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Lawnside Board of Education Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Lawnside Board of Education was called to order at 6:40 p.m. remotely through "Zoom" and in-person at 426 E. Charleston Ave. in Lawnside, New Jersey by Mrs. Sabrina Forrest, Board President. After repeating the Pledge of Allegiance and after observing a moment of silence, the following members answered present to the roll call:

Sabrina Forrest
Mawusimensah Mears
Alexis Wilson

Marsharee Wright
Dajshia Gibson
Nana Cauthorne

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.

At this time the Presentation of the Public Hearing will be given by the Superintendent and Business Administrator via Resolution #46

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Borough of Lawnside approved the School District Budget for the 2021-2022 school year for submission to the Executive County Superintendent approval as follows:

	Budget	Tax Levy 2020-21	Tax Levy 2021-22
Total Operating Budget	\$10,810,545		
Total Grants & Entitlement	396,488		
Total Debt Services	<u>283,391</u>	\$2.417	\$2.417
	\$11,490,424		

Projected Tax Increase for 2021-2022 school year - 0

Date: May 13, 2021

Moved: Gibson

Second: Wilson

Vote: Yes (7 votes)

Respectfully yours,

Karen Willis
Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

Public Comment: By Ervin Mears, Sr. who resides at 411 E. Charleston Avenue would like to know where exactly does the \$1MM surplus come from in the budget that was presented?

Response: Madam Chair President -Ms. Forrest that in order to save time, to send his question(s) to Ms. Willis via email.

2021-22 School Year Budget

Motion by Dajshia Gibson, second by Alexis Wilson that the 21-22 School Budget be approved.

Roll Call

Vote: 5 – yes, 1 – recuse, 2- absent
no.

Mrs. Forrest – yes
Mr. Mears - absent
Ms. Wilson – yes

Ms. Wright – recuse
Ms. Gibson - yes
Ms. Cauthorne – absent

Mr. Moore - yes
Ms. Catlett - yes

April 15, 2021 Board Minutes

Motion by Alexis Wilson, second by Dajshia Gibson that the April 15, 2021 Board Minutes to be approved.

Roll Call

Vote: 7– yes, and 1- absent

Mrs. Forrest – Yes
Mr. Mears - Yes
Ms. Wilson – Yes

Ms. Wright – Yes
Ms. Gibson - Yes
Ms. Cauthorne – absent

Mr. Moore - yes
Ms. Catlett - yes

Superintendent’s Report

Discussion Items:

QSAC Interim Progress Report (April 30, 2021)
Current enrollment for In-Person learning is 184 students.

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.

Enrollment-312

ADA – 296

In-Person - 184

Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying: 0

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

School Security Drills:

Fire Drill – April 23, 2021 @ 9:15 am

Shelter In-place- April 30, 2021

PERSONNEL – The following recommendations were presented to the Board for approval, items #1-11

1. It is recommended that the following staff members be approved for employment during the 2021-2022 school year:

Staff Member	Assignment	Step	Salary
Alexander, Freddie	TEACHER	BA 10	66,939
Alston, Norman	RESOURCE OFFICER	N/A	35,211
Artis-Jones, Romaine	SECRETARY	Off Guide	46,721
Backus, Alexis	TEACHER	BA 10	66,939
Baltodano, Monica	TEACHER	BA 11	68,339
Bollendorf, Brittany	TEACHER	BA 6	61,589
Brown, Kira	TEACHER	MA 8	66,589
Carpenter, Adam	TEACHER	BA 6	61,589
Carter, Karen	TEACHER	MA 3	60,889
Chavarria, Marsel	CUSTODIAN	STEP 2	27,437
Clark, Corlis	LUNCH AIDE	N/A	12.00 PER HR
Cobia, Patricia	TEACHER	BA 12	69,739
Coleman, Brittany	TEACHER	MA 10	69,339
Couplin, Bria	INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT	STEP 11	23,733
Curcio, Kristina	TEACHER	MA 7	65,289
Davis, Antoinette	TEACHER	BA 7	62,889
Davis, Chantelle	TEACHER	BA 3	58,489
DelSignore, Margaret	TEACHER	BA + 20 STEP 8	65,389
Detreville, Karima	TEACHER	MA 7	65,289
DiSandro, Colleen	TEACHER	BA 15	78,339
Forchic, Mark	TEACHER	BA 4	59,189
Gardner, Albert	CUSTODIAN	STEP 3	27,668
Garrett, Cheryl	INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT	STEP 6	19,911
Gordon, Mark	SPECIAL PROJECT COORDINATOR	BA15	92,806

Hoover, Brent	TEACHER	MA 11	70,739
Jenkins, Harold	TEACHER	MA 13	74,789
Johnson, Kenneth	TEACHER	BA + 20 (OG)	85,689
Kirk, Niphon	VICE PRINCIPAL		96,233
Lewis, Gina	CST SUPERVISOR		93,359
Lewis, Leonard	TEACHER/BASIC SKILLS	BA1	57,089
Miller, Alyssa	CURRICULUM SUPERVISOR		81,533
Morris-Daniels, Damier	CUSTODIAN	STEP 1	27,212
Reilly, Megan	TEACHER	MA 10	69,339
Sahina, Victoria	TEACHER	BA1	57,089
Seminara, Lori	LDTC		\$350.00 per diem
Stevenson, Ayree	TEACHER	MA 8	66,589
Van Fossen, Laura	NURSE	BA 9	65,539
Vance, Courtney	TEACHER	BA 2	57,789
Walsh, Sonya	TEACHER	BA 14	75,139
Ware, Jessica	INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT	7	20,654
Washington, Chantel	TEACHER	MA 7	65,289
Welde, Rebecca	SPEECH CORRECTIONIST	MA 11	70,739
Willis, Karen	BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR		92,000
Williams-Darrison, Ebony	CLERICAL	STEP 12	26,954
Wilson, Sha Nell	TECH ASSISTANT		\$13.00 PER HR
Wilson, Tomika	ASSIST BOARD SECRETARY		36,961
Yerkes, Emily	TEACHER	BA 1	57,089

Grant, Sherrie	INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT	STEP 8	21,333
Harper, Jessyca	SOCIAL WORKER	MA 4	67,747
Harper, Joy	TEACHER	BA 1	57,089

Staff Member	Assignment	Step	Salary
Henry, Terry	CUSTODIAN		48,829

2. It is recommended that Ms. Nina Carr's Letter of Resignation as a Paraprofessional be approved effective April 12, 2021.

3. It is recommended that Lori Seminara be approved as the Learning Disability Teacher Consultant for the 2021-2022 school year, for two days a week at a rate of \$350.00 per diem.

4. It is recommended that Lori Seminara (Learning Disability Teacher Consultant) be approved to work for an additional 10 days at a rate of \$50.00 dollars a per hour during the summer months beginning July 1, 2021-August 30, 2021 to complete Learning Evaluations.

5. It is recommended that Ms. Jessyca Harper, School Social Worker be approved to work 20 days during the summer months, for evaluations, case management, and CST meetings at a

6. It is recommended that the following staff members be approved for the Extended School Year Program, conducted remotely, at the contracted rate of \$42.45 per hour:

Adam Carpenter (K-2)

Kristina Curcio (3-8)

Margaret DelSignore (MD Class)

7. It is recommended that Jessica Ware be approved as a Paraprofessional for the Extended School Year Program at the contracted rate of \$19.31 per hour.

8. It is recommended that following staff be approved as teachers for the in person/virtual Summer Enrichment Program for Pre-Kindergarten-8th grade at a rate of \$42.45 per hour:

Antoniette Davis

Chantelle Davis

Colleen DiSandro

Leonard Lewis

Patricia Cobia

Gina Williams

Karen Carter

Victoria Sahina

Freddie Alexander

Karima Detreville

9. It is recommended that Ms. Bria Couplin be approved as a Paraprofessional for the in person/ virtual Summer Enrichment Program for Pre-Kindergarten-8th grade at a rate of \$19.31 per hour.

10. It is recommended that the following staff members be approved for Curriculum Writing(HMH Into Reading, HMH Into Math, HMH Into Social Studies, and Superkids) for 10 hours during the summer at a rate of \$42.45 per hour.

- Kristina Curcio
- Brittany Bollendorf
- Sonya Walsh
- Leonard Lewis
- Colleen DiSandro
- Chantel Washington
- Chantelle Davis
- Patricia Cobia



11. It is recommended that Ms. Ebony Williams be approved to work as a substitute Clerk/Typist during the summer at rate of \$145.69.

SUPERINTENDENT - PERSONNEL

Motion by Marsharee Wright, second by Phoenix Moore that the Personnel section of the Superintendent Report to be approved.

Roll Call

Vote: 7- yes, and 1- absent

Mrs. Forrest – Yes
 Mr. Mears - Yes
 Ms. Wilson – Yes

Ms. Wright – Yes
 Ms. Gibson - Yes
 Ms. Cauthorne – absent

Mr. Moore - yes
 Ms. Catlett - yes

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

1. It is recommended that Student 26058 be approved to attend Kingsway Academy effective 05/03/2021 at a tuition rate of 301.08 per diem and per diem rate of \$174.00 for a 1:1 aide.
2. It is recommended that the following Out of District placement costs be approved for the 2021-2022 Extended School Year.

Student ID	21/22 placement	Tuition	Transport	Aide	Related Service
1096544803	Haddon Heights	3,500	Yes	Yes 1:1 1,500	Yes
7340294793	Haddon Heights	3,500	Yes	Yes 1:1 1,500	
4867750873	Magnolia	400	Yes	Yes	Yes
7165704347	Bankbridge	4,410	Yes	Yes 1:1 3,620	Yes
1408323867	Archway Atco	8,308.58	Yes	No	Yes
481754851	Brookfield Academy	6,720.00	Yes	No	Yes
8659885926	Brookfield Academy	6720.00	Yes	No	Yes
4086873647	Brookfield	6 720 00	Yes	No	Yes

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481754851	Brookfield Academy	6,720.00	Yes	No	Yes
8659885926	Brookfield Academy	6720.00	Yes	No	Yes
4986873647	Brookfield Academy	6,720.00	Yes	No	Yes
26058	Kingsway Learning Center	301.08 (daily)	Yes	Yes 1:1 (\$175 daily)	Yes

It is recommended that the following Out of District placement costs be approved for the 2021-2022 School Year.

Student ID	21/22 placement	Tuition	Transport	Aide	Related Service
48175485	Brookfield Academy	56,340	Yes	Yes	Yes
8659885926	Brookfield Academy	56,340	Yes	Yes	Yes
4986873647	Brookfield Academy	56,340	Yes		
26058	Kingsway	59,194.40 +31,500 (1:1)	Yes	Yes	Yes
4867750873	Magnolia (Until 12/21)	63,593.54 Tuition will	Yes	Yes	Yes

1096544803	Haddon Heights	39,619 + 17,772 (1:1)		Yes	
7340294793	Haddon Heights	39,619 +17,772 (1:1)		Yes	
7653752009	Bankbridge	45,210			
5784725753	Garfield Park	65,659.44			
2849163884	Katzenbach	118,430			
9355323491	Bankbridge	45,210			

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.

Management 1-11

Motion by Marsharee Wright seconded by Alexis Wilson to approve management items 1-11. Motion Carried;

Roll Call

Vote: 7– yes, 1- absent

Mrs. Forrest – Yes

Mr. Mears – Yes

Ms. Wilson – Yes

Ms. Wright - Yes

Ms. Gibson - Yes

Ms. Cauthorne –absent

Mr. Moore - Yes

Ms. Catlett - Yes

Public Comments at 7:33 p.m.

Mr. Ervin Mears of 411 E. Charleston Avenue, Lawnside commented on the Superintendent's Report and want to know what were the specific tops pertaining to the QSAC report? Madam Chair President Mrs. Forrest asked that Mr. Mears would reach out to Dr. Johnson because we do not have the full report. Mr. Mears respondent, requesting to know the individual scores of each category. Dr. Johnson advised that such category such as Curriculum was one of the areas which would include Visual Performing Arts were included, however our school does not have student except in areas of music, therefore this category is skewed.

Correspondence – None.

Old Business – None.

Committee Reports - None

New Business

Authorization to approve Resolutions #38 through 45 by the Business Office

Motion by Alexis Wilson, seconded by Dajshia Gibson to approve Resolutions #38-45

Roll Call Vote:

6– yes, 2 –absent

Mrs. Forrest – yes

Ms. Wright - yes

Mr. Moore - abstained

Mr. Mears – absent (left)

Ms. Gibson - yes

Ms. Catlett - abstained

Ms. Wilson – yes

Ms. Cauthorne – absent

New Board Member – Mr. Bass, Mr. Carney, Mr. Ballard and Dr. Jordan was presented to the Board a possible candidate for the vacant seat on the Board. Mr. Based was appointed and approved by the Board.

Motion by Alexis Wilson, seconded by Ferin Catlett to approve Mr. Bass as a new Board member.

Roll Call Vote:

4 – yes, 2 – abstentions, 2- absent

Mrs. Forrest – yes

Ms. Wright - yes

Mr. Moore - abstained

Mr. Mears – absent (left)

Ms. Gibson - yes

Ms. Catlett - abstained

Ms. Wilson – yes

Ms. Cauthorne – absent

Resolution #32 Treasurer/Secretary Report – was tabled until next meeting.

Payment of Bills/Receipts

Motion by Dajshia Gibson
seconded by Alexis Wilson
that the bills be approved.
Motion Carried;

Call Vote: 5-yes, 2 absent

Mrs. Forrest – yes
Mr. Mears –absent
Ms. Wilson – yes

Ms. Wright - yes
Ms. Gibson - yes
Ms. Cauthorne – absent

Mr. Moore - yes
Ms. Catlett - yes

Public Comments at 7:50p.m. – None

Board Member Comments at &511 p.m.

Ms. Wright – Welcome Mr. Bass to the School Board. She also wanted to know the date for the Kindergarte and Eight (8th) grade graduation? Dr. Johnson advised that the School District have considered holding the graduation via :(1) Drive-by; (2) Outdoor ceremony; or (3) In-door ceremony.

Each student will be given six (6) tickets to be held on June 14th @ 7:00 pm.

Ms. Wright – also wanted to know if there were any plans for June’s Jamboree this year? Dr. Johnson advised this event will be held off this school year.

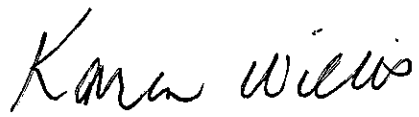
Ms. Wilson – Welcome Mr. Bass to the School Board. She also stated that the current Board Members need to re-assess the reason they decided to run for the position of being on the Board as a member, if we are not here then we cannot inform the taxpayers of this community as to where and how their dollars are spent.

Adjournment – 8:38 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 *May 13, 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