

Lawnside Board of Education Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2014

A Special Meeting of the Lawnside Board of Education was called to order at 7:04 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:

Ronald DeAbreu	Amy Pierece
Sabrina Forrest	Donica Venable
Amy Kearney	Dalaine Wilson

6 present, 3 absent

Absent: Mark Bryant, Canute Gardiner, 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 2014-2015 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 2014-2015 budget. The proposed enhancements were categorized as follows: Academic and Instructional Improvements, Technological Upgrades, Facility Renovations Enhancements, and Community Outreach Initiatives. The Board Secretary presented a slideshow to review all areas of the proposed spending plan for 2014-2015; the presentation included a comparison of the current year with that of the ensuing year.

Board Member Canute Gardiner entered during the presentation at 7:22 p.m., making 7 present, 2 absent.

The 2014-2015 budget that was approved by the Executive County Superintendent totaled \$8,858,621 and was categorized as follows:

Total Operating Budget	\$8,270,589
Total Grant & Entitlements	605,097
Total Debt Service	<u>218,782</u>
Grand Total	\$9,094,468

The breakdown of the proposed Operating Budget for the 2014-2015 school year is as follows:

Tuition	\$2,528,715	(31%)
Instruction	2,216,724	(27%)
Employee Benefits	971,001	(12%)
Support Services	878,592	(11%)
Operations & Maintenance	506,785	(6%)
Administration & Business	434,897	(5%)
Transportation	372,556	(4%)
Capital Outlay	183,162	(2%)
Charter Schools Transfer	<u>178,157</u>	(2%)
	\$8,270,589	

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The district received a 0.2% increase in state aid (\$7,880) equally awarded in two new categories – PARCC Readiness Aid and Per Pupil Growth Aid. The tax levy needed to support the Operating Budget for the ensuing year is \$4,063,082; this is \$79,669 more than the current school year and represents a 2% increase. The projected tax rate is \$1.949 per \$100 assessment, a 2¢ increase. This is the first tax rate increase since the 2010-2011 budget.

R E S O L U T I O N #48-2014

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Borough of Lawnside approves the school district budget for the 2014-15 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	\$8,270,589	\$4,063,082
Total Grant & Entitlements	605,097	
Total Debt Service	<u>218,782</u>	<u>215,005</u>
	\$9,094,468	\$4,278,087

Resolution #48-2014

Motion by Amy Pierce, seconded by Ronald DeAbreu, that Resolution #48-2014 be approved. Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 7 yes.

There was no Public Comment.

Adjournment
7:42 p.m.

Motion by Ronald DeAbreu, seconded by Amy Pierce, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried by Unanimous Voice Vote.