

Lawnside Board of Education Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2023
CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Lawnside Board of Education was called to order at 705 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 - A	Arterbridge Y	Catlett Y
Cauthorne A	Gibson Y	Kittles Y	Still Y

6 Present
2 Absent
1 Vacant

Also present was Dr Ronn Johnson Superintendent Karen Willis Board Secretary and Darryl Rhone Board Solicitor

OPENING STATEMENT

1 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 - February 9, 2023

Motion: Ms. Still
Second: Ms. Kittles

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

Vote 6
Motion Carried

PRESENTATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To: Lawnside Board of Education

From: Dr. Ronn H. Johnson, Superintendent

Re: Superintendent's Report (Recommendations)

Date: March 9, 2023

Discussion Items:

Family Academic Night- March 16th 6:30 pm- 8:30 pm

District Goals:

The District Goals were established in collaboration with the Lawnside Board of Education members at the Board retreat on Thursday, June 24, 2021.

Goal #1: Improve ELA and Math scores to a total of 3% growth over the previous year..

Goal #2: Support student achievement in the social and emotional learning needs of students returning to school full time.

Goal #3: Continue to work to engage our parents in positive ways

Student Enrollment- 329

ADA- 304

Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying: 0

Suspensions for February~ 4

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

School Security Drills:

Fire Drill- 2/27/23 @ 2:00 pm

Security Drill- 2/24/23 Shelter In Place with Instruction 11:10 am

PERSONNEL - It is recommended by the Superintendent items 1- 4 be approved as written.

1. It is recommended that Ms. Juliana Picozzi be approved as the Health & Physical Education teacher for the 2023-2024 school year at a salary of \$59, 210 (Step 2- BA).
2. It is recommended that the following staff members be approved as a teacher for the "Building Bright Futures After-School Program" at an hourly rate of \$42.25 during the 2022-2023 school year. The program will run on Mondays-Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 from September 12, 2022-June 2, 2023. (Paid through federal ESSER funds):
Marita Maccherone

3. It is recommended that the following staff members be approved as a paraprofessional for the “Building Bright Futures After-School Program” at an hourly rate of \$19.31 during the 2022-2023 school year. The program will run on Mondays-Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 from September 12, 2022-June 2, 2023. (Paid through federal ESSER funds):
Ms. Karielys Otero

4. **It is recommended that Ms. Amy Abella be approved as the Media Specialist for the 2023-2024 school year at a salary of \$61,110 (Step 1-MA).**

MANAGEMENT- It is recommended by the Superintendent items 1-4 be approved as written.

1. It is **recommended that the Lawnside Public School District's 2023-2024 Preschool Expansion Aid Budget and Enrollment Workbook be approved for submission. (A resolution will be provided to the state).**

2. It is recommended that the position of Technology Coordinator be approved for posting for the 2023-2024 school year.

3. It is recommended that the Comprehensive Equity Plan Statement of Assurance 2023-2024 be approved for submission to the Executive County Superintendent.

4. It is recommended that the following Professional Development be approved for the 2022-2023 school year:

Name	Training	Date	Cost
Karen Willis	NJ School Business Officials Conference	6/6/23 - 6/9/23	\$275 Member
Mark Gordon	NJ School Business Officials Conference	6/6/23 - 6/9/23	\$575 Non-Member
Mark Forchic	Haddonfield Elementary School (Shadowing Day)	3/8/23	N/A

Niphon Kirk	School Climate & Anti Bullying Conference (Virtual)	5/4/23	\$199
Niphon Kirk	RTI & Reading D		\$149
Dr. Ronn Johnson	NJASA Spring Leadership Conference	5/17/23-5/19/23	Conference is Free Lodging Reimbursement

FIELD TRIP

1. It is recommended that the following field trip be approved for the 2022-2023 school year.

Grade	Location	Date	Cost
Grade 3	Academy of natural Sciences	5/19/23	TBD (depending on busing)

*APPROVAL OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
PERSONAL - ITEM 1-4 AND MANAGEMENT ITEM 1-4*

Motion: Ms. Still
Second: Ms. Gibson

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

Vote 6
Motion Carried

Executive Session: Personnel Matter

1. It is recommended that Ms. Alexis Backus' request for extending her leave of absence until September 1, 2023 be approved including a repayment plan for health insurance reimbursement.

Recommendation for Ms. Backus to extend her leave of absence until September 1, 2023– No motion was or second of the request, thus the motion can not be considered.

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.

CORRESPONDENCE - the letter from Lawnside Scholarship Club dated March 2023 was distributed to the board members.

OLD BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Alicia Thomas - 25 W. Charleston Avenue, Lawnside NJ- Representing the PTA wanted to inform the public that the upcoming BookFair will be held March 20-2023- March 27, 2023 with the acceptance of March 24,2023. Hours will be Monday - Thursday 12:00 pm to 3:00pm and evening hours 6:00 pm through 8:00 pm.

2. Rhonda Warlow-Hurley- Councilwoman

Camden County OEO Resource Center (County Center)
222 Blackwood Clementon Road, Blackwood
(856) 661-7474

For Assistance with utilities. (Electric, Gas, Water)
March 15th the Moratorium on Utility Shutoff Ends

Spring Fling Egg Event

Date to be announced

Lawnside Recreation Park

More information to follow.

Super Seniors will be going back into the Wayne R. Bryant Community center

In May to have their lunches and activities. This will occur on Monday(s),

Wednesday(s),Friday(s)

The Borough will be hosting a Pasta Dinner for the parents and graduating Seniors in late May. There will be an activity for Pre-K and Kindergarten students as well.

The Borough and the Intergenerational Dream Team sponsored trips and activities for:

4th grade students to Dave & Busters

Pre-K to 2nd Grades went to the Pumpkin Farm

Students from various grades attended and/or participated in the following:

Day Trip to the Poconos; Spirit of Philadelphia Night cruise; Went to New York to see the play STOMP; attended the Nutcracker in Philadelphia; Paint Parties

Councilwoman Wardlow Hurley thanked Superintendent Johnson for his assistance with the robocalls. I hope this helps. Any questions, please feel free to contact me.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS # 99 THROUGH #107

1. Resolution # 99- LineItem Transfers - \$120.00
2. Resolution #100 - Line Item Transfer - \$600.00
3. Resolution #101-Line Item Transfer- \$4,000.00
4. Resolution #102- Line Item Transfer - \$703.00
5. Resolution #103- Line Item Transfer - \$500.00
6. Resolution #104 - Line Item Transfer - \$1,000.00
7. Resolution #105- Line Item Transfer - \$90,000.00
8. Resolution #106- Remington & Vernick - RFP for TCU
9. Resolution #107 Modulease Modular Space
10. Resolution #108 - Tuition Reserve
11. Resolution # 109 - Travel Resolution

Motion: Ms. Arterbridge

Second: Ms. Gibson

Forrest Y	Hayes A	Arterbridge Y	Catlett Y
Cauthorne A	Gibson Y	Kittles Y	Still Y

Vote 6 Yes

Motion Carried

PRESENTATION OF THE 23-24 PRELIMINARY SCHOOL BUDGET - RESOLUTION # 108

Motion: Ms. Gibson

Second: Ms. Arterbridge

Forrest Y	Hayes A	Arterbridge Y	Catlett Y
Cauthorne A	Gibson Y	Kittles Y	Still Y

Vote 6 Yes

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF THE BOARD SECRETARY REPORT/ TREASURER'S REPORT- FEBRUARY 2023

Motion: Ms. Gibson

Second: Ms. Kittles

Forrest Y	Hayes A	Arterbridge Y	Catlett Y
Cauthorne A	Gibson Y	Kittles Y	Still Y

Vote 6 Yes
 Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF THE BILLIS

Motion: Ms. Gibson
 Second: Ms. Kittles

Forrest Y	Hayes A	Arterbridge Y	Catlett Y
Cauthorne A	Gibson Y	Kittles Y	Still Y

Vote 6 Yes
 Motion Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to go into Executive Session at 7:15 pm to discuss: Personnel Matters

Motion: Ms. Gibson
 Second: Ms. Kittles

Forrest Y	Hayes A	Arterbridge Y	Catlett Y
Cauthorne A	Gibson Y	Kittles Y	Still Y

Vote 6 Yes
 Motion Carried
 Motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:48 pm

Motion: Ms. Gibson
 Second: Ms. Catlett

Forrest Y	Hayes A	Arterbridge Y	Catlett Y
Cauthorne A	Gibson Y	Kittles Y	Still Y

Vote 6 Yes
 Motion Carried

Motion to approve the personnel matter stated in Dr. Johnson report was raised by the Board President

Motion was denied.

Motion for adjournment:

Motion - Ms. Gibson

Second by Ms. Arterbridge

Forrest Y	Hayes A	Arterbridge Y	Catlett Y
Cauthorne A	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 March 9, , 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

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Business Administration/ Board Secretary