

**Lawnside Board of Education Annual Reorganization  
Meeting Minutes  
January 2, 2020**

AGENDA: Dawn Leary, Board Secretary presides until the President was elected

I. **Call to Order by the Board Secretary, Ms. Dawn Leary**

The meeting of the Lawnside Board of Education was called to order at 7:02 p.m. in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act with adequate notice provided to the Courier Post, Retrospect and the Lawnside Borough Clerk

II. **Flag Salute**

III. **Moment of Silence**

IV. **Ms. Leary to announce Certification of Election Results**

Three year term	Mawusimensah Mears	324
Three year term	Yareem K. Ali Jr.	316
Three year term	Dajshia Gibson	226

V. **Administration of the Oath of Office by Ms. Dawn Leary**

Dajshia Gibson

**Administration of the Oath of Office by Attorney Lloyd Henderson**

Mawusimensah Mears

Yareem K. Ali Jr.

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, **State Your Name**, 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.

## VI. Roll Call of Members

The following answered to New Board Member Roll Call:

Mrs. Forrest   Y    
Mr. Mears   Y  

Mrs. DeAbreu   Y    
Mr. Ali   Y  

Mrs. Wright   Y    
Ms. Gibson   Y  

6 – Present 3 - Vacancies

Also present Dr. Ronn Johnson, Superintendent and Mr. Darryl Rhone, Solicitor

### **Oath of Student Council was administered by Councilwoman Rhonda Wardlow-Hurley**

I do solemnly swear, that I understand and will uphold, the values of the Lawnside School District.

I will faithfully perform, All obligations and duties, of the Student Council.

My actions will reflect Responsibility, Organization, Accountability, Respect and Safety.

I will strive to achieve, The high level of expectation, that goes along with being,

A member of the Lawnside Student Council.

Several students were called upon to receive a certificate provided by

Mr. Hoover and Ms. Godbolt.

## VII. Nomination of Board President

The Board Secretary called for nominations for Board President

Ms. Wright nominated Mrs. Forrest; Mrs. DeAbreu seconded the nomination.

### **Roll Call Vote:**

Mrs. Forrest   Y    
Mr. Mears   N  

Ms. Wright   Y    
Mr. Ali   N  

Mrs. DeAbreu   Y    
Ms. Gibson   Y  

Mr. Ali nominated Mr. Mears; Mr. Mears seconded the nomination.

### **Roll Call Vote:**

Mrs. Forrest   N    
Mr. Mears   Y  

Ms. Wright   N    
Mr. Ali   Y  

Mrs. DeAbreu   N    
Ms. Gibson   N  

Board President for 2020: Mrs. Sabrina Forrest

VIII. **New Board President Assumes Charge of the Meeting**

XI. **Nominations for Vice President**

Nominations were called for the Officer of Vice President

Mrs. DeAbreu nominated Ms. Wright, Ms. Wright seconded the nomination.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Mrs. Forrest	<u>  Y  </u>	Ms. Wright	<u>  Y  </u>	Mrs. DeAbreu	<u>  Y  </u>
Mr. Mears	<u>  N  </u>	Mr. Ali	<u>  N  </u>	Ms. Gibson	<u>  Y  </u>

Mr. Ali nominated Mr. Mears, Mr. Mears seconded the nomination.

Mrs. Forrest	<u>  N  </u>	Ms. Wright	<u>  N  </u>	Mrs. DeAbreu	<u>  N  </u>
Mr. Mears	<u>  Y  </u>	Mr. Ali	<u>  Y  </u>	Ms. Gibson	<u>  N  </u>

Board Vice President for 2020: Marsharee Wright

X. **Board of Education Meeting Schedule for 2020**

THE LAWSIDE BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL MEET ON THE 2<sup>nd</sup> THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00 P.M. THE DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

JANUARY 2, 2020 (REORGANIZATION)

JANUARY 9, 2020

FEBRUARY 13, 2020

MARCH 12, 2020

APRIL 9, 2020

MAY 14, 2020

JUNE 11, 2020

AUGUST 13, 2020

SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

OCTOBER 8, 2020

NOVEMBER 12, 2020

Motion by Mrs. DeAbreu, seconded by Ms. Wright to approve the Board of Education calendar for 2020 to meet the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 6 – yes.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Mrs. Forrest   Y                        Ms. Wright   Y                        Mrs. DeAbreu   Y    
Mr. Mears   Y                        Mr. Ali   Y                        Ms. Gibson   Y  

**XI. Haddon Heights Board Representative**

Motion by Ms. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Forrest that Mrs. DeAbreu represent the Lawnside Board of Education as a representative at the Haddon Heights Board of Education Meetings.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Mrs. Forrest   Y                        Ms. Wright   Y                        Mrs. DeAbreu   Y    
Mr. Mears   N                        Mr. Ali   N                        Ms. Gibson   N  

Roll Call Vote: 3 – yes, 3 – no

Motion by Mr. Mears, seconded by Mr. Ali that Mr. Ali represent the Lawnside Board of Education as a representative at the Haddon Heights Board of Education Meetings.

Mrs. Forrest   N                        Ms. Wright   N                        Mrs. DeAbreu   N    
Mr. Mears   Y                        Mr. Ali   Y                        Ms. Gibson   Y  

Roll Call Vote: 3 – yes, 3 – no

Motion by Ms. Wright, seconded by Ms. Gibson to table the Haddon Heights representative until next board meeting.

Mrs. Forrest   Y                        Ms. Wright   Y                        Mrs. DeAbreu   Y    
Mr. Mears   N                        Mr. Ali   N                        Ms. Gibson   Y  

Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 4 – yes, 2 – no

Motion by Ms. Wright, seconded by Ms. Gibson for Debbie DeAbreu continue as the acting representative for the Haddon Heights Board of Education Meetings.

Mrs. Forrest   Y                        Ms. Wright   Y                        Mrs. DeAbreu   Y    
Mr. Mears   N                        Mr. Ali   N                        Ms. Gibson   Y  

Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 4 – yes, 2 - no

**XII. Camden County Education Service Commission Representative**

Motion by Ms. Wright, seconded by Mr. Mears that Mr. Mears represent the Lawnside Board of Education as the Camden County Education Service Commission representative.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Mrs. Forrest   Y    
Mr. Mears   Y  

Ms. Wright   Y    
Mr. Ali   Y  

Mrs. DeAbreu   Y    
Ms. Gibson   Y  

Adjournment – 7:35 p.m.

Motion by Marsharee Wright seconded by Sabrina Forrest to adjourn the board meeting.

All in favor: 6 – Ayes. Motion carried by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted



Dawn Leary  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary