

LYNDHURST BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 30, 2015

Agenda
(Meeting #20)

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 Committee
Education and Curriculum Committee
Rules & Regulations Committee
Student Activities and Recognition 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meeting #18 – October 26, 2015
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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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.

Finance Committee:

Ronald Szwec, Chairperson
Joseph Abruscato

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

Payroll	October 13, 2015	\$ 1,098,659.27
	October 28, 2015	\$ 1,118,699.96

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

Charter School (Fund 10)	\$	12,944.00
Current Expense (Fund 11)	\$	1,096,763.81
Capital Outlay (Fund 12)	\$	15,323.08
Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$	127,073.98

Grand Total	\$	1,252,104.87
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General Ledger	\$	200,135.84
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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 October 31, 2015, be and the same are hereby approved and ordered paid:

Payroll/Payroll Taxes	\$ 38,037.20
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Supplies	\$ 38.48
Refunds	\$ 10.40

5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the attached transfers for the month of October 2015.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education authorizes the School Business Administrator to pay the November and December bills.
7. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Audit Report of the Lyndhurst Board of Education for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015 submitted by DiMaria & DiMaria LLP shall be accepted. The findings of each category of the report is as follows:

Administrative Practices and Procedures

No errors

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

No errors

School Purchasing Programs

No errors

School Food Service

No errors

Student Body Activities

No errors

Application For State School Aid

No errors

Public Transportation

No errors

Facilities and Capital Assets

No errors

Miscellaneous

No errors

Statues of Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations

There were no audit findings or recommendations in the prior year.

The above synopsis was prepared from the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the Lyndhurst School District for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. This Comprehensive Annual Financial Report is on file at the office of the Secretary to the Board of Education and may be inspected by an interested person.

8. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the Prescription Plan with CVS/Caremark, effective December 1, 2015 at the rate of:

Single Coverage cost/month \$239.22

Family Coverage cost/month \$519.22

9. 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 November 30, 2015 in the amount of \$4,355.00

Education & Curriculum Committee:

Susan Alcuri, Chairperson
 Beverly Alberti
 Joseph Abruscato

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, at the recommendation of James A. Corino, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve Educere Online Home Instruction Program for the 2015-2016 school year.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of James A. Corino, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve Supreme Consultant Group to provide temporary interpreters for Special Education IEP meetings, at the rate of \$47.00 per hour of translation, for the 2015-2016 school year.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of James A. Corino, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the 2015 District PARCC Assessment.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of James A. Corino, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the QSAC Annual Statement of Assurance for the 2015-2016 school year.

Rules & Regulations Committee:

Joseph Abruscato, Chairperson
 Sheri Jarvis
 James "Chizzie" Vuono

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>Date, Time, Purpose</u>
Franklin School PTA	Art Room	December 4, 2015 8:30 am – 3:00 pm Pictures with Santa
	Art Room	December 8, 2015 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm Holiday Shop
	Art Room	December 8 & 9, 2015 8:30 am – 3:00 pm Holiday Shop
	2 – 3 Classrooms	Jan. 4,11,18,25, 2016 Feb. 1,8, 2015 Bricks 4 Kidz afterschool program
Jefferson Columbus PTA	Columbus School All Purpose Room	December 2 & 3, 2015 12/2 set-up after 1:00 pm 12/3 8:30 am – 5:00 pm Book Fair
	Rec Center Sm. rm. by gym	December 2 & 3, 2015 12/2 set-up 12:00 pm – 2:00pm 12/3 8:30 am – 2:50 pm Book Fair

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	Jefferson School Gym	December 3 & 4, 2015 12/3 set-up after 12:00 pm 12/4 8:30 am – 2:45 pm Book Fair
	Jefferson School 2 classrooms	November 17, 2015 December 8, 2015 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Gen'l Member Mtg.
LHS Booster Club	LHS Rm 110	November 9, 2015 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Meeting
NJ Hurricanes	LHS Rm. 144	November 12, 2015 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Team Mtg. – Parents
	LHS Rm. 144	December 3, 2015 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm Team Mtg. – Parents

2. 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.

Safety and Security Committee

Christopher Musto, Chairperson
Sheri Jarvis

Any Board member who takes exception to any of the following listed actions under the category of Safety and Security 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.

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education conducted a School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill on October 22, 2015 at Washington School. This bus evacuation drill was held by Lt. Robert Jankowski of the Lyndhurst Police Department. Also in attendance was Sgt. Robert Wartel of the LPD, Joseph Vastola, Principal and Linda Kost, Transportation Coordinator.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education conducted a School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill on November 11, 2015 at Lyndhurst High School for the District Choir. This bus evacuation drill was held by Sgt. Robert Wartel of the Lyndhurst Police Department. Also in attendance was Lt. Robert Jankowski and Linda Kost, Transportation Coordinator.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education conducted a School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill on November 12, 2015 at Jefferson School for the District Band. The bus evacuation was held by Lt. Robert Jankowski. Also in attendance was Joseph Vastola, Principal and Linda Kost, Transportation Coordinator.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education conducted a School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill on November 12, 2015 at Jefferson School. This bus evacuation drill was held by Lt. Robert Jankowski of the Lyndhurst Police Department. Also in attendance was Joseph Vastola, Principal and Linda Kost, Transportation Coordinator.

Student Activities & Substance Abuse:

Sheri Jarvis, Chairperson
Beverly Alberti
James "Chizzie" Vuono

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 _____ that the following Student Activities & Recognition Committee actions of the Board numbered _____ through _____ exception actions be adopted.

Roll Call For:

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education grant permission for (1) Pre-K-D student to attend BCSSD's HIP program in Midland Park, at a tuition of \$59,040.00, pro-rated, effective November 2, 2015. Transportation will be provided by South Bergen Jointure Commission.

New Business

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education accept an ongoing donation from Mr. John Spagnuolo through TIAA-CREF's Employee Giving Campaign.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
NOVEMBER 30, 2015

- Under the direction and leadership of Faculty Co-Advisors to the LHS Student Government Association, Mr. Sean Frew and Ms. Sara Granieri, the SGA collected over 2500 food items in a Lyndhurst-Wide Food Drive. The program was a huge success and all those adults and students who volunteered and donated their time and food are respectfully recognized and their efforts genuinely appreciated. The donated items have been counted and the results of the classes who collected the largest quantity are as follows:

Grades K-2 Winner:	Diane Gress	Columbus School
Grade 3 Winner:	Patricia DiNicola	Memorial Campus
Grades 4-8 Winner:	Kristin Marron	Roosevelt School
Grades 9-12 Winner	Margaret Weckstein	Lyndhurst High School

The winning classes will be treated to a pizza party. Congratulations to all!

- Ms. Sara Granieri and Mr. Sean Frew expressed their heartfelt thanks to Mr. Chris Sofio, Mr. Keith Matino and Mr. David DiPisa for organizing and carrying out the district wide food drive pick-up and drop-off to the Lyndhurst Food Pantry. Over 2500 food items were delivered to the pantry. This effort will certainly brighten up the holidays for local families in need.
- LHS Principal, Ms. Laura Vuono and Mr. Thomas Rowland, Guidance Counselor have announced the Fairleigh Dickinson University and Felician College Instant Decision Day results and the following number of students were accepted with scholarship awards:

Fairleigh Dickinson University	10 Students
Felician College	8 Students

- Ms. Margaret Weckstein is commended for making a new black stage skirt for the LHS auditorium. Thank you Ms. Weckstein for giving of your time and talent and for your generosity.

- November 16-20 was recognized as National Education Week. This week of dedication was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate public education and extend appreciation and recognition to all educators who have devoted their lives and professional careers to the service and education of our children. Those in this most honorable profession strive to make sure each and every child receives a quality academic and social education.
- Ms. Stacy Tulloch and Ms. Elaine Catanese have announced that it is that time of the year for “The Giving Tree” whereby the faculty and staff come together to help fellow students and families enjoy the holiday season. Those interested in buying a gift or gift card for a needy child in our district should email Stacy or Elaine. Gifts should be taken/sent to Memorial Campus by Wednesday, December 9, 2015. Please support this wonderful care-giving opportunity.
- During the third grade Life Sciences Unit of Study this fall, Memorial Campus students were engaged in two exciting virtual field trips. The students learned about shark conversation through Shark4Kids in the Bahamas and they also engaged in virtual learning field biology activities through The Museum of Natural Sciences in North Carolina.
- On Thursday, October 29th, Memorial Campus held its first “Tea and Talk” hosted by Principal, Ms. Castrovinci. The topic centered around how parents may support their child’s education and strategies for homework. Additionally, the Memorial Campus community has been collecting pantry items and winter accessories for Lyndhurst Girl Scout Troop 4751. The school also hosted a Read-A-Thon as a fund-raising effort. A follow-up reading event is planned to be held at Barnes and Noble on December 15th.
- Ms. Tanya Pastor, Advisor to The LIGHTHOUSE (Monthly Student Newspaper) has proudly announced the following awards earned by her highly acclaimed staff of writers, editors and contributors. At the October 26th Conference at Rutgers University, the staff received numerous awards from the Garden State Scholastic Press Association newspaper contest that The Lighthouse entered last spring. Last year, the 2014-2015 editions of the newspaper won an award of Overall Excellence for the fourth consecutive year. LHS students earned awards for writing, photography, artwork and

layout for top recognition in the state by the GSSPA. This is the first time The Lighthouse has earned a first place award for the GSSPA. Esin Murat is to be commended for this incredible achievement. Esin is no longer studying at LHS because she and her family moved out of the county this past summer. Nonetheless, she deserves commendation for her achievement. The Lyndhurst community is very proud of each and every one of our Lighthouse students and commend them for their outstanding contributions to The Lighthouse and the field of scholastic journalism.

- LHS Principal, Ms. Laura Vuono and Mr. Brian Fuschetto announced that our high school students will be working to assist Starfish Global, in partnership with Google, in putting Lyndhurst on the map. Our students will be working with local businesses to help them grow by raising awareness about the importance of having up to date information on-line. They will also help to ensure that customers searching on Google Search and Maps can find every business in Lyndhurst.
- A committee of district educators (Christine Caldwell, Maria Fagan, Melissa Hamilton, Karen Herman, Susan Savino, T.J Kroncke, Desiree Estrella, Joyce Settembrino, Paula Pica, Selma Aviles, Jeffrey Radigan, Robert Giangeruso, and Sharon King-Dobson) are working to develop a partnership with Special Olympics of New Jersey to create an inclusive program that ensures physical education, sports and fitness, and extra-curricular activities are accessible to all students. More detailed information about this program and the progress of the committee is forthcoming. Congratulations and appreciation to all those currently involved in this initiative!
- Violence Awareness and Prevention Programs: Members of the Central Office Administration, Middle School Administrators, Counselors, Teachers and the District School Resource Officers have engaged in the development of a comprehensive Violence Awareness and Prevention Program for middle school grades 6, 7, and 8 students and parents. The first program was presented on Monday, October 19th at Jefferson School. Another program will be presented on December 10th at both Lincoln School and Roosevelt School. The concept of student safety and security is an essential important component of our district renewal effort. Ensuring a safe, secure, violence-free learning environment within our schools and in our school community is critical to the development of high- functioning, successful schools. We all know that education is

sacrificed when there is a lack of respect, order, organization and structure. Every adult, educator and parent/caregiver, must take personal responsibility to protect the integrity of our schools and the safety of our children. We must all be partners in the business teaching children respect for self, others, property and process of education. Student safety and school security trumps all other school priorities!

- The Central Office Administration and the Board of Education have established a 2016-17 School Master Calendar Task Force. This committee, comprised of a cross-section of school community leaders (administrators, BOE members, teachers, supervisors, parents, and the SROs from our police department), will conduct its first meeting on Wednesday, December 2nd. The purpose of this effort is to construct a school calendar through a thoughtful, collaborative approach to building the upcoming year's academic calendar based on student needs and district goals. Factors to be considered include but are not limited to:
 - ❖ Federal, state mandated holidays, religious observances, as well as state sanctioned events
 - ❖ NJDOE Code requirements
 - ❖ BOE/Association Contractual agreements
 - ❖ Consideration for parent/caregiver concerns
 - ❖ Build-in emergency closing days
 - ❖ Other

- On Wednesday, December 2nd, the district administration will be conducting a special meeting of our District Leadership Teams. The focus will be two-fold:
 - ❖ District Leadership Team (Curriculum and Instruction, Professional Development, Technology, Special & Remedial Education, and Assessment) chairpersons will be making presentations reporting on their committee's work, e.g., vision and mission, findings to date, short and long term goals, achievements to date, work in progress and tasks planned for the future.
 - ❖ Discussion and expectations of the Marshall Evaluation Framework for Administrators during this 2015-16 school year

- The District Administrators and the Student Assistance Counselors are working on the development of district protocols related to *Chronic Student Absenteeism*. The purpose of this effort is to effectively monitor student attendance and to aggressively implement a series of intervention and corrective strategies to substantially reduce chronic absenteeism.
- The New Jersey Department of Education (Bergen County Office) and the District Administrators have set a tentative date of Wednesday, April 6, 2016 for the QSAC (Quality Single Accountability Continuum) monitoring visitation. This is a follow-up to the District Improvement Plan recently submitted by our district to meet compliance regarding the results of the spring 2015 QSAC monitoring report.

Respectfully submitted,



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