

LYNDHURST BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 7, 2016

Agenda

(Meeting #2)

WELCOME, to a public meeting of the Lyndhurst Board of Education. The Board is meeting this evening for the purpose of taking official, formal action on the business of the Board and school district.

The business the Board will act on this evening, as contained on the following pages, is broken down in sections in this order:

Finance/ Facilities and District Planning Committee

Education and Curriculum Committee

Policies and Rules/Regulations Committee

The FIRST segment – Public Hearing on Meeting Agenda is devoted to hearing from those persons who might have questions or statements regarding any of the matters listed on the following pages and which the Board will be acting on this evening.

The SECOND segment – Public Hearing on Other Than Meeting Agenda is devoted to hearing from those persons who might have questions or statements regarding Board or school district matters OTHER THAN matters which appear on the following pages.

If you wish to address the Board, at either or both of these public hearing segments, you are asked to sign in on the speakers' sheet located on the podium. When your name is called, please wait until you are recognized by the Board president. When recognized, please stand up and clearly state your name and address. All questions or statements must be addressed to the Board president. You are asked to limit your remarks to three (3) minutes or less.

The Board, through the president, or upon permission of the president through individual Board members, may or may not respond to your comments.

Members of the public are asked to refrain from reading articles out loud at meetings. If there is an article(s) that you would like the Board to know about, please leave a copy with the Board Secretary or Business Administrator who will see to it that it gets distributed to the proper persons.

We hope your visit with us this evening will be an enjoyable and informative one.

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## AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. SALUTE TO FLAG
3. ROLL CALL
4. PRESIDING OFFICER'S MEETING NOTICE STATEMENT
5. RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT
6. NEW BUSINESS
7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –  
# 19 November 23, 2015 and # 20 November 30, 2015
8. PUBLIC HEARING ON MEETING AGENDA
9. BOARD DISCUSSION & FORMAL BUSINESS AGENDA
10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
11. NEW BUSINESS
12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
13. PUBLIC HEARING ON OTHER THAN MEETING AGENDA
14. ADJOURNMENT

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CommunicationsCorrespondence From:

Lyndhurst Veterans Alliance  
Observance

Subject Matter:

Veterans Day

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### New Business

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

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ that the following  
New Business Committee actions of the Board numbered \_\_\_\_\_ through  
exception actions be adopted.

Roll Call For:

1. 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.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the attached committees of the Lyndhurst Board of Education. See attached document.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the Legal Services Agreement with Sciarrillo Cornell. See attached document to be executed.

Finance/Facilities and District Planning:

Ronald Szewc, Chairman  
 Ronald Grillo  
 Josephine Malaniak

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 \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ that the following  
 Finance actions of the Board numbered \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ exception  
 actions be adopted.

## Roll Call For:

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 November 30, 2014 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 November 30, 2015 be and the same is hereby approved and ordered paid:

Payroll	November 15, 2015	\$1,124,961.49
	November 30, 2015	\$1,179,927.01

3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the payroll for the month ended December 31, 2015 be and the same is hereby approved and ordered paid:

Payroll	December 15, 2015	\$1,134,277.82
	December 23, 2015	\$1,132,108.74

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4. 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 7, 2016 be and the same are hereby approved and ordered paid:

Current Expense (Fund 11)	\$ 782,654.77
Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$ 57,325.42
Debt Service (Fund 40)	\$ 23,628.89
Grand Total	\$ 863,609.08
General Ledger	\$ 147,438.78

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 31, 2015, be and the same are hereby approved and ordered paid:

	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
Payroll/Payroll Taxes	\$ 32,784.30	\$ 35,304.91
Services	\$ 47,508.41	\$ 46,312.43

6. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the attached transfers for the month of November 2015.
7. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Township of Lyndhurst approve the 2015-2016 Joint Transportation Agreement between Englewood and Lyndhurst.
8. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education, approve the services for Jarvis Plumbing and Heating through January 7, 2016 in the amount of \$3983.00.

Education & Curriculum Committee:

Susan Alcuri, Chairwoman  
 Joseph Abruscato  
 Beverly Alberti  
 Josephine Malaniak

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 \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ that the following  
 Education and Curriculum Committee actions of the Board numbered  
 through \_\_\_\_\_ exception actions be adopted.

Roll Call For:

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approves the following new courses:

Introduction to Vocal Technique  
 Musical Theater History  
 Sports & Entertainment Marketing  
 Computer Science I  
 AP Macroeconomics

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the following course name changes:

AP Computer Science Principles

3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve a pilot program of the free dental screening services of Little Smiles, New Jersey...the Mobile Dentists at Lincoln School. Should analysis of the program's implementation at Lincoln School prove the services successful, this program will be expanded to service other district schools. See attached document.

Policies and Rules/Regulations Committee:

Joseph Abruscato, Chairman  
 Susan Alcuri  
 Christopher Musto

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

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ that the following Rules & Regulations Committee actions of the Board numbered \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ exception actions be adopted.

## Roll Call For:

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>
Booster Club	LHS Auditorium	10:30 – 11:15 a.m. 12/11/15
	Hall outside the gym	7:00 p.m.
	Boys Basketball	December 18, 2015
	Varsity Schedule	January 5, 12, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 19, 2016
		Concession Table
		5:30 p.m.
		February 23, 2016
		Concession Table
		TBD
		December 26, 28, 29, 2015
		Concession Table
	Hall outside the gym	6:00 p.m.
	Girls Basketball	December 18, 2015
	Varsity Schedule	Concession Table
		5:30 p.m.
		February 11, 2016
		Concession Table

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Booster Club (cont.)		12:00 p.m. January 9, 2016 Concession Table
		7:00 p.m. January 7, 14, 21, 28, 2016 February 4, 25, 2016 Concession Table
Groovy Connections	LHS Auditorium	10:00 – 11:00 a.m. 12/12/15 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. 12/15/15 School Holiday Show
Lyndhurst Police Dept.	HS Gym/Locker Rm	11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. April 3, 2016 Fundraiser Basketball Game

2. WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2016 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time that all residents might acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

WHEREAS, The Lyndhurst Board of Education is one of 586 local school boards in New Jersey that sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, The Lyndhurst Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's local school boards help determine community goals for the education of approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 4,800 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

WHEREAS, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation's best in indicators such as high school graduation rates, class size, college entrance exam participation and Advanced Placement offerings and test scores. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Lyndhurst Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2016 as School Board Recognition Month; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Lyndhurst Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the improvement of our children's education.

3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the Doctrine of Necessity.
4. 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.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education affirms the HIB Grade issued by the state of New Jersey to the district and its respective schools based on its annual review of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying preventative programs, approached and other initiatives and its annual review of Lyndhurst Board of Education Policies.

### Superintendent's Report

- On behalf of the entire Community of Lyndhurst, I respectfully and appreciatively recognize the members of the Lyndhurst Board of Education, past and present, during this month of January 2016, designated as “New Jersey School Board Recognition Month”. We should all, rightfully, recognize the contributions made by our local school board members. As one of 586 school boards in New Jersey, our 9 member BOE sets policies and oversees operations for our pre-kindergarten through 12 grade school program. Our members, individually and as a collective body, are committed to working with Lyndhurst Public School educators in a unity of purpose to achieve a degree of excellence in every aspect of our educational program. Together, along with the district administrative team, the board is responsible to uphold the highest standards of ethical leadership and decision-making in terms of the educational welfare of children. In our respective leadership roles and responsibilities, we seek to develop and maintain our schools in a manner that meets the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing. Heartfelt appreciation and recognition is extended to the Lyndhurst Board of Education.
- Ms. Jamie Stevens, Ms. Maryann Mule and Ms. Chelsea Trump have announced and are facilitating a series of school activities for the 2016 National “No Name-Calling Week” recognized from January 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. “No Name-Calling Week” was inspired by the novel The Misfits, by James Howe. “No Name-Calling Week” is a week where schools across the nation recognize and celebrate kindness and respect. Each school in our district will participate in events aimed at ending name-calling and verbal and cyber bullying. This year, our faculty and students pledge to be kind and to facilitate activities that promote a school environment free of name-calling and bullying.
- Recognition and appreciation is extended to Stacy Tulloch and Elaine Catanese for their leadership in organizing the “Giving Tree” Project. Their work, along with the donations and efforts of faculty and community members, provided for 43 needy families in our

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district. Let's all take a minute to reflect upon how many extra smiles there were on Christmas morning as a result of kind hearts. The best gift of all is the gift of giving.

- Mayor Robert Giangeruso and the Lyndhurst Board of Commissioners extended a special “thank you” to Ms. Elena Wise and the LHS Choir for their participation in the township’s holiday celebration, “Hometown Holiday in the Park”. The Choir’s performance showcased outstanding talent, as well as the joys of singing, which contributed to making the holiday celebration a wonderful and joyful event.
- Ms. Anne DeForge, LHS Media Specialist/Librarian, is working with Mrs. Donna Romeo, Lyndhurst Public Librarian, on a joint venture. The goal is to increase teen library use. The public library currently has a small room with graphic novels that they have dubbed “The Teen Room”. It has this name because this room is where most of the teen patrons like to hang out. Principal, Ms. Laura Vuono and Mrs. DeForge are considering a “teen room” in our school library to increase interest. Mrs. Romeo may facilitate a one time advisory event, where a group of our students would tour the teen room at the public library and make suggestions to make it better from a teen’s point of view. We are anxiously looking forward to the continued development of this initiative and the expansion of our partnership.
- Under the direction and leadership of Ms. Tanya Pastor, high school English teacher and Supervisor of Language Arts, Ms. Lisa Klein, LHS students demonstrated their poetry writing skills and art and photography talents by collaborating in publishing Lyndhurst High School’s Sixth Annual “Winter Poetry Slam”. Congratulations to our featured faculty poet, Ms. Pastor, her team of student poets and the contributors of the art and photography portions of a most impressive publication.
- Congratulations to Mr. Blake Spence, Supervisor of Fine and Performing Arts, members of the department’s faculty, and our talented vocal and instrumental students for their performances at December 2015 Holiday Winter Concerts. The public performances were enjoyed and applauded by family, friends, faculty, staff and members of our community. Special



recognition is extended to Mr. Knitel, Mr. McConnell, Ms. Wise, Mr. Lang, Mr. Chwalyk, and Mr. Dellosa. It is obvious to me and all other adults in our schools and community who have served in orchestrating large scale community events the great deal of time, effort, care, coordination and just plain hard work that goes into public presentations. It was truly a delight to watch and listen to the Choir, Jazz Band, and the Concert Choir and Concert Band. The results of their leadership and the student talent and dedication were that parents, family members, friends and students experienced joy and pride in our Department of Fine and Performing Arts. The huge number of singers and musicians and the large crowds are testimony to this joy and pride.

- Congratulations and kind recognition to Ms. Theresa Brennen and Ms. Donna Spedding for their work in facilitating the Jefferson School Student Council's 2nd Annual Holiday Toy Drive. All toys were donated to and distributed by Joseph M. Sanzari Children's Hospital @ Hackensack University Medical Center. What a wonderful event in support of the patients at the Children's Hospital.
- LHS Principal, Ms. Laura Vuono announced the following:
  - On November 20, 2015, Lyndhurst High School 10 & 11 grade science students attended an Engineering Conference sponsored by Ridgwood High School. Mr. Joseph Collins and Ms. Anna Konel accompanied our students to the conference.
  - The Engineering Conference provided LHS students with valuable information and resources, a certificate of participation, and most importantly a chance to interact with many engineers currently working in various fields.
- At the October 2015, Bergen County English Supervisors Roundtable hosted at Lyndhurst High School by Lisa Klein, the Bergen County ELA supervisors discussed the possibility of working together to create common assessments to satisfy the 2016 ELA Portfolio Appeals Process for twelfth graders. While attending the Bergen County Curriculum Consortium in October, Ms. Klein discussed the project with Sharon Rosario, the Bergen County Curriculum Specialist, and she was in full support of this endeavor. The first full day work session was held in

Cresskill on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Twenty-two supervisors and teachers from ten Bergen County school districts attended the session. A second work session was held at Lyndhurst High School on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations and appreciation to Ms. Klein.

- Mr. Blake Spence, Supervisor of Fine and Performing Arts announced that the following students have been selected to participate in the Bergen County Choir and Bergen County Band. Congratulations to our talented students!
  - Francesca DiPisa- Choir
  - Dennis Alarcon- Band
  - Betsaida Oliveria- Band
- In December, I received notification that Ms. Madalena Zak's and Ms. Stacy Tulloch's applications for nomination as a member of the NJDOE's Next Generation Science Standards curriculum assessment writing committee had been accepted. Twenty-six states and their board-based teams of curriculum writers work together in partnership throughout the country to develop the new science standards. In New Jersey, the implementation timeline is as follows: Grades 6-12 by the start of the 2016-17 school year and Grades K-5 by the start of the 2017-18 school year. Congratulations to Ms. Zak, Supervisor of Science and Ms. Tulloch, teacher at Memorial Campus. Both are recognized as distinguished members of our science education community.
- Commander of the Lyndhurst Veterans Alliance, Mr. Tom Witt wrote a letter of appreciation expressing "heartfelt thanks to the Board of Education, administration, faculty and students who participated in the Veterans Day Tribute on November 11, 2015". Special recognition was extended to: Mr. Vastola and Mr. Hughes for having student representation from Jefferson School, Jenna Coviello and John Rodriguez for leading the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Spence, Mr. Dellosa and LHS buglers, Betsaida Oliveira and Andrew Mayewski for performing TAPS. A special note of appreciation is extended to all who participated.

- Special recognition and honor is extended to the Lyndhurst Middle School Robotics Team who earned the 4<sup>th</sup> place award at the South Bergen County Robotics Competition on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Within the framework of the STEAM Program (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics), students in South Bergen Jointure Commission schools participate in a program one day per marking period. Robotics is one of the four middle school themes. After receiving VEX IQ kits, our Robotics Club set out to work, building and learning how to operate the robots. The following students participated under the guidance and instruction of four teacher/advisors: Ms. Lisa Picillo, Mr. John Blevis, Ms. Lindsay Macoy and Mr. Darius Hughes. Congratulations to:

#### **Jefferson School Students**

Danny Liu  
 Alex Castro  
 Dean Wise  
 Frank Tamburino  
 Josh Nam  
 Bartosz Balbuza  
 Yusuf Abu-Hakmeh

#### **Roosevelt School Students**

Dimple Kangriwala  
 John Mulvany  
 Jacob Ospina  
 Abishek Rameshkumar  
 Isabella DiPisa  
 Lennon Okum  
 Robert Rivero  
 Ronald Treier  
 Cristiano Santo

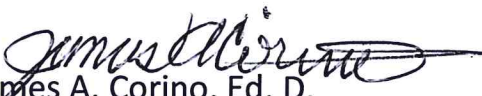


- Supervisor of Student Services, Ms. Jamie Stevens and LHS guidance counselors announced College Instant Decision Day results from the following list of colleges and universities as well as the number of students who were accepted with scholarship awards. Congratulations to these students and their parents/caregivers

Fairleigh Dickinson University	10 students
Felician College	8 students
Rowan University	9 students
Caldwell University	9 students
New Jersey City University	9 students
Seton Hall University	22 students
East Stroudsburg University	5 students
William Paterson University	23 students
Ramapo College	12 students
Montclair University	22 students

- Congratulations to Ashley Stephens for being selected as a Chief State School Officer candidate to represent New Jersey in the U.S. Scholars Program! Ashley, who ranks in the top 5% of her graduating class, has challenged herself academically by taking 11 Honors courses and three Advanced Placement courses. In 2014 she represented Lyndhurst High School as our Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Ambassador. In addition, Ashley is the Editor-In-Chief of the award winning Lighthouse newspaper. Outside of school, she can be found working at the local library where she has been employed since her sophomore year. We are proud to have Ashley representing Lyndhurst High School and New Jersey in such an elite program!

Respectfully submitted,

  
James A. Corino, Ed. D.  
Superintendent of Schools