

Lawnside Board of Education Meeting Minutes  
June 26, 2014

A Special Meeting of the Lawnside Board of Education was called to order at 7:40 p.m. in the Board Conference Room of the Lawnside Public School, 426 Charleston Avenue. Board President Sabrina Forrest presided. After repeating the Pledge of Allegiance after observing a moment of silence, the following members answered present to the roll call:

Ronald DeAbreu      Donica Venable  
Sabrina Forrest      Dawn Wright-McLeod  
Canute Gardiner  
5 present, 4 absent

Absent: Mark Bryant, Amy Kearney, Amy Pierce, Dalaine Wilson

Also present were Dr. 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

Dr. Johnson regretfully informed the Board of the untimely passing of Lt. Lloyd Lewis, the former D.A.R.E. Officer for the district. Funeral services will be held on Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup> in Bridgeton, NJ.

District Goals

- **Goal #1 – Continue to focus on enhancing curriculum and instruction in English/Language Arts and Mathematics to improve student achievement**
- **Goal #2 – Continue to positively impact school culture by initiating student-centered programs.**
- **Goal #3 – Communicate the district's culture, strengths and successes to all stakeholders of the district.**

Recommendations

PERSONNEL

1. It is recommended that Ms. Alyssa Miller be approved as an Elementary School Teacher at a salary of \$52,152 (Step 1-BA) for the 2014-2015 school year. *(Pending Criminal History Review)*
2. It is recommended that Ms. Tia Hinson-Harvey be approved as an Elementary School Teacher at a salary of \$58,060 (Step 4-MA) for the 2014-2015 school year. *(Pending Criminal History Review)*
3. It is recommended that Ms. Gloria Bernal be approved as a World Language Teacher at a salary of \$52,152 (Step 1-BA) for the 2014-2015 school year. *(Pending Criminal History Review)*

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4. It is recommended that Ms. Danielle Strand be approved as an Elementary School Teacher (Maternity Leave) at a salary of \$53,152 (Step 2-BA pro-rated) from September 2, 2014 through November 21, 2014.
5. It is recommended that Ms. Rukiah Alwan be approved as the Supervisor of Special Services at a salary of \$75,102 (Step 7-MA 12 months) effective July 1, 2014.
6. It is recommended that Ms. Jennifer Campbell be approved as a Part-Time School Psychologist at a salary of \$33,331 (Step 2-MA, .6) for the 2014-2015 school year.

Personnel  
Item #1 – 6

Motion by Ronald DeAbreu, seconded by Donica Venable, that Personnel Recommendations #1 – 6 be approved. Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 5 yes.

**MANAGEMENT**

1. It is recommended that the agreement between the Lawnside Board of Education and the Loving Care Agency for Student #00018 be approved effective July 8, 2014 through June 30, 2015.
2. It is recommended that the agreement between the Lawnside Board of Education and Interim Health Care of New Jersey be approved effective September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.
3. It is recommended that the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) grant amendment for 2014 be approved for electronic submission to the NJ Department of Education.
4. It is recommended that the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) grant for 2015 be approved for electronic submission to the NJ Department of Education.

Management -  
Items #1 – 4

Motion by Dawn Wright-McLeod, seconded by Donica Venable, that Management Recommendations #1 – 4 be approved. Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 5 yes.

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

1. It is recommended the following field trip be approved for the 2014-2015 school year.

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Transporatation</b>
PreK/K	Johnson's Farm	9/14/2014	\$20.00	Bus

Student Activities -  
Item #1

Motion by Ronald DeAbreu, seconded by Donica Venable, that Student Activities Recommendation #1 be approved. Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 5 yes.

There was no Old Business.

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Committee Reports

Policies – Second Reading

Motion by Ronald DeAbreu, seconded by Dawn Wright-McLeod, that the following policies be approved on second reading:

File Code: 5113	Attendance, Absences, and Excuses
File Code: 5131.6	Drugs, Alcohol, Steroids, Tobacco (Substance Abuse)

Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 5 yes.

New Business

Items 1 – 3 (Resolutions #71-2014, #72-2014 and #73-2014) were passed over as agenda action items at this time due to the fact that each concern transferring funds; only five members are present and passage would require at least six affirmative votes.

R E S O L U T I O N #74-2014

BE IT RESOLVED, that the amount of district taxes needed to meet the obligations of this Board of Education for the 2014-2015 school year is \$4,278,087 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 .....	\$4,278,087
Amount due July 15, 2014 .....	\$356,508
Amount due August 15, 2014.....	\$356,508
Amount due September 15, 2014 .....	\$356,508
Amount due October 15, 2014 .....	\$356,508
Amount due November 15, 2014.....	\$356,508
Amount due December 15, 2014 .....	\$356,508
Amount due January 15, 2015 .....	\$356,508
Amount due February 15, 2015 .....	\$356,508
Amount due March 15, 2015 .....	\$356,508
Amount due April 15, 2015 .....	\$356,508
Amount due May 15, 2015.....	\$356,508
Amount due June 15, 2015.....	\$356,499
Balance to the credit of the Board of Education.....	\$ 0

Resolution #74-2014  
District Taxes

Motion by Dawn Wright-McLeod, seconded by Ronald DeAbreu, that Resolution #74-2014 be approved. Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 5 yes.

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R E S O L U T I O N #75-2014

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lawnside Board of Education of the Borough of Lawnside at its June 26, 2014 meeting authorizes the submission of an amendment for the FY 2014 IDEA grant in the amount of \$7,926.

Resolution #75-2014 – Motion by Dawn Wright-McLeod, seconded by Donica Venable, IDEA Amendment that Resolution #54-2014 be approved. Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 5 yes.

R E S O L U T I O N #76-2014

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lawnside Board of Education of the Borough of Lawnside at its June 26, 2014 meeting authorizes the submission of an application and acceptance of funds under the provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) for the 2014-2015 school year as follows:

IDEA Basic	\$91,005
IDEA Preschool	<u>2,623</u>
	\$93,628

Resolution #76-2014 – Motion by Ronald DeAbreu, seconded by Mark Bryant, FY2015 IDEA Application that Resolution #76-2014 be approved. Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 5 yes.

R E S O L U T I O N #77-2014

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lawnside Board of Education of the Borough of Lawnside at its June 26, 2014 meeting authorizes the submission of an application and acceptance of funds under the provisions of NCLB for the 2014-2015 school year as follows:

Title I, Part A	\$173,428
Title II, Part A	<u>20,122</u>
	\$193,550

Resolution #77-2014 – Motion by Ronald DeAbreu, seconded by Dawn Wright-McLeod, FY2015 NCLB Application that Resolution #77-2014 be approved. Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 5 yes.

R E S O L U T I O N #78-2014

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Borough of Lawnside, at its June 26, 2014 meeting establishes the following breakfast/lunch prices for the 2014-2015 school year:

Student Paid Lunch	\$2.65
Student Reduced Lunch	.40
Adult Lunch	4.25
Student Paid Breakfast	1.50
Student Reduced Breakfast	.30
Adult Breakfast	2.50

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Resolution #78-2014 –  
Breakfast/Lunch Prices

Motion by Ronald DeAbreu, seconded by Dawn Wright-McLeod,  
that Resolution #78-2014 be approved. Motion carried; Roll  
Call Vote: 5 yes.

R E S O L U T I O N #79-2014

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lawnside Board of Education does not require the Archway Programs to charge students for reduced and/or paid meals provided as part of their educational program in compliance with the NJ Department of Agriculture's Child Nutrition Program regulations.

Resolution #79-2014 -  
CNP - Archway

Motion by Dawn Wright-McLeod, seconded by Donica Venable,  
that the Resolution #79-2014 be approved. Motion carried; Roll  
Call Vote: 5 yes.

Payment of Bills

Motion by Ronald DeAbreu, seconded by Canute Gardiner,  
that the bills totaling \$110,079.01 for the General Fund and  
\$6,905.72 for the Food Service Fund be approved for payment  
pending availability of funds. Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 5  
yes.

There were no Public Comments.

Ms. Forrest and Dr. Johnson presented a plaque to Ms. Debbie DeAbreu, PTA President, as a token of appreciation from the Board of Education for all her work, dedication and commitment to the school district. Ms. DeAbreu was cited for being the #1 cheerleader for the district; her work on projects such as the Health Fair and Book Fair were given as examples of how she always goes one step beyond and puts forth extra effort. The students and staff of the district have benefitted greatly from the initiatives carried out under her leadership of the PTA.

Executive Session  
7:58 p.m.

Motion by Ronald DeAbreu, seconded by Dawn Wright-McLeod,  
that the Board recess into Executive Session to discuss matters  
relating to personnel. Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 5 yes.

Reconvene  
8:05 p.m.

Motion by Dawn Wright-McLeod, seconded by Canute Gardiner,  
that the meeting be reopened to the public. Motion carried; Roll  
Call Vote: 5 yes.

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 p.m. with the following members answering present to the roll call:

Ronald DeAbreu            Donica Venable  
Sabrina Forrest            Dawn Wright-McLeod  
Canute Gardiner  
5 present, 4 absent

Absent: Mark Bryant, Amy Kearney, Amy Pierce, Dalaine Wilson

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Board Secretary Contract

Motion by Canute Gardiner, seconded by Dawn Wright-McLeod, that the 2014-2015 employment contract for Mrs. Theresa Tutt, Board Secretary, as presented by Solicitor Carl Tanksley, be approved for submission to the Executive County Superintendent for review. Motion carried; 5 yes.

Adjournment  
8:12 p.m.

Motion by Ronald DeAbreu, seconded by Dawn Wright-McLeod, that the meeting be adjourned; the Board will meet again on June 30, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried by Unanimous Voice Vote.