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Lawnside Board of Education Meeting Minutes

November 06, 2023  
**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Lawnside Board of Education was called to order at 7:02 p.m. in-person. After repeating the Pledge of Allegiance and after observing a moment of silence, the following members answered present to the roll call

Forrest -Y	Hayes - Y	Arterbridge Y	Catlett Y
Cauthorne - N	Gibson - Y	Kittles Y	Still - Y

7 Present  
 1 Absent  
 1 Vacant

Also present was Dr. Ronn Johnson, Superintendent, Karen Willis, SBA, Mark Gordon ABA, and Darryl Rhone Board Solicitor.

**OPENING STATEMENT**

Public notice of this meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act Chapter 231 PL 1975 has been given by the Board Secretary in the following manner:

- a Posting written notice on the official school bulletin board at the Lawnside Public School and District website
- b Sending notice to the Courier Post and the Retrospect newspapers
- c Position on the district website

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

Regular Meeting - October 12, 2023 Regular Meeting:

Motion: Ms. Still  
 Second: Ms. Kittles

Forrest -Y	Hayes - Y	Arterbridge - Y	Catlett - Y
Cauthorne - N	Gibson -Y	Kittles Y	Still - Y

Motion: Ms. Still / Second: Ms. Kittles  
 Vote - Yes - 7  
 Motion Carried

LAWNSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
426 CHARLESTON AVENUE  
LAWNSIDE, NEW JERSEY 08045

***“Looking Forward To Success”***

To: Lawnside Board of Education  
From: Dr. Ronn H. Johnson, Superintendent  
Re: Superintendent’s Report (Recommendations)  
Date: November 2, 2023

***Informational Items:***

Conversation with Pastor McNeill (Grade Temple)-School adoption/childcare  
Saturday school was held on Saturday, October 28th, w/ Academic advisement  
Office of Comprehensive Supports School Leadership Team Meeting Agenda/Notes  
Staff Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying training took place on October 23, 2023  
Family Resource Night in December based on SEPAG parent input

***Presentation:***

Special Services Department Presentation- Dr. Carmen Henderson

***District Goals:***

*The District Goals were established in collaboration with the Lawnside Board of Education members at the Board retreat on Thursday, June 29, 2023.*

*In June, 70% of students will meet their ELA and math annual growth targets as measured by the iReady diagnostic assessment.*

*Decrease chronic absenteeism by 10%*

*Effectively communicate with parents and community district information, specifically the New Attendance Policy.*

**Student Enrollment -346**

**Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying: 0**

**Suspensions for October~ 4**

*The Superintendent is not in receipt of any parental request for a Board Hearing at this time.*

**School Security Drills:**

**Fire Drill- 10/30/23 @ 2 pm**

**Security Drill- 10/19/23 @ 10 am Non-fire evacuation**

**PERSONNEL** - It is recommended by the Superintendent items 1- 3 be approved as written.

1. It is recommended that Ms. Karen Willis' Request for Medical Leave be approved from 11/10/23 - 1/5/24.
2. It is recommended that Ms. Natasha Brooks be hired as an Instructional Aide at the salary of \$30,243.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.
3. It is recommended that Ms. Ederline Rosado's Letter of Resignation as an Elementary School Teacher be approved effective October 9, 2023. *(Last day of employment will be December 8, 2023)*

**MANAGEMENT-** It is recommended by the Superintendent items 1-2 be approved as written.

1. It is recommended that the Lawnside School District NJQSAC District Improvement Plan be approved for submission to the New Jersey Department of Education.
2. It is recommended that the 2024-2025 Lawnside Preschool Operational Plan for Preschool Expansion Districts be approved for submission to the NJ Department of Education. *(Board resolution will be maintained on file for state and auditing purposes)*
3. **It is recommended that First Children Services be approved to provide weekly ABA parent training to student #6209248485 at a maximum of 2 hours per week for the 2023-2024 school year.**
4. **It is recommended that Innovative Designs for Educational Achievement, LLC be renewed to provide Speech Language Services until December 31, 2023 at the rate of \$90 per hour.**

**Executive Session: N/A**

*Please contact Dr. Johnson at 856-546-4850 ext. 2200 or ronjohnson@lawnside.k12.nj.us if you have any questions prior to the board meeting on Thursday.*

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE APPROVAL OF THE SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT  
PERSONAL - ITEM 1-3 AND MANAGEMENT ITEM 1- 4**

Motion: Ms. Gibson

Second: Ms. Still

Forrest -Y	Hayes - Y	Arterbridge - Y N to the #2 under Management	Catlett - Y
Cauthorne - N	Gibson - Y	Kittles Y	Still - Y

Vote - Yes - 6 with 1 exception

Motion Carried

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**CORRESPONDENCE** -None.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: - (1) Councilwoman Rhonda Warlow Hurley - Douglas Avenue, Lawnside NJ**

- a. Thank Dr. Johnson for attending the program Honoring Mayor Hurley today for a new building that is being raised by the township.
- b. Donations were provided for the Kindergarten and 3rd grade harvest along with movie night for the 5th graders.

**(2) Terri Harper - 18 Kings Court, Lawnside New Jersey**

- a. Explained to the Board that she is currently volunteering her services with the girl's basketball team ( both 4th and 5th grade), along with staff member Karen Carter.
- b. Fundraisers will be conducted for uniforms
- c. There is an association fee of \$200.00 that will be paid by the District.
- d. Several sponsors will be paying the \$50.00 referee fee at the games.
- e. Transportation will be provided by the school if the school can get buses; otherwise, parents will be transporting their students to the away games.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS - Tabled except HH Rep Report and CC Rep Report**

**Haddon Heights Rep - Ms. Hayes**

Attended all of the meetings, including Policy and Community Relations, and several presentations.

On 10/19 - The school provided their HIB Presentation  
 On 10/30 - The school had a community relations meeting.

Policy Meeting - they amended several of their mandated policies.

Under Community Relations - The Superintendent has initiated a Conversation with Carla Day, where the community can ask her any questions pertaining to the school and students. She wants to hear back from the parents and where they can improve communication with the staff members and admin.

On November 11, 2023 from 3:30 pm to 7:15 pm, the school will be holding their Challenge Day- designed for both students and adult participants to guide them through a series of experiential learning processes. The overall goals of the program are to increase personal power and self-esteem.

**Camden County Education Service Rep - Ms. Still**

Nothing to report at this time, Ms. Still did not attend the last meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

New Business

1. Resolution #78- LineItem Transfers - \$118,508.00
2. Resolution #79 - Line Item Transfer - \$25,000.00
3. Resolution # 80 - Approval of ESSER III funding for salaries.
4. Resolution #81 - Approval of NJSIG Safety Grant - \$2000.00
5. Resolution # 82 - Approval of Pre-Kindergarten Projected Enrollment
1. Resolution #83 - Line Item Transfer - \$20,000.00
2. Resolution #84 - Line Item Transfer - 200.00
3. Resolution #85 - Approval of Health & Safety Checklist
4. Resolution #86 - Approval of Comprehensive Maintenance Plan & M1
10. Resolution #87 - Approval of Sponsors - Lawnside Girls Basketball Team
11. Resolution #88 - Approval of DIP
12. Resolution - 89 - Approval of Legal Representation for Ethics Violation
13. Resolution - #90- Approval of First Children Services

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS # 78-90 Motion: Ms. Still Second: Ms. Catlett**

Vote - Yes - 6 with 1 exception for Resolution #89

Motion Carried

Forrest -Y	Hayes - Y	Arterbridge -Y with one exception # 89	Catlett - Y
Cauthorne - N	Gibson - Y	Kittles Y	Still - Y

**APPROVAL OF THE BOARD SECRETARY REPORT/ TREASURER’S REPORT - TIALED**

**October 2023**

**Motion: - Second:**

Vote -

Forrest -	Hayes -	Arterbridge -	Catlett -
Cauthorne -	Gibson -	Kittles	Still -

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF THE BILLIS**

Motion: Ms. Gibson

Second: Ms. Catlett

Vote - Yes- 6

Forrest -Y	Hayes - Y	Arterbridge - Y	Catlett - Y
Cauthorne - N	Gibson - Y	Kittles Y	Still - Y

Vote - Yes - 7

Motion Carried

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - Legal Matters: Time In 7:20pm**

Motion: Gibson

Second: Hayes

Forrest - Y	Hayes - Y	Arterbridge - Y	Catlett - Y
Cauthorne - N	Gibson - Y	Kittles- Y	Still Y

Vote 7 Yes

Motion Carried

Time Out: 7:35 pm

Motion: Gibson

Second: Kittles

Forrest - Y	Hayes - Y	Arterbridge - Y	Catlett - Y
Cauthorne - N	Gibson - Y	Kittles- Y	Still Y

Vote 7 Yes

Motion Carried

BOARD COMMENTS:

Ms. Hayes advised the Board Members that this month in the NJEA Magazine, Lawnside will be featured on the cover for the Amistad Commission. The Commission has gone throughout the state of NJ to review several district's curricula for Black History, and it was designated that Lawnside School District has the most proficient curriculum throughout the State. She will provide members with a magazine at the next board meeting.

Motion for adjournment: 7:53 pm

Motion - Ms. Gibson

Second by Ms. Kittles

Forrest - Y	Hayes - Y	Arterbridge - 7	Catlett - 7
Cauthorne - N	Gibson - Y	Kittles- Y	Still Y

Vote 7 Yes

Motion Carried

I, Karen Willis, Business Administrator/Board Secretary of the Board of Education of the Borough of Lawnside in the County of Camden, New Jersey Hereby Certify that the foregoing extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Board of Education duly called and held on October 12, 2023 has been compared by me with the original minutes as officially recorded in the Minute Book of the Board of Education and is true complete and correct copy thereof and of the whole of the original minutes so far as they relate to the subject matters referred to in the extract

Respectfully submitted

Karen Willis

Business Administration/ Board Secretary