

Lawnside Board of Education Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Lawnside Board of Education was called to order at 7:10 p.m. via Zoom. Directions for this meeting was placed on the district's website at www.lawnside.k12.nj.us. After observing a moment of silence, the following members answered present to the roll call:

Sabrina Forrest	Marsharee Wright	Deborah DeAbreu
Dajshia Gibson	Mawusimensah Mears	Alexis Wilson
Nana Cauthorne arrived at 7:20	William Jordan	

Absent: Yareem Ali

Also present was Ronn Johnson, Superintendent, and Dawn Leary, Business Administrator

Minutes

Motion by Marsharee Wright, seconded by Deborah DeAbreu, that the minutes of February 27, and March 12, 2020 be approved. Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 7 – yes, 2 – absent.

Mrs. Forrest – yes
Mr. Mears - yes
Mr. Jordan – yes

Ms. Wright - yes
Mr. Ali - absent
Ms. Wilson – yes

Mrs. DeAbreu - yes
Ms. Gibson - yes
Ms. Cauthorne - absent

Superintendent's Report

Discussion:

Remote Learning Update- Staff members and administrators have held Zoom meetings to make sure students are receiving the appropriate levels of instruction using multiple options.

Food Distribution- Food will be distributed every Tuesday between 9am-11am. The average food distributed is approximately 80 meals per week.

Re-opening of schools- The Governor will revisit the status of COVID-19 on April 17th however the President has stated everyone should practice social distancing until at least April 30th.

Once we finally return to school, we will update the registration dates for 2020-2021 school year. We are working on placing the application online with residency verification taking place when the parent brings the child to the district.

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.

Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying: 0

Unfounded ~ 0

Warnings ~ 0

Suspensions ~ 0

Investigating Incident ~ 0

Suspensions for March ~ 0

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

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 for employment for the 2020-2021 school year:

Alexander, Freddie	Alston, Norman	Artis-Jones, Romaine
Backus, Alexis	Baltodano, Monica	Bollendorf, Brittany
Carpenter, Adam	Carr, Nina	Carter, Karen
Cobia, Patricia	Coleman, Brittany	Couplin, Bria
Curcio, Kristina	Davis, Antoinette	Davis, Chantelle
Davis, Paula	DelSignore, Margaret	DiSandro, Colleen
Forchic, Mark	Garrett, Cheryl	Godbolt, Martina
Gordon, Mark	Grant, Sherrie	Washington, Chantel
Harper, Jessyca	Harvey, Shatirah	Hinson-Harvey, Tia
Hoover, Brent	Jenkins, Harold	Johnson, Kenneth
Jones, Veda	Kirk, Niphon	Lewis, Gina
Miller, Alyssa	Morison, Qihvah	Reilly, Meghan
Seminara, Lori	Snowden, Helen	Stevenson, Ayree
Walsh, Sonya	Ware, Jessica	Welde, Rebecca

Williams, Ebony

Wilson, ShaNell

Wilson, Tomika

- 2. It is recommended Ms. Dawn Leary’s contract as Business Administrator/Board Secretary be approved for submission to the New Jersey Department of Education’s Camden County Office for approval with a 2% increase in salary for the 2020-2021 school year.
- 3. It is recommended Mr. Terry Henry’s (Facilities Manager) increment be withheld for the 2020-2021 school year.

Personnel Items

#1-3

Motion by Marsharee Wright seconded by Dajshia Gibson to to approve Personnel Items #1-3. Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 6 – yes, 2- absent, 1 - abstention.

Mrs. Forrest – yes
 Mr. Mears - abstain
 Mr. Jordan – yes

Ms. Wright - yes
 Mr. Ali - absent
 Ms. Wilson – yes

Mrs. DeAbreu - yes
 Ms. Gibson - yes
 Ms. Cauthorne - absent

Correspondence – None at this time.

Committee Reports

Policy

Second Reading
 #4123 Paraprofessionals
 (Classroom Aides)

Motion by Deborah DeAbreu seconded by Mawusimensah Mears to approve policy #4123 for a second reading. Motion Carried; Roll Call Vote: 7 – yes, 2 – absent.

Mrs. Forrest – yes
 Mr. Mears - yes
 Mr. Jordan – yes

Ms. Wright - yes
 Mr. Ali - absent
 Ms. Wilson – yes

Mrs. DeAbreu - yes
 Ms. Gibson - yes
 Ms. Cauthorne – absent

Personnel & Finance – no report

Outreach – no report

Diversity – no report

Haddon Heights – Mrs. DeAbreu stated she attended a “Zoom Meeting”. Teachers and Staff did a good job with the students. Discussions included clubs on Friday, i.e. Spanish club. Adjustments with regards to grades were also discussed.

R E S O L U T I O N #28 (2019-20)

WHEREAS, the State Department of Education permits transfers among the budgetary line item accounts;

AND WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Education of the Borough of Lawnside to make such transfers;

AND WHEREAS, the need exists to adjust line item accounts to meet obligations encumbered and anticipated,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Borough of Lawnside that the Secretary is hereby authorized to make the following line item transfers:

GENERAL FUND:

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
11-000-100-566-00-00 Tuition to Pvt. Schools	4,000.00	
11-190-100-320-00-00 Purchase Profess & Ed. Svc.		4,000.00
Total	<u>\$4,000.00</u>	<u>\$4,000.00</u>

R E S O L U T I O N #29 (2019-20)

WHEREAS, the State Department of Education permits transfers among the budgetary line item accounts;

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GENERAL FUND:

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
11-000-270-518-00-00 Contract Serv. Sp. Ed.	1,000.00	
11-000-270-512-00-00 Transportation - Other.		1,000.00
Total	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>

Line Transfer
Resolution #28 & #29

Motion by Marsharee Wright
seconded by Dajshia Gibson
to approve line transfer resolution
#28 & #29. Motion Carried; Roll
Call Vote: 7 – yes, 2 – absent.

Mrs. Forrest – yes
Mr. Mears - yes
Mr. Jordan – yes

Ms. Wright - yes
Mr. Ali - absent
Ms. Wilson – yes

Mrs. DeAbreu - yes
Ms. Gibson - yes
Ms. Cauthorne - absent

R E S O L U T I O N #30-(2019-20)

Secretary’s Report – The Board Secretary certifies that no line item accounts in February 2020 have been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. **See Attachment XI.**

Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer’s Report in accordance with 18A:17-36 and 18A: 17-9 for the month of February 2020. The Treasurer’s Report and Secretary’s Report are in agreement for the month(s) of January 2020. **See Attachment XI.**

Board Secretary – Board Secretary in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (a) certifies that there are no changes in anticipated revenue amounts or revenue sources.

Board of Education Certification - Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.10 (c) the Lawnside Board of Education certifies that as of February 29, 2020 Secretary Financial Report and the February 29, 2020 Treasurer’s Monthly Report and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, that to the best of the Board’s knowledge, no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16-10 (a)1 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

The Secretary reports as of February 29, 2020:

Fund 10 Cash in Bank	\$2,406,950.22
Fund 20 Cash in Bank	(131,762.64)
Fund 30 Cash in Bank	0
Fund 40 Cash in Bank	(1.96)
Total Cash in Bank	\$2,275,189.54

The Treasurer’s report as of February 29, 2020:

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Fund 20 Cash in Bank	(131,762.64)

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Resolution #30 (2019-2020)

Motion by William Jordan seconded by Dajshia Gibson to approve the Secretary & Treasurer Report Resolution #30 2019-2020. Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 6 – yes, 1 – Abstention, 2 - absent.

Mrs. Forrest – yes
Mr. Mears - abstained
Mr. Jordan – yes

Ms. Wright - yes
Mr. Ali - absent
Ms. Wilson – yes

Mrs. DeAbreu - yes
Ms. Gibson - yes
Ms. Cauthorne - absent

Payment of Bills/Receipts

Motion by William Jordan seconded by Marsharee Wright that the bills totaling \$160,297.77 for the General Fund for April and \$4,075.17 for Food Service be approved for payment pending availability of funds. Motion Carried; Roll Call Vote: 6 – yes, 1 – no, 2- absent.

Mrs. Forrest – yes
Mr. Mears - no
Mr. Jordan – left mtg

Ms. Wright - yes
Mr. Ali - absent
Ms. Wilson – yes

Mrs. DeAbreu - yes
Ms. Gibson - yes
Ms. Cauthorne - yes

Public Comments - None.

Board Member Comments

Mrs. DeAbreu thanked the staff, teachers and Dr. Johnson for a job well done. She asked if the Board Packets could be delivered earlier for review. Mrs. Forrest stated the Board would need to have a conversation with the Administrative Staff.

Ms. Wright stated she wanted to give a "shout out" to the middle school who had a "Zoom Meeting". Hopefully staff will have more videos with other students. She also thanked parents for becoming teachers.

Mrs. Forrest thanked everyone including Board Members. She said be safe and wear masks. Family members were lost to the Caronavirus. Mrs. Forrest also thanked Mr. Gordon for all his help with the technology.

Motion by Deborah DeAbreu seconded by Marsharee Wright to adjourn the board meeting.

All in favor: 8 – Ayes. Motion carried by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Adjournment – 7:41 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I, Dawn Leary, 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 *April 9, 2020* 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



Dawn Leary
Business Administrator/Board Secretary