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Lawnside Board of Education Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Lawnside Board of Education was called to order at 7:10 pm in person at 427 Charleston Avenue Lawnside NJ After repeating the Pledge of Allegiance and after observing a moment of silence the following members answered present to the roll call

Sabrina Forrest	Maresharee Wright	Nana Cauthorne
Mawusimensah Mears	Ferrin Catlett	

Absent Mark Bass and Dajshia Gibson. Ms. Alexis Wilson attended the meeting at 7:40pm. Also present was 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

Approval of the Regular Meeting - November 11, 2021

Motioned by Mr. Mears
Seconded by Ms. Cauthorn
Vote Yes - 5

Sabrina Forrest	Y	Maresharee Wright	Y	Nana Cauthorne	Y
Mawusimensah Mears	Y	Ferrin Catlett	Y		

Motion Carried.

“The Comeback: Roaring Back To Success”

To: Lawnside Board of Education
 From: Dr. Ronn H. Johnson, Superintendent
 Re: Superintendent’s Report (Recommendations)
 Date: December 9, 2021

Discussion Items: District’s Health Update- a On-Call went out to the parents t informing the District has moved from a moderate to high according to COVID 19 transmission risk. It is recommended by CDC and NJDOH a 14 day quarantine period for persons testing positive or considered as a “close contact”. Please see attached for further detail.

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- 318
ADA- 286
Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying: 0
Suspensions for November~ 4

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

School Security Drills:

Fire Drill- November 29, 2021 @ 2:00 pm
Security Drill- November 30, 2021 @ 8:45 am (Non-fire Evacuation) PERSONNEL - It is

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

1. It is recommended that Ms. Ayree Stevenson’s Request for Leave (Medical) be approved for extension until January 3, 2022. *(Per notification from doctor)*
2. It is recommended that Ms. Margaret DelSignore’s Letter of Resignation (due to family circumstances) be approved effective November 15, 2021. *(Last official date of employment will be January 14, 2022)*

3. It is recommended Ms. Seth Knoll's Letter of Resignation (personnel reasons) as a Substitute Teacher be approved effective December 3, 2021.

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

1. It is recommended that Lawnside School District authorizes the submission of the Preschool Expansion Aid Program for the 2022-2023 school year. *A board resolution must be maintained on file with the state for audit purposes.*
Preschool Expansion Aid(Proposed Aid): \$281,002
2. It is recommended that Lawnside Public School District authorizes the submission of the Preschool Operational Plan for ECPA/ELLI districts for the 2022-2023 school year. *A board resolution must be maintained on file with the state for audit purposes.*
3. It is recommended that the following Professional Development opportunities be approved for the 2021-2022 school year.

Staff	Training/ Workshop	Location	Date	Cost
Karen Willis	Open Public Records Act & Records Management	Mt. Laurel	12/14/21	\$100

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 Holidays!

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

Motioned by Ms. Cauthorne

Seconded by Ms. Wright

Vote Yes - 5

Sabrina Forrest Y
Mawusimensah Mears Y

Maresharee Wright Y
Ferrin Catlett Y

Nana Cauthorne Y

Motion Carried.

4. Public Comments - Ms. Darlene Still- Hainey Avenue, Lawnside NJ. Expressed a concerned that she was told that COVID 19 was rampant at the Lawnside SD. Please advise.

Dr. Johnson informed Ms. Still, there was an On-call sent out to the parents earlier this week and a memo was shared with the Board to inform that the District has gone from a Moderate Level to High Level according to the CDC and NJ DOH.

5. Correspondents - None.

6. Old Business - None.

7. Committee Reports

Haddon Heights Representative : Ms. Forrest indicated that the search for the new Superintendent is completed and the announcement will be made after the four (4) school districts have had their Re-Org meetings for the next year.

NJ School Boards Association - Ms. Forrest attended a delegated meeting that only lasted 20 minutes.

CCESC Representative -

8. New Business

Authorization to approve the following Resolutions for December 2021.

Resolution # 19-2021-22 Line Item Transfer for \$25,000.00

Resolution # 20- 2021-22 Line Item Transfer for 4,000.00

Resolution #21 2021-22 Line Item Transfer for \$4,000.00

Resolution #22 2021-22 Line Item Transfer for \$4,000.00

Resolution #23 2021-22 Line Item Transfer for \$4,000.00

Resolution #24 2021-22 Line Item Transfer for \$65,539.00

Resolution #25 2021-22 Line Item Transfer for \$27,000.00

Resolution #26 2021-22 Line Item Transfer for \$100,000.00

Motioned by Mr. Mears
Seconded by Ms. Cauthorne
Vote Yes - 5

Sabrina Forrest Y
Mawusimensah Mears Y

Maresharee Wright Y Nana Cauthorne Y
Ferrin Catlett Y

Motion Carried.

Resolution #27 2021-22 2022-2023 Budget Preparation Calendar - discussed how the calendar is subject to change to the Auditor's submitting the CAFR and the due date being amended by the Governor via an EO.

Motioned by Ms. Catlett
Seconded by Ms. Cauthorne
Vote Yes - 5

Sabrina Forrest Y
Mawusimensah Mears Y

Maresharee Wright Y Nana Cauthorne Y
Ferrin Catlett Y

Motion Carried.

Resolution # 28 - Waiver Application for Transportation

Motioned by Ms. Wright
Seconded by Ms. Cauthorne
Vote Yes - 4 No - 1 Abstained 1

Sabrina Forrest Y
Mawusimensah Mears N

Maresharee Wright Y Nana Cauthorne Y
Ferrin Catlett Y Alexis Wilson Abstained

Motion Carried.

Resolution #29 - Facility Usage - Haddon Heights Color Guard for Saturday and Sundays from 7:00am to 7:00pm depending on availability of staff.

Motioned by Ms. Wright
Seconded by Ms. Cauthorne
Vote Yes - 3 No - 2 Abstained 1

Sabrina Forrest N
Mawusimensah Mears N

Maresharee Wright Y Nana Cauthorne Y
Ferrin Catlett Y Alexis Wilson Abstained

Motion Carried.

Resolution #30 - November 2021 Treasurer Report and Board Secretary Report - See Attached.

Approval of Payment of November 2021 Bills - See Attached.

9. Public Comments - Mr. Ervin Mears - 411 E. Charleston Avenue, Lawnside NJ

Mr. Mears wanted to address the following:

1. He has repeatedly request whatever happened to the \$17,000 that is owed back to the school district?
2. There appears to be misappropriation of funds from a Summer Enrichment Program that was funded with Title I funds. The program was only run from the hours of 8-12, and he presented payroll sheets that indicated that people worked beyond that time, why?
3. The district sent two children out of the district, why?

The Board President advised Mr. Mears that his concerns addressing the \$17,000 had already been addressed and if he had any additional questions he were to see Dr. Johnson. The other items were not addressed because Mr. Mears didn't believe Ms. Forrest could properly address the question because she didn't have all the facts.

10. Board Comments:

Ms. Wright: Provided remarks pertaining to her tenure as a Board Member - See Attached

Ms. Forrest - congratulated Ms. Alexis Wilson for completing her Master's program.

CESSATION OF BOARD MEMBERSHIP -

Motion to Adjournment - 7:47 PM

Motion by: M. Wright

Second: N. Cauthorne

Sabrina Forrest Y
Mawusimensah Mears Y

Maresharee Wright Y Nana Cauthorne Y
Ferrin Catlett Y A. Wilson - Y

Vote: Y - 6

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 November 11, 2021 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