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Lawnside Board of Education Meeting Minutes  
July 22, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Lawnside Board of Education was called to order at 6 49 pm remotely through Zoom and 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  
Dajshia Gibson

Marsharee Wright  
Alexis Wilson

Mark Bass

Absent Nana Cauthorne Mawusimensah Mears Phoenix Moore and Ferin Catlett

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

Open Public Meeting Act

**WHEREAS** the Open Public Meeting Act authorizes Board of Education to meet in Executive session under certain circumstances;

**WHEREAS** the Open Public Meeting Act requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting to go into private session; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Lawnside Board of Education that it is necessary to meet in executive session to discuss certain items involving

1. Personnel and or Student Matter

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any discussion held by the Board which need not remain confidential will be made public as soon as feasible The minutes of the executive session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exist; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education will return to open session to conduct business at the conclusion of the executive session

**Approval of the Minutes June 10, 2021**

**Motioned: A. Wilson**

**Seconded by: D. Gibson**

**Vote: Yes - 5**

Sabrina Forrest - Y  
Dajshia Gibson - Y

Marsharee Wright- Y  
Alexis Wilson - Y

Mark Bass- Y

***Superintendent's Report Discussion***

Awaiting guidance from the state and county officials regarding reopening requirements Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) Self-Assessment Grades 68/78 Max Points YMCA aftercare Program Nomination as NJ Superintendent of the Year Recommendation Letter

***District Goals***

The District Goals were established in collaboration with the Lawnside Board of Education members at the Board retreat on Thursday, August 1, 2019. Goal #1: Continue to engage with our community. Goal #2: Development and implement programs that increase academic achievement and social emotional learning. . Goal #3: Increase ELA and Math scores by 5% on the NJSLA tests.

#### Summer Enrollment-99 In-Person-91

Remote-8 ADA Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying: 0

Suspensions for June/July~ 0

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

PERSONNEL - It is recommended by the Superintendent items 1-13 be approved as written.

1. It is recommended that Ms. Tabatha Gould was approved as a Teacher of Students with Disabilities for the 2021-2022 school year at a salary of \$59,489 (Step 1-MA).
2. It is recommended that Ms. Alisa Ratliff was approved as an Elementary School Teacher (Basic Skills/ELA) for the 2021-2022 school year at a salary of \$57,089 (Step 1-BA).
3. It is recommended that Ms. Erin Crystall was approved as a Middle School Teacher (ELA) for the 2021-2022 school year at a salary of \$57,089 (Step 1-BA).
4. It is recommended that Mr. Linn King was approved as a Day-time Custodian at a salary of \$30,279 (Step-7) for the 2021-2022 school year.
5. It is recommended that Ms. Courtney Vance was approved to work as a Substitute Teacher during the Summer Enrichment and Extended School Year program at a rate of \$42.45 per hour.
6. It is recommended that Ms. Sheila Gonzalez be approved as a Long-Term Substitute (Spanish) for the 2021-2022 school year at a per diem rate of \$100.
7. It is recommended that Mr. Sherron Huggins will be approved as a Substitute Custodian for the 2021-2022 school year at an hourly rate of \$13.
8. It is recommended that Ms. Joy Harper's Letter of Resignation as an Elementary School Teacher will be approved effective July 7, 2021.
9. It is recommended that Ms. Laura Van Fossen's Letter of Resignation as School Nurse will be approved effective June 24, 2021.
10. It is recommended that Mr. Marsel Chavarria's Letter of Resignation as a Custodian will be approved effective July 23, 2021.
11. It is recommended that Ms. ShaNell Wilson was approved to work 25 hours per week as the Assistant Technology Coordinator at an hourly rate of \$14 from July 1, 2021-August 31, 2021.

12. It is recommended Mr. Norman Alston was approved to serve as the School Security Guard at a per diem rate of \$73 from July 6, 2021- August 13, 2021.

13. It is recommended that Mr. Paul Mitros was approved as a Night-time Custodian at a salary of \$27,668 (Step-3) for the 2021-2022 school year.

Approval of Personnel ( 1 11)

**Motioned: A. Wilson**  
**Seconded by: D. Gibson**  
**Vote: Yes - 5**

Sabrina Forrest - Y  
Dajshia Gibson - Y

Marsharee Wright- Y  
Alexis Wilson - Y

Mark Bass- Y

**MANAGEMENT** It is recommended by the Superintendent items 1 9 be approved as written

1. It is recommended that Lawnside Public School District authorizes the submission of the ESEA application for Fiscal Year 2022, and accepts the grant award of these funds upon the subsequent approval of the FY 2022 ESEA Application. A board resolution must be maintained on file with the state for audit purposes. Title I-A: \$151,888 Title II-A:\$16,529

2. It is recommended that the position of School Nurse be approved for posting for the 2021-2022 school year.

3. It is recommended that the agreement with Professional Medical Staffing for substitute nursing services be approved for the 2021-2022 school year.

4. It is recommended that the agreement for Health Services between the Lawnside School District and Rowan University’s School of Osteopathic be approved for the 2021-2022 school year.

5. It is recommended that Ms. Gina Lewis was approved as the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Coordinator and McKinney-Vento (Homeless) Liaison for the district during the 2021-2022 school year.

6. It is recommended that Ms. Niphon Kirk was approved as the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) Coordinator for the district during the 2021-2022 school year.

7. It is recommended that Ms. Jessyca Harper was approved as the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) Coordinator for the district during the 2021-2022 school year.

8. It is recommended that the HIB Report Card and Student Safety Data System School Report be approved for the 2019-2020 school year.

9. It is recommended that Dr. Ronn Johnson be approved to attend the National Alliance of Black School Educators Conference in Los Angeles, CA from November 10-14, 2021. 10. It is recommended

that the agreement between the Lawnside School District and the Greater Philadelphia YMCA be approved for the 2021-2022 school year contingent approval of an acceptable Facilities Use application.

Approval of Management ( 1 9 )

**Motioned: A. Wilson**  
**Seconded by: D. Gibson**  
**Vote: Yes - 5**

Sabrina Forrest - Y                      Marsharee Wright- Y                      Mark Bass- Y  
Dajshia Gibson - Y                      Alexis Wilson - Y

**Public Comments - None.**

**Correspondents -**

- 1. Covid -19 Summer Food Program Site Review Form

**Motioned: A. Wilson**  
**Seconded by: D. Gibson**  
**Vote: Yes - 5**

Sabrina Forrest - Y                      Marsharee Wright- Y                      Mark Bass- Y  
Dajshia Gibson - Y                      Alexis Wilson - Y

**Old Business -Disclosure Forms: All Board members has submitted their Financial Disclosure Forms except one member.**

**Committee Reports - None.**

**New Business**

Authorization to approve Resolution #64 through 81 by the Business Office

**Motioned: M. Wright**  
**Seconded by: A. Wilson**  
**Vote: Yes - 5**

Sabrina Forrest - Y                      Marsharee Wright- Y                      Mark Bass- Y  
Dajshia Gibson - Y                      Alexis Wilson - Y

Resolution # 77, 78 and 79 Treasurer / Secretary Report

Payment of Bills - June 2021

**Motioned: M. Wright**  
**Seconded by: A. Wilson**  
**Vote: Yes - 5**

Sabrina Forrest - Y  
Dajshia Gibson - Y

Marsharee Wright- Y  
Alexis Wilson - Y

Mark Bass- Y

**Public Comments - None**

**Board Members Comments**

Back to School Bonanza - Tentative Date: 8/28/81, members will advise Ms. Forrest of their availability.

Masks Mandate - Return of School in September 2021, majority vote that Staff and Students will wear masks upon returning back to school this September.

Executive Session In @ 8:07 pm

**Motioned: A. Wilson**  
**Seconded by: D. Gibson**  
**Vote: Yes - 5**

Sabrina Forrest - Y  
Dajshia Gibson - Y

Marsharee Wright- Y  
Alexis Wilson - Y

Mark Bass- Y

Executive Session Out @ 8:41 pm

**Motioned: A. Wilson**  
**Seconded by: M. Bass**  
**Vote: Yes - 5**

Sabrina Forrest - Y  
Dajshia Gibson - Y

Marsharee Wright- Y  
Alexis Wilson - Y

Mark Bass- Y

Adjournment - 8:44 pm

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 May 13, 2021 ha 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

Adjournment – 7 43 p m

**CERTIFICATION**

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 *June 10 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 Administrator Board Secretary