Klein Supervisors	1/6/11, SBJC Curriculum Committee, approx. \$4.34 ea. 1/12/11, SBJC Professional Development Comm. approx. \$4.34 ea.
Marlene Krupp Madalena Zak Supervisors	1/12/11, PRISM CUSP Administrators Mtg. approx. \$14.96 each
Marlene Krupp Supervisor	2/1/11, Grade 2 Curriculum Consortium approx. \$4.34 2/8/11, Math Supervisors Roundtable Mtg. #3 approx. \$11.16
Dr. Linda Fenyar Roos/HS	2/3,4/11, Controversial Issues in Pediatric Audiology, approx. \$217.50
Phyllis Lind Franklin	3/29/11, CMP2 Project: Experienced Users Covering/Surrounding Bits & Pieces III, approx. \$98.72
Laura Marinelli Supervisor	1/27/11, Making the Best Use of Podcasts, Blogs, Wikis & tools to..., approx. \$211.46 3/26-28/11, ASCD Annual Conference approx. \$1,000.00

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| Meghan Marmora
Columbus | 1/7/11, enVision Workshop Topic 7-13,
approx. \$98.72
3/3/11, enVision Workshop Topic 14-20
approx. \$98.72 |
| Kristin Marron
Roosevelt | 1/7/11, enVision Math Units 7-13
approx, \$99.14
3/3/11, enVision Math Units 14-20,
approx. \$99.14 |
| Teresa Matvienko
Roosevelt | 1/7/11, enVision Math Units 7-13,
approx. \$99.14
3/3/11, enVision Math Units 14-20
approx. \$99.14 |
| Danitza Ricigliano
HS | 5/24-25/11, NJTESOL 2011 Spring Conference
approx. \$277.93 |
10. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the following non-paid assistant coaches for the 2010-11 winter athletic season.
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| Louis Baroody | Boys Basketball |
| Jose Gutierrez | Boys Basketball |
11. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education grant the following college students permission to do their observation, student teaching, practicum, etc., in the Lyndhurst Public Schools in order to fulfill their college requirements.
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| Felician College
Jill Korzum | Student Teaching, JCS, grade 1
January 20 – May 6, 2011 |
| Caldwell College
Tara Keane | Observation, 12 hours, Roosevelt, RR
January 31 – February 25, 2011
Observation, 60 hours, Roosevelt, grade 2
January 31 – May 6, 2011 |
| Caldwell College
Ewa Plonska | Practicum, 100 hours, HS Guidance
January 24-May 20, 2011 |
| Wm. Paterson Univ.
Sadie Salazar | Practicum, Washington, grade 1
February 7 – May 2, 2011 |

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| Wm. Paterson Univ.
Nicole Perry | Practicum, Washington, MD Class
February 7 – May 2, 2011 |
| Felician College
Megha Shah | Student Teaching, Columbus, Kdgn.
January 20 – May 6, 2011 |
| St. Peters College
Katie-Lynn Day | Student Teaching, Roosevelt, grade 2
January 18 – May 13, 2011 |
12. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the attached list of substitute teachers for the 2010-11 school year. Employment will be provisional, subject to authorization approval for emergent hiring pending completion of criminal history background check, and subject to submission of all required application documents.
 13. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education reinstate the part-time employee suspended without pay at the December 6, 2010 regular meeting, pending resolution of outstanding issues.

New Business

1. President James Hooper read the following to audience: “Ronald Reagan said: ““Each generation goes further than the generation preceding it because it stands on the shoulders of that generation.”” This is what we, as parents, grandparents and citizens hope for every generation. In Lyndhurst, it is difficult for our kids to go further. If you were born and raised here and have children in the schools, they are receiving an education without science labs, computer centers and true libraries. If you grew up in another town, then your children may be receiving less than what you had.

When I grew up in Kearny, I had the benefit of science labs and a library in elementary school. How can our children go further than us when they're not given the tools? Other countries are outstripping the United States in science and math. We see it everyday at work and in the media. Companies now outsource to other countries in the science and math fields. How can the students of Lyndhurst compete? This is why the middle school is desperately needed. It was 1926 when the last school was built in this town. Calvin Coolidge was President. Nobody could foresee at the time the 'Great Depression' that ensued or World War II. In the 50's and 60's we had unprecedented growth and once again in the 80's and 90's and we haven't been able to build a new school. Reagan saw America as the 'shining city on the hill' where people from all countries could look towards us as a beacon of freedom and the hope for

mankind. We need to take a step towards making Lyndhurst the beacon of South Bergen and give hope to our students for a brighter future and not one of fear. I would like to recommend that this board consider naming the middle school the "Ronald Wilson Reagan". I bring this up now before the referendum because President Reagan's 100th birthday is February 6th. This is before the next board meeting. I'd like us, as a school district, to recognize this President 'The last great lion of the 20th century' as Jack Kemp called him.

Another great quote from President Reagan is: 'There is no limit to what you can accomplish if you don't care who gets the credit.'

When the middle school passes, there will be plenty of people who deserve credit or recognition. We should follow past practices and since four of our school are named after presidents and two after great historical figures, naming it after the 40th president makes sense. Remember all of these gentlemen were born prior to the 20th century. So, I'm proposing we name it after someone who led our country in the recent past. The middle school is about looking forward and not looking back. Ronald Reagan brought American out of the malaise of the 70's and made our country great again. This middle school is about leading our town out of its current educational malaise and making Lyndhurst great once again. Let's give this man, who didn't care about receiving credit, some credit.

Thank you."

2. Thomas DiMascio suggested and approved that this suggestion be presented to the Ad Hoc Committee.
3. William Barnaskas informed all that the Lyndhurst High School PTSA meeting was excellent!
4. Thomas DiMascio thanked Mayor DiLascio for his continued dedication to the children of Lyndhurst.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Brian Fuschetto, Future Business Leaders of America Advisor and the entire Business & Technology Department, congratulate the following Lyndhurst High School students who were winners at the Northern Region FBLA. These academic winners, along with our project based competitors, are now eligible to compete at the State Conference on March 11 and 12, 2011. **GOOD LUCK!!!!**

Salvatore D'Alia – 6th Place – Computer Applications
 Jessica Novakovic – 3rd Place – Database Design & Applications
 Chris Gold – 2nd Place – Introduction to Technology Concepts

Tori Barnaskas – 2nd Place – Word Processing II
Thiago Fernandes – 5th Place – Networking Concepts

Tracey Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, reported that as of December 15th, 89 out of 158 seniors at Lyndhurst High School have already been accepted into colleges for the 2011-2012 school year.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Non-Agenda Items

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Adjournment

Motion by Ronald Grillo second by William Barnaskas and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis S. Sluka
Interim School Business Administrator
Board Secretary