

Lawnside Board of Education Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Lawnside Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 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:

Mark Bryant	Canute Gardiner
Ronald DeAbreu	Amy Kearney
Sabrina Forrest	Amy Pierce

6 present, 2 absent, 1 vacancy

Absent: Donica Venable, Dalaine Wilson

Also present were Dr. Ronn Johnson, Superintendent, Tracey Schneider, Board Solicitor 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 –
9/11/2014 & 9/25/2014

Motion by Amy Pierce, seconded by Amy Kearney, that the minutes of September 11, 2014 and September 25, 2014 be approved. Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 6 yes.

Solicitor's Report

Ms. Tracey Schneider formally introduced herself to the Board and the public. She reported that Carl Tanksley has left the firm of Parker McCay and will once again be employed by the New Jersey School Boards Association. Ms. Schneider expressed appreciation for the opportunity and looked forward to working with the Board.

Superintendent's Report

Presentations

Research Study – Jaime Rice

Ms. Rice introduced herself as a doctoral student in School Psychology at Fordham University. She will be conducting a research study and was seeking approval to invite third and sixth graders to be participants. Only students with no special education classification or a classification of Specific Learning Disability will be eligible for inclusion in the study. The Project Title is *Developmental Differences in Attributions and Self-Worth Among Students with and without Learning Disabilities*. All students must have parental/legal guardian consent to take part in the study. Even if parental consent is given, the decision to participate rests with the student. Participation in the study is voluntary; the school and/or students may withdraw at any time without penalty. The identities of the school, students, parents, staff and information collected will be protected. No identifying information will be placed on study materials.

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Research Study – Christina Finnegan

Ms. Finnegan introduced herself as the District’s Language Arts Teacher for Grades 6 through 8 as well as a student at Rowan University. She will be conducting a research study and was seeking approval to involve her classroom students. The Project title is *What Happens When Students Blog in Response to Literature*. Ms. Finnegan outlined the study via a PowerPoint Presentation.

NJASK and Curriculum & Instruction Update – Paula Davis

Ms. Davis, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, presented a PowerPoint slideshow detailing new instructional implementations for the 2014-2015 school year and the NJASK data results for 2013-2014. Comparative data was presented for years 2009 through 2014. Preliminary data indicates that the district did not make the intended 2013-2014 performance targets set by the State. The focus for this year will continue to be Literacy and Math.

Discussion

- Correspondence from the NJDOE Office of Special Education Programs – district met requirements with regard to implementation of special education requirements for the 2012-2013 school year
- List of Band Membership – 30 students are participating
- Art Club Flyer
- YMCA Proposed cost for an AM (6:30/7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.) Program
- PTA “Reading is Succeeding” Initiative
- 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant reapplication process

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.**

Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying

There were 0 incidents of documented Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying resulting in

Warnings 0 Detentions 0 Suspensions 0

Fire and Security Drills	
Fire Drill	Monday, September 8, 2014 @ 10:32 a.m.
School Lockdown w/ Instruction	Friday, September 19, 2014 @ 10:40 a.m.

Bus Evacuation Drills					
Date	Time	School	Location	Bus Co./ Bus No.	Drill Supervisors
9/26/2014	9:20 am	Lawnside Public School	426 Charleston Ave.	T & L Transportation/417	Dr. Johnson/Mr. Alston
	9:30 am	Lawnside Public School	426 Charleston Ave.	T & L Transportation/226	Dr. Johnson/Mr. Alston
	9:40 am	Lawnside Public School	426 Charleston Ave.	T & L Transportation/370	Dr. Johnson/Mr. Alston
	9:50 am	Lawnside Public School	426 Charleston Ave.	T & L Transportation/216	Dr. Johnson/Mr. Alston
	10:00 am	Lawnside Public School	426 Charleston Ave.	T & L Transportation/376	Dr. Johnson/Mr. Alston
	10:10 am	Lawnside Public School	426 Charleston Ave.	T & L Transportation/223	Dr. Johnson/Mr. Alston

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Recommendations

PERSONNEL

1. It is recommended that the following names be approved as Substitute Administrators for the 2014-2015 school year at a rate of \$300 per diem. (*Only in cases where all district administrators are unavailable*)

- Dr. Theodore Johnson
- Dr. Will Maddox

2. It is recommended the following persons be hired for the 21st CCLC After School Program for the 2014-2015 program year.

Kenneth Johnson	LAL Teacher	\$36.75 per hr.
Charrisse Allen	Paraprofessional	\$16.80 per hr.

Personnel
Item #1 – 2

Motion by Amy Pierce, seconded by Amy Kearney,
that Personnel Recommendations #1 – 2 be approved.
Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 6 yes.

MANAGEMENT

1. It is recommended that the NJQSAC Statement of Assurance for the school year 2014-2015 be approved for submission to the New Jersey Department of Education.
2. It is recommended that Unity Community Center of South Jersey, Inc. be permitted to provide programming activity related services for the 21st CCLC After School Program for the 2014-2015 program year at a cost of \$50 per session not to exceed \$3,500. (All costs will be covered by 21st CCLC grant funds) The activities to be covered are:

- African Dance/Modern Dance
- Stepping
- African Drums
- Martial Arts
- Cultural & Artistic Theatrical Performances

3. It is recommended that Dr. Rozalyn Pitts be permitted to provide programming activity related services for the 21st CCLC After School Program for the 2014-2015 program year in the area of youth development at a cost of \$2,000 which includes 8 sessions @ \$250 per session. (All costs will be covered by 21st CCLC grant funds.) The activities to be covered are as follows:

- Goal Setting
- Bullying
- Peer Pressure
- Self Esteem
- Friendships – etc.

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4. It is recommended Dr. Rozalyn Pitts be permitted to provide professional development for the 21st CCLC After School Program staff and parents for the 2014-2015 program year in the area of special education at a cost of \$2,000 which includes 8 sessions @ \$250 per session. (All costs will be covered by 21st CCLC grant funds.)
5. It is recommended that Zakiyya Abdullah, Soul Line Dance Instructor, be permitted to provide line dance instruction for parent activity night(s) for the 21st CCLC After School Program for the 2014-2015 program year at a cost of \$625. The cost covers 5 sessions @ \$125 per session. (All costs will be covered by the 21st CCLC grant funds.)
6. It is recommended that Cross Fit Aspire trainers of Cherry Hill be permitted to provide physical fitness training for parent activity night(s) for the 21st CCLC After School Program for the 2014-2015 program year. (All costs will be covered by the 21st CCLC grant funds.)
7. It is recommended that Student Achievement System, LearnDoEarn be permitted to provide workshops and instruction for students/parents and staff for the 21st CCLC After School Program for the 2014-2015 program year for a total cost of \$2,000. (All costs will be covered by 21st CCLC grant funds.)
8. It is recommended that Life Needs of America Inc. be permitted to provide eight weeks of workshops for grades 6th – 8th for the 21st CCLC After School Program for the 2014-2015 program year. Cost not to exceed \$3,500. (All costs will be covered by 21st CCLC grant funds.)
9. It is recommended that the 21st CCLC and K-3 Shining Stars After School Programs be permitted to participate in the 15th annual Lights on After School activity on October 23, 2014.
10. It is recommended Mrs. Christina Finnegan (Rowan University) be approved to conduct her research study during the 2014-2015 school year.
11. It is recommended Ms Jaime Rice (Fordham University) be approved to conduct her research study during the 2014-2015 school year.

Management -
Items #1 – 11

Motion by Mark Bryant, seconded by Ronald DeAbreu,
that Management Recommendations #1 – 11 be approved.
Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 6 yes.

Field Trips

1. It is recommended the following 21st Century Community Learning Center's field trips for the 2014-2015 school year be approved. (All costs will be covered by the 21st CCLC grant.)

Field Trip Destination	Program Activity Component
Philadelphia Zoo	STEM/Parental Involvement
University of Pennsylvania	STEM/Parental Involvement
Lincoln University	STEM/Parental Involvement
Delaware Museum of Natural History	STEM/Parental Involvement
Crayola Factory	STEM/Parental Involvement

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Museum of Mathematics	STEM/Parental Involvement
Rutgers Gordon Theatre	Cultural & Artistic Awareness/ Parental Involvement
Bowling	Health, Nutrition, Fitness & Physical Activity/Parental Involvement
Roller Skating	STEM/Health, Nutrition, Fitness & Physical Activity/ Parental Involvement
Swimming/Pennsauken Municipal Recreation Center	Health, Nutrition, Fitness & Physical Activity
Mother Daughter/Father Son Symposium	Parental Involvement

2. It is recommended the Lawnside Band Students in grades 4 – 8 be permitted to attend the Morgan State Marching Band Show in Baltimore, MD on Saturday, December 6, 2014 at a cost of \$25 per student.
3. It is recommended the students in Grade 2 be permitted to visit the Crayola Factory Show in Easton, PA on Thursday, October 30, 2014 at a cost of \$15 per student.

Student Activities -
Item #1 – 3

Motion by Amy Kearney, seconded by Amy Pierce, that Student Activities Recommendation #1 – 3 approved. Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 6 yes.

Correspondence

Ms. Forrest advised that she is in receipt of a letter from the South Jersey African American Chamber of Commerce announcing her selection as one of the recipients of the inaugural Urban School Boards, Board President Award. The award will be presented during the 4th Annual Urban School Boards Reception on October 29th at Bally’s in Atlantic City.

Old Business

Policies – Second Reading

Motion by Amy Pierce, seconded by Ronald DeAbreu, that the following policies be approved on second reading:

File Code: 3542.1	Wellness and Nutrition
File Code: 4119.26/4219.26	Electronic Communication by School Staff
File Code: 5120	Assessment of Individual Needs
File Code: 6142.4	Physical Education and Health
File Code: 6146	Graduation Requirements

As there is still uncertainty as to whether or not the Graduation Requirements Policy is required for a district that does not operate a high school, it was agreed by the maker and seconder that the motion be amended to exclude File Code 6146.

Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 6 yes.

Committee Reports

Outreach – Ms. Forrest

The Youth Alternative Night in collaboration with the faith-based organizations in the Borough is moving forward on October 31st here at the school. There remains a need for volunteers.

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New Business

R E S O L U T I O N #12-2015

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:

GENERAL FUND:

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
11-000-230-610-00-00 Supplies and Materials	\$500	
11-000-230-585-00-00 BOE Other Purchased Services		\$500

Resolution #12-2015 – Line Item Transfers Motion by Amy Pierce, seconded by Ronald DeAbreu, that Resolution #12-2015 be approved. Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 6 yes.

R E S O L U T I O N #13-2015

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Borough of Lawnside, at its October 9, 2014 meeting authorizes attendance at the listed conference:

Name	Conference	Dates	Cost
Sabrina Forrest	NJSBA Workshop	10/28-10/30/2014	\$200 registration/mileage
Amy Pierce	NJSBA Workshop	10/28-10/30/2014	\$200 registration/mileage/lodging

Resolution #13-2015 – Conference Attendance Motion by Mark Bryant, seconded by Ronald DeAbreu, that Sabrina Forrest be approved to attend the conference as listed above. Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 5 yes, 1 abstention – Sabrina Forrest.

Resolution #13-2015 – Conference Attendance Motion by Mark Bryant, seconded by Ronald DeAbreu, that Amy Pierce be approved to attend the conference as listed above. Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 5 yes, 1 abstention – Amy Pierce.

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Facilities Use Requests

Motion by Mark Bryant, seconded by Amy Pierce,
that the following facilities use requests be approved:

	Organization	Date(s)	Time	Activity
1	For Christ Ministries	Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays through 10/30/2014	7:00 – 10:00 pm	Play Rehearsal
2	Lawnside Track & Field Club	Tuesdays and/or Thursdays	6:30 – 8:00 pm	Practice and Conditioning
3	Delta Sigma Theta Sorority	11/17, 12/15/2014, 1/12, 3/16, 4/13, 5/11/2015	6:30 – 8:00 pm	Committee Meetings
4	Delta Sigma Theta Sorority	3/21/2015	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Member Retreat
5	LPS Music Department	1/23/2015	5:00 – 10:00 pm	Battle of the Bands
6	Lawnside Youth Basketball & Cheer	Monday – Saturday (10/27/2014 – 3/23/2015)	5:30 – 8:30 pm	Choir Practice
7	Grace Temple Baptist Church	10/31/2014	5:30 – 10:00 pm	Youth Alternative Night

Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 6 yes.

Secretary/Treasurer Reports – No reports were available.

Payment of Bills

Motion by Amy Pierce, seconded by Ronald DeAbreu,
that the bills totaling \$373,399.91 for the General Fund and
\$14,927.95 for the Food Service Fund be approved for
payment pending availability of funds. Motion carried; Roll
Call Vote: 6 yes.

There were no Public Comments.

Executive Session – not required.

Adjournment
8:20 p.m.

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