

LYNDHURST BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 8, 2016

Agenda
(Meeting #4)

WELCOME, to a joint public meeting of the Lyndhurst Board of Education and the Lyndhurst Board of Commissioners. 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:

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

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 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/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.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. SALUTE TO FLAG
3. ROLL CALL
4. PRESIDING OFFICER'S MEETING NOTICE STATEMENT
5. PUBLIC HEARING ON MEETING AGENDA
6. BOARD DISCUSSION & FORMAL BUSINESS AGENDA
7. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: It may be necessary, from time to time, to remove or make changes in a motion(s) between the time this agenda is prepared and when the Board takes action.

Roll Call For:

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.

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