

Minutes – March 28, 2013

A Special Meeting of the Lawnside Board of Education was called to order at 7:17 p.m. in Library of the Lawnside Public School, 426 Charleston Avenue. Board President Sabrina Forrest presided. After repeating the Pledge of Allegiance and observing a moment of silence, the following members answered present to the roll call:

Tiffany Banks	Sabrina Forrest
Doug Brotherton	Amy Pierce
Ronald DeAbreu	

5 present, 4 absent

Absent: Lovelle Kendall, Donica Venable, Dalaine Wilson, Dawn Wright-McLeod

Also present were Ronn Johnson, Superintendent, and Theresa Tutt, Board Secretary.

Ms. Forrest announced that notice of the meeting was sent to the Courier Post, Record Breeze, Philadelphia Inquirer and the Lawnside Borough Clerk as required by statute.

There were no Public Comments.

Public Hearing on 2013-2014 Budget

The Superintendent presented a PowerPoint slideshow to report the district goals and school highlights for the current school year as well as outline the proposed enhancements contained in the 2013-2014 budget. The proposed enhancements were categorized as follows: Academic and Instructional Improvements, Technological Upgrades, Facility Renovations and Construction, and Community Outreach Initiatives. The Board Secretary presented a slideshow to review all areas of the proposed spending plan for 2013-2014; the presentation included a comparison of the current year with that of the ensuing year.

The 2013-2014 budget that was approved by the Executive County Superintendent totals \$8,858,621 categorized as follows:

Total Operating Budget	\$8,046,967
Total Grant & Entitlements	592,824
Total Debt Service	<u>218,830</u>
Grand Total	\$8,858,621

The breakdown of the proposed Operating Budget for the 2013-2014 school year is as follows:

Tuition	\$2,381,204	(30%)
Instruction	2,223,242	(27%)
Employee Benefits	897,292	(11%)
Support Services	849,718	(11%)
Operations & Maintenance	498,150	( 6%)
Transportation	439,578	( 6%)
Administration & Business	404,732	( 5%)
Capital Outlay	191,613	( 2%)
Charter Schools Transfer	<u>161,438</u>	( 2%)
	\$8,046,967	

Board Member Donica Venable entered during the presentation at 7:38 p.m., making 6 present, 3 absent.

The district received a 1.4% increase in state aid (\$41,407) due to our status as a “Choice” district beginning next school year. The tax levy needed to support the Operating Budget for the ensuing year is \$3,983,413; this is \$57,176 less than the current school year representing an approximate 1.4% reduction. The projected tax rate will be \$1.93 per \$100 assessment, a 1¢ decrease. As was the case when preparing the 2012-2013 budget, the decrease in large part is realized because of a reduction in tuitions payable. The projected tuition obligations for next year decreased over \$500,000. This reduction enabled the district to include items such as a new K-6 language arts program, additional student computers for daily use and in preparation for the PARCC assessment, new classroom and computer furniture, as well as installing additional security measures.

R E S O L U T I O N #40-2013

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Borough of Lawnside approves the school district budget for the 2013-14 School Year as approved by the Executive County Superintendent after the public hearing as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>
Total Operating Budget	\$8,046,967	\$3,983,413
Total Grant & Entitlements	592,824	
Total Debt Service	<u>218,830</u>	<u>185,478</u>
	\$8,858,621	\$4,168,891

Resolution #40-2013 Motion by Ronald DeAbreu, seconded by Donica Venable, that Resolution #40-2013 be approved. Motion carried; 6 yes.

There was no Public Comment.

Adjournment Motion by Donica Venable, seconded by Tiffany Banks, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.  
8:02 p.m.