

Lawnside Board of Education Meeting Minutes  
July 10, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Lawnside Board of Education was called to order at 7:08 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      Amy Kearney  
Sabrina Forrest      Dalaine Wilson  
Canute Gardiner  
5 present, 4 absent

Absent: Mark Bryant, Amy Pierce, Donica Venable, Dawn Wright-McLeod

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.

Minutes –  
6/12, 6/26 & 6/30/2014

Motion by Ronald DeAbreu, seconded by Amy Kearney, that the minutes of June 12, 2014, June 26, 2014 and June 30, 2014 be approved. Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 5 yes.

There was no Solicitor's Report.

Superintendent's Report

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 Ms. Margaret DelSignore be approved as a Teacher of the Handicapped at a salary of \$52,152 (Step 1-BA) for the 2014-2015 school year.
2. It is recommended Ms. Ronika Hudson be approved as a Substitute Teacher at a rate of \$80 per diem for the 2014-2015 school year.

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3. It is recommended Ms. Andrea Thompson be approved as a Substitute Teacher at a rate of \$80 per diem for the 2014-2015 school year.
4. It is recommended Ms. Christine Coates be approved as a Substitute Teacher at a rate of \$75 per diem for the 2014-2015 school year. (Pending County Approval)
5. It is recommended Ms. Helen Snowden (School Media Specialist) be approved to conduct 40 hours of auditing/library development at a rate of \$36.75 per hour, totaling \$1,470 during the month of August.
6. It is recommended the following person be hired for the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC After School Program Summer Program from July 1<sup>st</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup> at a rate of \$36.75 per hour.

➤ Meghan Reilly - Teacher

*To be covered by the 2013-2014 Grant/IDEA Supplemental Funding of the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Grant*

7. It is recommended Ms. Quivah Morrison be approved as a Teacher of the Handicapped at a salary of \$54,552 (Step 1-MA) for the 2014-2015 school year. (Pending Criminal History Review)

Personnel  
Item #1 – 7

Motion by Ronald DeAbreu, seconded by Canute Gardiner,  
that Personnel Recommendations #1 – 7 be approved.  
Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 5 yes.

#### MANAGEMENT

1. It is recommended that the contract between the Lawnside Board of Education and the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired for Student #00026 be approved for the 2014-2015 school year at a cost of \$1,800.
2. It is recommended that the contract between the Lawnside Board of Education and Voorhees Pediatric Facility for Occupational (\$90 per hour for 2 hours per week) and Physical Therapy (\$95 per hour for 1 hour per week) be approved for the 2014-2015 school year.
3. It is recommended that the contract between the Lawnside Board of Education and the New Behavioral Network for behavioral specialist consultation be approved for the 2014-2015 school year at a cost of \$250 per hour for 2 hours per week for 5 weeks.
4. It is recommended that Dr. Ronn Johnson and Ms. Paula Davis be approved to attend the Leadership Academy during the 2014-2015 school year at a cost of \$750 to fulfill the requirements of their Professional Development Plan.
5. It is recommended Dr. Ronn Johnson's Professional Development Plan be approved for the 2014-2015 school year.

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6. It is recommended that the approved 2014-2015 21<sup>st</sup> Century Discretionary Grant be accepted by the Lawnside Board of Education. The approved grant period is September 1, 2014 – August 31, 2015.

Management -  
Items #1 – 6

Motion by Amy Kearney, seconded by Ronald DeAbreu,  
that Management Recommendations #1 – 6 be approved.  
Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 5 yes.

#### STUDENT ACTIVITIES

1. It is recommended that the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Summer Program be permitted to take the students participating in the Summer Program to River Sharks Park in Camden, NJ at no cost to the Board of Education on Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>.

*Transportation and admission fees will be provided through the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Grantee funding.*

Student Activities -  
Item #1

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

#### Correspondence

1. Thank You Card from Dr. Willie Maddox, Morgan State University SJ Alumni Chapter, expressing gratitude for the cooperation and support provided for their line dance activity.

There was no Old Business.

There were no Committee Reports.

#### New Business

#### R E S O L U T I O N #1-2015

BE IT RESOLVED, that the proper officers are hereby authorized to establish the following 2014-2015 petty cash funds:

Head Custodian	\$ 75.00
Board Secretary	\$100.00
Superintendent	\$150.00

Resolution #1-2015  
Petty Cash Funds

Motion by Dalaine Wilson, seconded by Amy Kearney,  
that Resolution #1-2015 be approved. Motion carried; Roll  
Call Vote: 5 yes.

#### R E S O L U T I O N #2-2015

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Borough of Lawnside, at its July 10, 2014 meeting, that Theresa Tutt, Board Secretary be appointed Public Compliance Officer for the 2014-2015 school year.

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Resolution #2-2015 –  
Public Compliance Officer

Motion by Amy Kearney, seconded by Ronald DeAbreu,  
that Resolution #2-2015 be approved. Motion carried; Roll  
Call Vote: 5 yes.

Secretary/Treasurer Reports

The Secretary reports as of May 31, 2014:

Fund 10 Cash in Bank	\$1,075,617.51
Fund 20 Cash in Bank	32,889.67
Fund 30 Cash in Bank	-40,286.45
Fund 40 Cash in Bank	<u>92.03</u>
Total Cash in Bank	\$1,068,312.76

The Treasurer reports as of May 31, 2014:

Fund 10 Ending Cash Balance	\$1,075,617.51
Fund 20 Ending Cash Balance	32,889.67
Fund 30 Ending Cash Balance	-40,286.45
Fund 40 Ending Cash Balance	<u>92.03</u>
Total Ending Cash Balance	\$1,068,312.76

Receipt

Motion by Ronald DeAbreu, seconded by Dalaine Wilson,  
that the Secretary and Treasurer Reports for the period  
ending May 31, 2014 be received. Motion carried; Roll Call  
Vote: 5 yes.

R E S O L U T I O N #3-2015

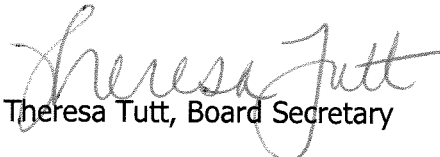
Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 4, the Lawnside Board of Education certifies that as of May 31, 2014 and after review of the Secretary's Monthly Financial Report and the Treasurer's Monthly Financial Report and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of the Boards' knowledge, no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (a) 1 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Resolution #3-2015 –  
Board Certification

Motion by Ronald DeAbreu, seconded by Dalaine Wilson,  
that Resolution #3-2015 be approved. Motion carried; Roll  
Call Vote: 5 yes.

R E S O L U T I O N #4-2015

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 3, I certify that as of May 31, 2014, no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Lawnside Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 and N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.2 and no budgetary line item account has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:23-2.12 (a) 1.

  
Theresa Tutt, Board Secretary

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Resolution #4-2015 –  
BA Certification

Motion by Ronald DeAbreu, seconded by Amy Kearney,  
that Resolution #4-2015 be approved. Motion carried; Roll  
Call Vote: 5 yes.

Payment of Bills

Motion by Ronald DeAbreu, seconded by Canute Gardiner,  
that the bills totaling \$194,691.26 for the General Fund and  
\$658.25 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 advised that the Benson Multi-Cultural History Museum is holding a Founder's Day Gala on September 19<sup>th</sup> at Lucien's Manor. She stated that Board Members should support this event as one of the honorees is our Superintendent; tickets are available at a cost of \$75.

There was a reminder that the deadline to file nominating petitions for school board candidates is 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Board Retreat is scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

Executive Session – not required.

Adjournment  
7:25 p.m.

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