LYNDHURST BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 25, 2016 Agenda (Meeting #6)

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
Athletics/Student Activities/Substance Abuse 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/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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES #5 March 21, 2016
- 6. PUBLIC HEARING ON MEETING AGENDA
- 7. BOARD DISCUSSION & FORMAL BUSINESS AGENDA
- 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- 9. NEW BUSINESS
- 10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
- 11. PUBLIC HEARING ON OTHER THAN MEETING AGENDA
- 12. ADJOURNMENT

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LYNDHURST BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting 4-25-16

ANNOUNCEMENT

The terms of School Trustees, Joseph Abruscato, Susan Alcuri, and Ronald Szwec will expire, thus three seats, all for three years, will be filled at the Tuesday, November 8, 2016 General Election. Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A candidate whose name is to appear on the ballot must file his/her petition with the Bergen County Clerk on or before July 25, 2016, by 4:00 p.m.

Only those persons who are permanently registered or those who register with the Bergen County Board of Elections, Hackensack, or the Lyndhurst Township Clerk by October 18, 2016 will be permitted to vote.

All judges to open the school elections at 6:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at:

<u>District</u>	School
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
14	Lyndhurst High School
15	Lyndhurst High School

Finance/Facilities and District Planning Committee:

Ronald Szwec, 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 March 31, 2016 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 March 31, 2016 be and the same is hereby approved and ordered paid:

Payroll

March 15, 2016

\$ 1,156,541.30

March 24, 2016

\$ 1,098,675.70

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 April 25, 2016 be and the same are hereby approved and ordered paid:

Current Expense (Fund 11)

\$ 1,280,456.46

Capital Outlay (Fund 12)

24,331.00

Special Revenue (Fund 20)

\$ 120,131.26

Debt Service (Fund 40)

\$ 174,781.25

Grand Total

\$ 1,599.708.97

General Ledger

\$ 126,638.18

4. BE IT RESOLVED, that cafeteria services rendered to the Board of Education of the Township of Lyndhurst, County of Bergen, for the Month of March 31, 2016, be and the same are hereby approved and ordered paid:

Payroll/Payroll Taxes	\$ 29,580.64
Services	\$ 40,287.55

- 5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the contractual agreement with Supreme Consultants to fill the School Psychologist maternity leave replacement. Beginning April 25, 2016 and ending June 21, 2016.
- 6. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the contractual agreement with Literacy and Learning Solutions to fill the position of Wilson Reading Specialist and Coach. Beginning April 25, 2016 and ending June 21, 2016.
- 7. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the contractual agreement with Secura Home Health Aide Agency to fill the position of pediatric health aide for one to one student at Jefferson School. Beginning April 26, 2016 and ending June 21, 2016.
- 8. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the attached transfers for the month of March 2016.
- 9. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education enter into a Contracted Service Agreement with the Bergen County Technical Schools/Special Services for the 2016-2017 school year.
- 10. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education, County of Bergen, approve the 2016-2017 School Year Budget as follows:

Current General Expense (Fund 11) Capital Outlay (Fund 12) Transfer to Charter Schools	\$ 38,166,175.00 \$ 24,331.00 \$ 185,703.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ 38,376,209.00
Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$ 1,105,809.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 40,100,661.00

AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the GENERAL FUND tax levy \$35,958,241.00 is approved to support Current General Expense and \$618,643.00 to support Debt Service, for the 2016-2017 school year budget. Also included in the budget are the use of the health adjustment in the amount of \$206,435.00 to offset health care costs and the automatic enrollment adjustment.

11. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education of the Township of Lyndhurst, County of Bergen, approve the services for Jarvis Plumbing and Heating through April 25, 2016 in the amount of \$11,174.00.

Education and 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 Curriculum Committee actions of the Board numbered actions be adopted.

that the following Education and through exception

Roll Call For:

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve June 20, 2016 and June 21, 2016 as single session days.

LYNDHURST PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL YEAR 2015-2016

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September	2 & 3	Staff Only	November	3 E	lection Day - 4 Hr. Day
September	4 & 7	School Closed		P	M Session: Gr. K-2 Conferences
September	8	First Day of School		P	M Session: Gr. 3-12 Staff PD
September	16	4 Hour Day Gr. 3 ONLY	November	5 & 6	Teacher Convention
		Gr. 3 BTSN	November	25	4 Hour Day
		1/2: 6:00PM	November	26 & 27	Thanksgiving Recess
		1/2: 7:30PM	December	23	4 Hour Day
September	17	4 Hour Day Gr. 9-12 ONLY	December 24 -	January 1	Winter Recess
		9-12 BTSN 7:30PM	February	15-19	Presidents Day Recess
September	22	4 Hour Day Gr. 4-8 ONLY February 29 - March 24 PARCO		PARCC Testing Window	
		Gr. 4 BTSN 7:30PM	March 25 - Apr	il 1	Spring Recess
September	24	4 Hour Day Pre-K	April 18 - May 2	20	PARCC Testing Window
		Pre-K BTSN 6:00PM	May	25 & 26	NJBCT & Gr.4 & 8 Testing
September	29	4 Hour Day K-2 ONLY	May 27-31	School Closed	Memorial Day & Unused Snow Days
50		K-2 BTSN 6:00PM	June	6 & 7	NJBCT & Gr. 4 & 8 Make-up
October	12	Columbus Day	June	20 (4 hr. da	y) High School Graduation
October	28	PSAT 4 Hour Day Gr.9-12 ONLY	June	21 (4 hr. da	y) Elementary Graduation
			June	21	Last Day Of School

School Closed \triangle Staff Only \bigcirc 4 Hour Day # First day of school ## Last day of school \bigcirc NJBCT& Gr. 4 & 8 revised 4/25/16 Bd. Mtg. Proposed 8/18/15

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 Committee actions of the Board numbered

that the following Rules & Regulations exception actions be through

adopted.

Roll Call For:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the following use of school 1. facilities:

Organization	Place	Date, Time, Purpose
Franklin & Roosevelt School PTA	LHS Gym	May 20, 2016 9:00 am – 1:00 p.m. Anti-Bully Assembly
Franklin School PTA	Memorial Campus Science Lab	4/28, 5/5, 5/12, 5/19, 5/26, 6/2 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Mad Science after school program
	Franklin School Art Room	May 6, 2016 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Mother's Day Plant Sale
	Franklin School Art Room	May 18 & 19, 2016 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. BOGO Scholastic Book Fair
	Franklin School Art Room	May 18, 2016 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. BOGO Scholastic Book Fair
	Columbus School	4/28, 5/5, 5/12, 5/19, 5/26, 6/2, 6/9 3:05 – 4:30 p.m. Theatre After School Program

- 2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the attached Doctrine of Necessity.
- 3. 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.
- 4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the following resolution proclaiming Teacher Appreciation Week May 2-6, 2016.

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, 2016 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.

5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the following resolution declaring the week of May 8-14, 2016 as Special Education Week.

WHEREAS, the week of May 8-14, 2016 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 8-14, 2016 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.

6. 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, 2016 as Administrative Professionals' 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, 2016 is hereby proclaimed Administrative Professionals' 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.

7. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the First Reading of the following policies:

0167	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETINGS
0168	RECORDING BOARD MEETINGS
1240	EVALUATION OF SUPERINTENDENT
2422	HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION
2431	ATHLETIC COMPETITION
3221	EVALUATION OF TEACHERS
3222	EVALUATION OF TEACHING STAFF MEMBERS, EXCLUDING TEACHERS AND AMINISTRATORS
3223	EVALUATION OF ADMINISTRATORS, EXCLUDING PRINCIPALS, VICE PRINCIPALS, AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS
3224	EVALUATION OF PRINCIPALS, VICE PRINCIPALS, AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS
3322	STAFF MEMBER'S USE OF PERSONAL CELLULAR
	TELEPHONES/OTHER COMMUNICATION DEVICES
3431.1	FAMILY LEAVE
4322	STAFF (SUPPORT STAFF) MEMBER'S USE OF PERSONAL CELLULAR
	TELEPHONES/OTHER COMMUNICATION DEVICES
4431.1	FAMILY LEAVE (SUPPORT STAFF)
5111	ELIGIBILITY OF RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT STUDENTS
5310	HEALTH SERVICES
5330	ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION
5330.01	ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA
5339	SCREENING FOR DYSLEXIA
5460	HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION
5516	USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION AND RECORDING DEVICES (ECRD)
5615	SUSPECTED GANG ACTIVITY
5756	TRANSGENDER STUDENTS
8462	REPORTING POTENTIALLY MISSING OR ABUSED CHILDREN
8540	SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS
8550	OUTSTANDING FOOD SERVICE CHARGES
8820	OPENING EXERCISES/CEREMONIS

DOCTRINE OF NECESSITY

WHEREAS, the School Ethics Act (N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et seq.) was enacted by the New Jersey State Legislature to ensure and preserve public confidence in school board members and school administrators and to provide specific ethical standards to guide their conduct; and

WHEREAS, the School Ethics Commission has provided guidance in Public Advisory Opinion A03-98, regarding how a Board should invoke the Doctrine of Necessity when a quorum of a board of education has conflicts of interest on a matter required to be voted upon; and

WHEREAS, the opinion set forth that, when it is necessary for a Board to invoke the Doctrine of Necessity, the Board should state publicly that it is doing so, the reason that such action is necessary and the specific nature of the conflicts of interest; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the Legislative purpose as set forth in N.J.S.A.18A:12-22(a), the School Ethics Commission views public disclosure of conflicts of interest to be paramount when it is necessary to invoke the Doctrine of Necessity;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lyndhurst Public School District Board of Education hereby invokes the Doctrine of Necessity for the reason of personnel and negotiations and that it must do so because of the conflicts of interest for board members Joseph Abruscato, Beverly Alberti, Susan Alcuri, Ronald Grillo, Sheri Jarvis, Josephine Malaniak, Christopher Musto, and James "Chizzie" Vuono who have a conflict due to union membership and family relatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lyndhurst Public School District Board of Education is herewith meeting the requirement to read the resolution at a regularly scheduled public meeting, will post it where it posts public notices for 30 days and will provide the School Ethics Commission with a copy of the resolution as required by the Decision of the School Ethics Commission.

Athletic/Student Activities/Substance Abuse Committee:

Sheri Jarvis, Chairwoman Ronald Grillo Joseph Abruscato

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

Motion made by second by Recognition Committee actions of the Board numbered actions be adopted.

that the following Student Activities & through exception

Roll Call For:

- 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approves our Extended School Year Program (ESY) for 2016. ESY will be held at Memorial Campus from July1, 2016 to July 29, 2016 (Closed July 4th) from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This program is offered to classified students Pre-K through 8th who would experience serious regression if they did not attend an ESY program.
- 2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve our Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) for 2016 at Memorial Campus from July 1, 2016 through July 29, 2016 (closed July 4th) from 8:30 am 12:30 pm. This program is offered to the district's Remedial students in first grade through eighth grade, pending enrollment. This program is offered to students who would experience serious regression if they did not have a summer program.
- 3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve a student to attend YCS George Washington School in Hackensack. Student transferred from another district and is continuing his placement. Tuition is \$47,269.80 pro-rated (\$262.61 per diem) for the remainder of this school year. Busing has been arranged through South Bergen Jointure Commission.

Superintendent's Report April 25, 2016

1. Through the facilitation of Mathematics Supervisor, Ms. Luann Voza, the Lyndhurst Math Classes Grades K-5 will be participating in the "Great Crayon Cleanout". Bedtime Math has launched a Crayon Initiative to save the planet and help other kids. The math classes will be collecting unwanted, broken crayon pieces and saving them from our landfills. The students will be counting, sorting, and weighing the hottest crayon colors. The crayon pieces will then be sent to Bedtime Math (postage paid by them) to be recycled into fresh crayons to be donated to children's hospitals. The schools that collect and donated the most crayons will wind one of 10 grand prizes. Contest runs until June 10.

All point teachers are very excited about the program. Free math kits will be sent to all registered schools for the teachers to use for high quality math lessons involving the crayon collection.

2. Under the leadership of Ms. Maryann Mule', Student Assistant Counselor, the Lyndhurst Public School District sponsored a special program titled, *Teen Body Issues: Helping Your Children to Love Themselves, Inside and Out.*

This program was held on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at Lyndhurst High School and Ms. Nancy B. Graham, LCSW, Professional Relations Representative, The Renfrew Center facilitated the session.

Lyndhurst School District recognizes that establishing healthy attitudes and habits in today's society can be challenging for young people. This special session will focus on the statistics and myths surrounding eating disorders, the influence of the media, signs and symptoms, how to get help, what to expect in treatment, preventive tips for the parents and how you can be supportive.

3. Congratulations to Ms. Anne DeForge, Lyndhurst High School Librarian for organizing and promoting the LHS Bookmark Contest to celebrate National Library Week. Special recognition is given to the following students who participated:

Alyssa Capasso 1st place
Nicolette Pezzolla 2nd place
Hanna Song 3rd place
Kelly Weckstein
Shara DelloMonaco
Galina Bello
Emily Caamano
Olivia Perez

4. Thanks to those administrators and teachers who put so much effort into recognizing *Pi Day* during the month of March. Some schools engaged students with interdisciplinary activities across the grade levels both horizontally and vertically.

- 5. Some of our K-2 buildings recently offered extensive Career Day events. Career Day is a great way to introduce students to a variety of careers while also inspiring them to think about their future selves.
- 6. Stephen Giordano, a junior at LHS, has placed as a Judges' Choice winner in the Animals/People Category of the Ocean County Camera Club Photo Contest and will be moving on the next level of competition. The contest is judged by the Photographic Society of America. Stephen's subject in the photo is another LHS student. Congratulations to Stephen Giordano.
- 7. Mr. Blake Spence, Supervisor of Fine and Performing Arts has announced with great excitement and pride that Lyndhurst High School's fall production of *Twelve Angry Jurors*, under the direction of Cristina Coppola and Jill Loeser, has been nominated for two Montclair State University Theatre Night Awards. Stephen Giordano has received a nomination for his outstanding work on lighting design. The entire cast has been nominated for the prestigious ensemble-acting award. The cast members garnering the nomination include:

Sarah Almeida
Tristan Benitez
Gillian Bove
Emyah Crisostomo
Jordon Fernandez

Mackenzie Fletcher Lauren Gold Anthony Hayes Jayson Helmes Matthew Hooper Olivia Perez Nicolette Pezzolla Gaetano Ricciardi Jose Rodriguez Zachary Rossano

The Montclair State Theatre Night Awards recognize excellence in the production of high school and middle school plays throughout New Jersey. The programs goal is to promote and advance the commitment to high quality straight play production in New Jersey's secondary schools. The awards honor the accomplishments of individual achievement of both students and educators in the areas of performance, direction, design, and technical theatre, as well as outstanding productions in the following genres: Drama, Comedy, Classical, and New Work. The Montclair State Theatre Night Awards have been an increasingly significant and well-attended event each year since its inception in 2009. The event is a positive educationally -based community building experience. Students are able to share their work with other students and to be recognized outside their own high schools. This outside recognition has direct benefits for students and teachers in districts throughout the state. In a time when theatre arts programs are in peril, this outside recognition helps maintain and even build quality high school theatre programs.

This year's Theatre Night Awards will take place on Monday, May 16th at Montclair State University's Memorial Auditorium at 7:00 PM. All nominated students are invited to attend.

We wish out teachers and students luck as they enjoy this fabulous night of high school theatre.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Coríno, Ed. D.

Interim Superintendent of Schools