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Lawnside Board of Education Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2023
CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Lawnside Board of Education was called to order at 7:06 pm 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 (arrived at 7:30 pm)	Arterbridge N	Catlett N
Cauthorne - Y	Gibson - Y	Kittles Y	Still - Y

6 Present
 2 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 - September 14, 2023 Regular Meeting:

Motion: Ms. Still
 Second: Ms. Kittles

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

Motion: Ms. Still / Second: Ms. Kittles
 Vote - Yes - 5
 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: October 12, 2023

Informational Items:

Met with representatives of Grace Temple (9/26) to discuss possible partnership
Attended discussion at Kean University regarding Nurturing SEL/Safe Haven Schools
Conducted a conversation the Lawnside Scholarship Club President, Sharon Whitaker
Met with representative of American Water (10/3/23) regarding Science projects
Annual School Plan Update (met on 9/26/2023)
435 Views of the September newsletter

Presentation:

NJSLA Presentation- Ms. Miller, Director of Curriculum, & Instruction

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 & 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

ADA- 314

Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying: 0

Suspensions for September~ 6

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

School Security Drills:

Fire Drill- 9/9/23 @ 2 pm

Security Drill- 9/13/23 @ 9 am (Shelter In Place w/out Instruction)

PERSONNEL - It is recommended by the Superintendent items 1- 7 be approved as written.

1. It is recommended that Ms. Jessyca Harper’s Request for Maternity Leave be approved effective Monday, November 13, 2023 - Monday, April 8, 2024.

2. It is recommended that Ms. Tomika Wilson’s request for an extension of medical leave (per doctor’s orders) be approved until December 7, 2023.

3. It is recommended that Ms. Diana Ocasio's Letter of Resignation as a School Cafeteria Aide will be approved effective October 6, 2023. (Last day of work will be

12/22/23).

4. It is recommended that the following staff members be approved to provide supervision during Saturday School from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm at a hourly certified staff rate (C) of \$43.53 and non-certified (NC) staff rate of \$19.31 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Niphon Kirk (C) Karen Carter (C)

Chantelle Davis (C) Alexis Backus (C)

Ebony Williams (NC) Bria Couplin (NC) Norman Alston (NC)

5. It is recommended that the following staff members be approved as teachers for the "Looking Forward To Success" after school program at an hourly rate of \$43.53 for the 2023-2024 school year:

Stephen Kelmash Donica Venable

6. It is recommended Mr. Joshua Battle be approved as a Building-based Substitute Teacher at a per diem rate of \$125 for the 2023-2024 school year. (Pending receipt of his Substitute Certificate, Criminal History Review completed)

7. It is recommended Ms. Niphon Kirk be approved as the Student Council Advisor for the 2023-2024 school year at the contracted stipend of \$965.

MANAGEMENT- It is recommended by the Superintendent items 1-8 be approved as written.

1. It is recommended that It is recommended the contract for M. DeJesus from Brookfield School/ Castle Program be accepted and approved for Homebound Services.

Lawnside SD agrees to compensate the staff member at Brookfield School/Castle program \$43.52 per hour for 2 hours of education per day, Monday through Friday, no more than 10 hours per week.

2. It is recommended that SID# 6901063213 be approved to attend Gloucester County Special Services School District at a tuition rate of \$43,830 for the 2023-2024 school year.

3. It is recommended that Dr. Carmen Henderson be approved to attend the National Alliance of Black School Educator's Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana from

November 28, 2023-December 3, 2024. (Participation in the Aspiring Superintendent's Workshop)

4. It is recommended that the following Haddon Heights tuition rate of \$14,000 per student (Regular Education) be approved for the 2023-2024 school year.

(AVG enrollment is 110 students totaling approximately \$1,946,273)

5. It is recommended that the following Haddon Heights tuition rate of \$6,700 per student (Special Education) with a \$4,500 Management Fee for 24 students be approve for the 2023-2024 school year.

6. It is recommended that the following Extended School Year Special Education with-Haddon Heights play events be approved for the 2023-2024 school year at a tuition

of \$3,500 per student:

SID# 9060641539 SID# 1096544803 SID# 7340294793

7. It is recommended that the following Special Education contacts with Haddon Heights Board of Education be approved for the 2023-2024 school year at a tuition rate of \$33,500:

SID# 9060641539 SID# 1096544803 SID# 7340294793

8. It is recommended that the following Professional Development opportunities be approved.

Name Workshop/Training Date Cost
Brandon Leftwich Creating Stewards

of our Planet: Passion for Nature and

STEM (Princeton, NJ)

10/17-18/23 \$325

FIELD TRIPS

It is recommended that the following Field Trips be approved for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

RECOMMENDATION OF THE APPROVAL OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT PERSONAL - ITEM 1-8 AND MANAGEMENT ITEM 1- 7

Motion: Ms. Cauthorn

Second: Ms. Gibson

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

Vote - Yes - 5

Motion Carried

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CORRESPONDENCE -None.

OLD BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - (1) Ms. Diggs, Lafayette Avenue, Lawnside NJ

- a. What are the action items in which we may be able to ask questions about? Ms. Forrest informed any item in which the Board will vote on during the meeting.
- b. When is the end of the marking period? The second week of November.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Committee: 1st Read: Title I Policy

Motion: Ms. Cauthorn

Second: Ms. Gibson

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

Vote - Yes - 5

Motion Carried

Finance & Operation Committee - Request that all Board Members review the current SOP.

Haddon Heights Rep - Ms. Hayes

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

Camden County Education Service Rep - Ms. Still

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

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS # 67-74

- 1. Resolution #67- LineItem Transfers - 1,000.00
- 2. Resolution #68- Line Item Transfer - \$1,000.00
- 3. Resolution #69- Line Item Transfer - \$500.00
- 4. Resolution #70 - Line Item Transfer - \$1,000.00
- 5. Resolution# #71- Approval of Stipends from ESSER III
- 6. Resolution #72 - 24-25 Budget Calendar
- 7. Resolution # 73 - Non Public Transportation Reimbursement
- 8. Resolution #74 - Extraordinary Aid approval

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS # 67-74 Motion: Ms. Hayes Second: Ms. Kittles

Vote - Yes - 6

Motion Carried

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

APPROVAL OF THE BOARD SECRETARY REPORT/ TREASURER’S REPORT

September 2023

Motion: Kittles - Second: Gibson

Vote - Yes - 6

Motion Carried

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF THE BILLIS

Motion: Ms. Gibson

Second: Ms. Still

Vote - Yes- 6

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

Vote - Yes - 6

Motion Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION - N/A

Public Comments - None

BOARD COMMENTS

Motion for adjournment: 7:50 pm

Motion - Ms. Gibson

Second by Ms. Kittles

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

Vote 6 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