

Lawnside Board of Education Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2014

A Special Meeting of the Lawnside Board of Education was called to order at 6:22 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 Amy Pierce
Canute Gardiner
5 present, 3 absent, 1 vacancy

Absent: Mark Bryant, Donica Venable, 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

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 the following staff members be approved as Teachers for the Shining Stars afterschool program for the 2014-2015 school year at a rate of \$36.75 per hour, retroactive to September 22, 2014.

- Charrisse Allen
- Kira Brown
- Brittany Coleman
- Laura Moore
- Tufeka Potts
- Danielle Strand
- Donna Walden
- Anthony Ware
- Rebecca Welde

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2. It is recommended that the following staff members be approved as Instructional Aides for the Shining Stars afterschool program for the 2014-2015 school year at a rate of \$16.80 per hour, retroactive to September 22, 2014.
 - John Langford
 - Laura Moore
 - Anthony Ware
3. It is recommended that Mr. King Shabazz be approved as a School Security Guard for the afterschool programs for the 2014-2015 school year at a rate of \$10.00 per hour.

Personnel
Item #1 – 3

Motion by Amy Pierce, seconded by Ronald DeAbreu,
that Personnel Recommendations #1 – 3 be approved. Motion
carried; Roll Call Vote: 5 yes.

MANAGEMENT

1. It is recommended that Dr. Ronn Johnson be approved to attend the National Alliance of Black School Educators Conference in Kansas City, MO from Wednesday, November 19 – Sunday, November 23, 2014.
2. It is recommended that the Lawnside Nursing Service Plan for 2014-2015 be approved for submission to the Camden County Office of Education.
3. It is recommended that the Lawnside Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Self Assessment grades for 2013-2014 be approved and accepted.

Management -
Items #1 – 3

Motion by Amy Pierce, seconded by Amy Kearney,
that Management Recommendations #1 – 3 be approved.
Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 5 yes.

There was no Old Business.

Committee Reports

Policy

Dr. Johnson indicated that the district is in need of a policy covering the topic Staff Substance Abuse. Jean Harkness of New Jersey School Boards Association will be contacted regarding obtaining sample policies on this topic.

Board Member Donica Venable entered, making 6 present, 2 absent.

Personnel/Finance/Facilities

Dr. Johnson advised that there was building evacuation today in the rain. Alarm was activated due to a control reading from equipment in the boiler room.

Discussion regarding facility use requests, forms, fees and adhering to the policy.

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Outreach

Back to School Bonanza was a success; 150 backpacks were distributed to students. Donations were received from Mt. Pisgah, Grace Temple, Mt. Zion, Rochester's Barbecue and Marco's Pizza. Because of the donations, the event did come in under the approved budget. A many of the backpacks were purchased from ShopRite. They have suggested that we contact the store in May or June and through collaboration with their purchasing agent sufficient inventory will be available to meet our needs. Another option would be to reach out directly to backpack manufacturers. It was reported that the Lawnside Education Association plans to contribute \$1,000 towards this event next year.

Churches will sponsor the Halloween Alternative Program on October 31. Volunteers are needed.

Board Member Mark Bryant entered at 7:23 p.m., making 7 present, 1 absent.

There was a discussion on strategies to get new members. Ms. Wright-McLeod has resigned and Mr. Wilson has indicated he will be stepping down; therefore, Committee Chairpersons will be needed for Outreach as well as Curriculum/Special Education.

There was no New Business.

There were no Public Comments.

Executive Session – not required.

Adjournment
7:36 p.m.

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