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# Lawnside Board of Education Meeting Minutes Virtual January 13, 2022

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Lawnside Board of Education was called to order at 7:01 pm. After repeating the Pledge of Allegiance and after observing a moment of silence the following members answered present to the roll call

Sabrina Forrest Ferrin Catlett

Fatimah Hayes Darlene Still Nana Cauthorne Alexis Wilson

Absent Dajshia Gibson and Mawusimensan Mears.

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 - December 9, 2021

Motioned by Ms. Wilson Seconded by Ms. Cauthorn

| S. Forrest - Y | F.Hayes - Abstain  | N. Cauthorn - Y |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| F. Catlett - Y | D. Still - Abstain | A. Wilson -Y    |

Vote Yes - 4 Abstain - 2 Motion Carried.

# 4. Approval of the Regular Meeting - December 23, 2021

Motioned by Ms. Wilson Seconded by Ms. Forrest

| S. Forrest - Y | F.Hayes - Abstain  | N. Cauthorn - Y |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| F. Catlett - Y | D. Still - Abstain | A. Wilson -Y    |

Vote Yes - 4 Abstain - 2 Motion Carried.

# 5. Approval of the Reorganization Meeting - January 6, 2022

Motioned by Ms. Wilson Seconded by Ms. Hayes

| S. Forrest - Y   | F. Hayes - Y | N. Catlett - Y |
|------------------|--------------|----------------|
| F. Cauthorne - Y | D. Still - Y | A. Wilson -Y   |

Vote Yes - 6
Motion Carried.

# 6. Administration of the Oath of Office by Ms. Karen Willis

**Bridgett Kittles** 

- I, **State Your Name**, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Governments established in the United States and this State, under the authority of the people. So help me God.
- I, <u>State Your Name</u>, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I possess the qualifications prescribed by law for the office of member of a board of education, am not disqualified as a voter pursuant to RS 19:4-1, am not disqualified due to conviction of a crime or offense listed in N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1, and that I will faithfully, impartially, and justly perform all the duties of that office according to the best of my ability. So help me God.

I, **State Your Name**, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will undergo a criminal history background Investigation for the purpose of ensuring that I am not disqualified from membership due to conviction of a crime or offense listed in N.J.S.A. 18A: 12-1, and the results are/will be pending.

## "The Comeback: Roaring Back To Success"

To: Lawnside Board of Education

From: Dr. Ronn H. Johnson, Superintendent

Re: Superintendent's Report (Recommendations)

Date: January 13, 2022

Discussion Items: On Tuesday January 4, 2022, Governor Murphy issues a Mask Mandate in effect for all schools. Wednesday, January 5, 2022, NJ Department of Health with new guidelines with students that were tested positive and have quarantined for five days. The only exception would be is you are fully vaccinated, you do not have to be quarantined.

#### District Goals:

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- 321

ADA- 277

Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying: 0

Suspensions for December~ 0

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

**School Security Drills:** 

Fire Drill- December 16, 2021 @ 2:00 pm Security Drill- December 17, 2021 (Non-Fire Evacuation) **PERSONNEL** - It is recommended by the Superintendent items 1-7 be approved as written.

- 1. It is recommended Mr. Ryan Kraft be approved as a Middle School Mathematics Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year at a salary of \$57,089 (Step 1-BA). Pending Criminal History Review (Archived)
- 2. It is recommended that Mr. Stephen Klemash be approved as a Teacher of Students with Disabilities for the 2021-2022 school year at a salary of \$61,589 (Step 4-MA). *Pending Criminal History Review (Archived)*
- 3. It is recommended that Ms. Michelle Bangle be approved as a School Nurse (Non-Instructional) for the 2021-2022 school year at a salary of \$60,389 (Step 5-BA). *Pending Criminal History Review (Archived)*
- 4. It is recommended that Ms. Angela Young be approved as a Full-time Custodian for the 2021-2022 school year at a salary of \$29,488 (Step 6). Pending Criminal History Review
- 5. It is recommended that Mr. Mark Gordon's annual salary be amended to \$94,006.00 from \$92,806 (BA15) correction.
- 6. It is recommended that Ms. Kira Brown be approved as a Substitute Teacher for the Roaring Back to Success After-School Programs at a rate of \$42.45 for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 7. It is recommended that Ms. Jessyca Harper be approved as a Co-Advisor for the 8th Grade at a stipend of \$949.00 for the 2021-2022 school year. (Stipend will be split between the two advisors and paid in June of 2022)
  - 8. It is recommended that Ms. Tracy Pollard be approved as a Building -Based Substitute at a rate of \$120 per diem for the 2021-2022 school year. (Pending Criminal History Review)

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

- 1. It is recommended that Student ID# 31003 attend Bancroft School at a rate of \$279.65 per day.
- 2. It is recommended that Felicia Castagna be approved to conduct an Independent Occupational Therapy evaluation at a rate of \$650.00. The evaluation is for Student ID# 28030.

3. It is recommended two nursing students from Rutgers University be approved to conduct their clinical rotation in the Lawnside Public School for the Spring of 2022.

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

| Staff                         | Training/<br>Workshop                              | Location                         | Date     | Cost      |
|-------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Meghan Reilly                 | 2022 National Arts Association National Convention | Mt. Laurel                       | 3/3-5/22 | \$230     |
| Karen Willis<br>Tomika Wilson | Payroll Fundamental                                | Robbinsvill<br>e, NJ<br>(NJASBO) | 3/1/22   | \$50 each |

# **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 New Year!

3. Approval of the Superintendent Report- Management - Personnel Items #1-7 and Management Items #1-4

Motioned by Ms. Kittles Seconded by Ms. Wilson Vote Yes - 5

| S. Forrest - Y | F. Hayes -Y  | F. Cattlett - Y | N. Cauthorne - Y |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|
| B. Kittles - Y | D. Still - Y | A. Wilson - Y   |                  |

### Motion Carried.

Vote - 7 - Yes

- 4. Public Comments None.
- 5. Correspondents None.
- 6. Old Business None.
- 7. Committee Reports Table until the next meeting.

**Haddon Heights Representative:** Ms. Fatimah Hayes volunteered to be the representative for Haddon Heights Board Meetings. Ms. Forrest will inform Haddon Heights of the change.

## **CCESC** Representative -

### 8. New Business

Authorization to approve the following Resolutions for January 13, 2022:

Resolution # 31-2021-22 Line Item Transfer for \$5,559.86

Resolution #31- Facility Use- HH basketball practice on February 11, 2022.

Approval of the New Business: Resolution #31 & Resolution #32

Motioned by Ms. F. Hayes Seconded by Ms. B. Kittles Vote Yes - 7

| S. Forrest - Y | F. Hayes -Y  | F. Cattlett - Y | N. Cauthorne - Y |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|
| C. Kittles - Y | D. Still - Y | B. Wilson - Y   |                  |

### Motion Carried.

Vote - 7 - Yes

Resolution #33 - December 2021 Treasurer Report and Board Secretary Report - See Attached.

Motioned by Ms. D. Still Seconded by Ms. B. Kittles Vote Yes - 7

| S. Forrest - Y | F. Hayes -Y  | F. Cattlett - Y | N. Cauthorne - Y |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|
| D. Kittles - Y | D. Still - Y | C. Wilson - Y   |                  |

### Motion Carried.

Vote - 7 - Yes

Approval of Payment of January 2022 Bills - See Attached.

Motioned by Ms. A. Wilson Seconded by Ms. B. Kittles Vote Yes - 7

| S. Forrest - Y | F. Hayes -Y  | F. Cattlett - Y | N. Cauthorne - Y |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|
| E. Kittles - Y | D. Still - Y | D. Wilson - Y   |                  |

### Motion Carried.

Vote - 7 - Yes

### 9. Public Comments - None.

### 10. Board Comments:

Ms. Forrest - thanked Mayor Warlow and Councilwoman McLeod for attending the meeting.

Ms. Kittles - wanted to thank everyone who voted for her and for the opportunity and trust for the next three (3) years.

Ms. Still - inquired about the signing of bills, is this assigned to selected members of the board? Ms. Forrest informs that this function is the duty of all members to perform.

Ms. Hayes -inquired that if no one volunteered to be the representative for Haddon Heights, please confirm that we won't have a voice where our students are concerned? Ms. Forrest informed her an all of the new board members that this is correct.

Ms. Wilson - advised that the only reason she stepped down from being HH Representative is because of school obligations. When she attended the meetings, we believe that she learned alot and being a board member over at HH is different from being a board member at Lawnside for one reason, they have more activities than Lawnside (mostly because they are K-12).

Ms. Hayes - volunteered to be the HH Representative

Motion to Adjournment - 7:47 PM

Motion by: Ms. Kittles

Second: Ms. Wilson

| S. Forrest - Y | F. Hayes -Y  | F. Cattlett - Y | N. Cauthorne - Y |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|
| F. Kittles - Y | D. Still - Y | E. Wilson - Y   |                  |

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 January 13, 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

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