

Lawnside Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Virtual
March 10, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Lawnside Board of Education was called to order at 7:03 pm. 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	Catlett - Y	Cauthorne -Y
Gibson - Y	Kittles - Y	Still - Y	Wilson-Absent

Absent Alexis Wilson.

Also present was Dr. Ronn Johnson, Superintendent, Karen Willis Business Administrator and Darryl Rhone Board Solicitor.

2. OPENING STATEMENT

Public notice of this meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meetings act has been given by the Board Secretary in the following manner:

- A. Posting written notice on the official school bulletin board at the Woodland and Avon Schools
- B. Sending notice to the Courier Post and the Retrospect newspapers
- C. Posting on the district website

3. Approval of the Regular Meeting - February 10, 2022 Regular Meeting and February 24, 2022 Committee Meeting Minutes

Motioned by Ms. Kittles
Seconded by Ms. Gibson

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

Vote Yes - 7
Motion Carried.

4. Superintendent Report

To: Lawnside Board of Education

From: Dr. Ronn H. Johnson, Superintendent

Re: Superintendent’s Report (Recommendations)

Date: March 10, 2022

Discussion Items:

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 as of 2/28/22- 314

ADA- 283

Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying: 0

Suspensions for January~ 8

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

School Security Drills:

Fire Drill- February 9, 2022 at 2:25 pm

Security Drill-

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

1. It is recommended that the following staff members be approved as 8th Grade Advisors for the 2021-2022 school year at a shared stipend of \$965. (Prorated)

Jessyca Harper
 Norman Alston

It is recommended Mr. Paul Mitros be approved as a District Substitute at a per diem rate of \$120 for the 2021-2022 school year. (Pending Criminal History Review)

2. It is recommended Ms. Shamina Robbins Letter of Resignation be approved effective March 9, 2022. (60 Day Notice required)

MANAGEMENT- It is recommended by the Superintendent items 1-5 be approved as written.

1. It is recommended that Student ID # 23051 suspension was amended to 10 days (per the disability identified in the IEP) and students are permitted to return to school on Friday, March 4, 2022.
2. It is recommended that the revised job description for Confidential Administrative secretary be approved effective March 11, 2022.
3. It is recommended the position of Middle School ELA Teacher be approved for posting.
4. It is recommended that the following Out -Of-District placement be approved for the 2021-2022 school year. (Prorated)

Student ID	Grade	Placement	Tuition
6901063213	9	Brookfield Academy	61,740.00 (Prorated)

Staff	Training/Workshop	Location	Date	Cost
Karen Willis	NJ School Business Officials	Atlantic City, NJ	6/7/10/22	\$275.00
Terry Henry	NJ Buildings and Grounds Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	3/20-23/22	\$550.00

5. It is recommended that the following Professional Development opportunities be approved for the 2021-2022 school year.

FIELD TRIP

1. It is recommended that the following field trips be approved for the 2021-2022 school year:

Grade/Group	Location	Date	Cost
8th Grade	Spirit of Philadelphia	5/26/22	\$95
8th Grade/Safety Patrol	Dorney Park	6/15/22	\$40
8th Grade	Haddon Heights	3/31/22	Free

EXECUTIVE SESSION- N/A

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

Happy Women's History Month!

5. Approval of the Superintendent's Report - Personnel items 1-4 and Management items 1-6:

Motioned by Ms. Still

Seconded by Ms. Hayes

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

Vote Yes - 7

Motion Carried

6. Public Comment - None.

7. Correspondent - None.

8. Old Business - None.

9. Presentation of the 2020-2021 Annual Audit - Bowman & Company

The presentation was given by Michael Craigen from Bowman & Company. The District's Fund Balance as of 6/30/2021 \$3.5mm with \$625 unassigned excess surplus of which \$1.6 mm was utilized for 2022 school year budget. The district continues to have \$400,000 in Tuition Reserves and \$300,000 in Maintenance Reserve. The audit revealed five areas of concerns and recommendation in which an corrective action plan has been developed to address each area. A resolution will be presented to the Board Members for voting consideration.

10. Approval of the Corrective Action Plan - for the finding presented by Bowman

Motioned by Ms. Hayes - Chairperson

Seconded by Ms. Kittles

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

Vote Yes - 7

Motion carried.

11. Committee Reports - Third Read of the following reports:**a) Lactation Policy****Motioned by Ms. Hayes - Chairperson****Seconded by Ms. Kittles**

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

Vote Yes - 7**Motion carried.**

Haddon Heights Representative : Ms. Fatimah Hayes attended her HH Board meeting last Tuesday as well as their Board Retreat that was held on 3/5/2022. She also sits on the Policy Committee for HH whereas they voted that the mask mandate as optional. They are also considering developing a policy for Chromebook Repair and to develop a budget for the cost. As part of the Curriculum Committee it was decided to eliminate the Essential Level Classes which consist of the following: College Prep, Honor's Program and A/P and combine these programs into one. Consideration is still being given as to whether they want a Full-Day Kindergarten program.

8. New Business**Authorization to approve the following Resolutions for March 0, 2022:**

Resolution # 43-2021-22 Line Item Transfer for \$100,000.00

Resolution #44 - 2021-22 Line Item Transfer for \$244.00

Resolution # 45 - 2021-22 Line Item Transfer for \$67,000.00

Approval of Resolutions # 43, 44, and 45:**Motioned by Ms. Still****Seconded by Ms. Cauthorne****Resolution #46 - February 2022 Treasurer Report and Board Secretary Report - See Attached.**

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

Approval of Resolution #46**Motioned by Ms.Kittles****Seconded by Ms. Still****Vote Yes - 7****Motion Carried.**

Approval of Payment of March 2022 Bills - See Attached.

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

Motioned by Ms. Gibson

Seconded by Ms. Catlette

Vote Yes - 7

Motion Carried.

9. Public Comments - None.

10. Board Comments:

Ms. Still - Will the School District consider abolishing snow days and elect to go to remote learning otherwise?
Dr. Johnson advised that currently there isn't any proposed legislation to address any changes for schools in New Jersey

11. Executive Session - Personnel Matters 7:25 PM

Motion - Ms. Kittle

Second: Ms. Still

Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

12. Executive Session - Out - 7:55pm

Motion: Ms. Still

Second: Ms. Kittles

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

Motion Carried.

Motion to Adjournment - 8:02 PM

Motion by: Ms. Gibson

Second: Msl. Hayes

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

Vote: Y - 7

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 10,, 2022 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