

Minutes – June 27, 2013

A Special Meeting of the Lawnside Board of Education was called to order at 7:12 p.m. in Board Conference Room 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	Amy Pierce
Ronald DeAbreu	Donica Venable
Sabrina Forrest	Dalaine Wilson

6 present, 3 absent

Absent: Doug Brotherton, Lovelle Kendall, 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.

There was no Solicitor's Report.

Superintendent's Report

Discussion

- Retirements of Susan Swiatocha and Patricia Ricks – celebration held 6/21; thanked the Board Members who were able to attend the event
- New Interim Executive County Superintendent – Ann Volk; will be in the position on an interim basis while Peggy Nicolosi will serve as Interim Superintendent in Camden City
- Haddon Heights Correspondence regarding athletes from Lawnside – Joe Cramp, Director of Athletics and Student Activities, summarized accomplishments of some of the senior athletes; seven will be playing sports in college; HHHS had 16 All Stars during the 2012-2013 school year that were from Lawnside
- Lawnside Day – Saturday, June 29

District Goals

- *Focus on Language Arts Literacy to improve student achievement*
- *Continue to foster community support and encourage investment in the success of the school district*
- *Develop the use of Smartboard technology to enhance student achievement through effective instruction*

Recommendations

PERSONNEL

1. It is recommended that Ms. Abigail Wence be approved as a Substitute Teacher for the Title I/ELA Summer Program at a rate of \$35 per hour for the 2013-2014 school year. (Title I Funded)
2. It is recommended that Mr. Eric Quao be approved as an aide for the Shining Stars Summer Program at a rate of \$16 per hour for the 2013-2014 school year.
3. It is recommended that Mr. John Langford be approved as a substitute custodian (as needed during the summer) at a rate of \$10 per hour for the 2013-2014 school year.

Personnel  
Items #1 - 3

Motion by Ronald DeAbreu, seconded by Donica Venable, that Personnel Recommendations #1 – 3 be approved. Motion carried; 6 yes.

MANAGEMENT

1. It is recommended that the Educational Services Commission be approved to conduct contracted Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant (LDTC) services at a rate of \$360 per evaluation, pending the appointment of a Part-Time LDTC.
2. It is recommended that the 1:1 aide for Student #00009 be approved to provide services during the Extended School Year Program at Bankbridge at a rate of \$192.50 per diem.
3. It is recommended that Ms. Tufeka Baines-Potts be approved to conduct 20 hours of observation during the 2013-2014 school year to fulfill the requirements of her practicum.

Management -  
Items #1 – 3

Motion by Tiffany Banks, seconded by Amy Pierce, that Management Recommendations #1 – 3 be approved. Motion carried; 6 yes.

Dr. Johnson asked that the Board keep Ms. Romaine Artis-Jones in their thoughts and prayers as she recovers from surgery. It is anticipated she will return to work mid-August.

There was no Old Business.

There were no Committee Reports.

New Business

R E S O L U T I O N #59-2013

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:

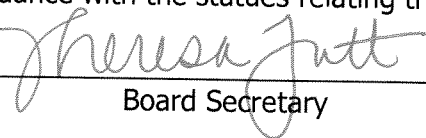
<u>GENERAL FUND: ACCOUNT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
11-130-100-101-00-SB Substitutes – Grades 6 – 8	\$1,300	
11-190-100-320-00-00 Purchased Prof. & Ed. Services	4,000	
11-000-221-600-00-00 Supplies & Materials	3,200	
11-000-230-331-00-00 Legal Services	650	
11-000-230-585-00-00 Other Purchased Services	500	
11-190-100-610-00-00 General Supplies		\$5,000
11-190-100-890-00-00 Miscellaneous Expenses		300
11-000-223-600-00-00 Supplies & Materials		3,200
11-000-230-890-00-00 Miscellaneous Expenses		<u>1,150</u>
	<u>          </u> \$9,650	<u>          </u> \$9,650

Resolution #59-2013 –  
Line Item Transfers

Motion by Amy Pierce, seconded by Dalaine Wilson,  
that Resolution #59-2013 be approved. Motion carried; 6 yes.

RESOLUTION #60-2013

BE IT RESOLVED, that the amount of district taxes needed to meet the obligations of this Board of Education for the 2013-2014 school year is \$4,168,891 and the Borough Council of the Borough of Lawnside is hereby requested to place in the hands of the Treasurer of School Monies that amount in installments payable on the dates listed in accordance with the statues relating thereto.

  
Board Secretary

Amount of district taxes approved .....	\$4,168,891
Amount due July 15, 2013 .....	\$347,408
Amount due August 15, 2013 .....	\$347,408
Amount due September 15, 2013 .....	\$347,408
Amount due October 15, 2013 .....	\$347,408
Amount due November 15, 2013 .....	\$347,408
Amount due December 15, 2013 .....	\$347,408
Amount due January 15, 2014 .....	\$347,408
Amount due February 15, 2014 .....	\$347,408
Amount due March 15, 2014 .....	\$347,408
Amount due April 15, 2014.....	\$347,408
Amount due May 15, 2014 .....	\$347,408
Amount due June 15, 2014 .....	\$347,403
Balance to the credit of the Board of Education.....	\$ 0

Resolution #60-2013 – District Taxes                      Motion by Amy Pierce, seconded by Dalaine Wilson, that Resolution #60-2013 be approved. Motion carried; 6 yes.

Payment of Bills                      Motion by Amy Pierce, seconded by Ronald DeAbreu, that the bills totaling \$71,981.50 for the General Fund and \$5,971.39 for the Food Service Fund be approved for payment pending availability of funds. Motion carried; 6 yes.

There were no Public Comments.

Executive Session – not required.

The President indicated that the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting should be July 11; however, since the Board Retreat will be held two days later on Saturday, July 13, she asked the membership whether they wanted postpone the meeting or hold it as scheduled. It was the consensus that the regular meeting be delayed until July 25, the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, the date that Committees are scheduled

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to meet. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.; Chairpersons will determine whether their Committee will be convening before or after the meeting or at another time.

A continental breakfast will be available at 8:30 a.m. on 7/13; informational session will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment  
7:39 p.m.

Motion by Donica Venable, seconded by Tiffany Banks,  
that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.