

Lawnside Board of Education Meeting Minutes  
December 11, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Lawnside Board of Education was called to order at 7:04 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                      Amy Kearney  
Sabrina Forrest                 Amy Pierce  
Canute Gardiner  
5 present, 3 absent, 1 vacancy

Absent: Ronald DeAbreu, 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.

Minutes – 11/13/2014                      Motion by Amy Kearney, seconded by Amy Pierce,  
that the minutes of November 13, 2014 be approved. Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 5 yes.

There was no Solicitor's Report.

Superintendent's Report

Discussion

- Correspondence from a Lawnside Public School parent re: positive critique of experiences and interactions with district personnel
  
- Correspondence from the Camden County Office of Education re: Board Representation at the Haddon Heights School District
  
- Lawnside Education Foundation 2014-2015 Initiatives

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.*

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Board Member Donica Venable entered at 7:07 p.m., making 6 present, 2 absent, 1 vacancy.

**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, November 3, 2014 @ 2:30 p.m.  |
| School Lockdown w/ Instruction | Friday, November 21, 2014 @ 2:30 p.m. |

**Enrollment and ADA for November**

|                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Enrollment – 277</b> | <b>ADA - 258</b> |
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Recommendations

**PERSONNEL**

1. It is recommended that Ms. Sherrie Grant be approved as an Instructional Aide for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year at a pro-rated salary of \$16,692.
2. It is recommended that Ms. Ayanna Ali's Letter of Resignation as a Cafeteria Aide be accepted effective November 26, 2014.
3. It is recommended that the following persons be approved as Cafeteria Aides for the 2014-2015 school year at a rate of \$8.25 per hour for 3.50 hours per day.
  - ❖ Veanna Hall
  - ❖ David Hill
4. It is recommended that the following staff members be approved as Aides for the Shining Stars program at a rate of \$16.80 per hour for the 2014-2015 school year.
  - ❖ Sherrie Grant
  - ❖ Veanna Hall
5. It is recommended that the following persons be approved as Substitute Custodians at a rate of \$10 per hour for the 2014-2015 school year. (*Pending Criminal History Review*)
  - ❖ Mark Holmes
  - ❖ Barbara Johnson
  - ❖ Rachael Withers

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6. It is recommended that the following persons be approved as Substitute Teachers for the 2014-2015 school year at a rate of \$75 per diem. (*Pending Criminal History Review*)

- ❖ Andrea Jenkins
- ❖ Charlene Morris-Taylor
- ❖ Yensia Ortiz

Personnel  
Item #1 – 6

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

#### MANAGEMENT

1. It is recommended that the 2014-2015 Progress Target Action Plan be approved for submission to the County Office of Education.

Management -  
Item #1

Motion by Donica Venable, seconded by Mark Bryant,  
that Management Recommendation #1 be approved.  
Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 6 yes.

Dr. Johnson introduced Cameron Kee, the newly elected Student Council President. The Board Secretary administered the Oath of Office. When asked to give some information about himself, Cameron stated he is a member of the National Junior Honor Society and Safety Patrol and participates in basketball, football and track and field. He also recently became involved with the South Jersey Chapter of Jack and Jill, Inc.

Dr. Johnson thanked Cameron for his willingness to serve.

There was no Correspondence.

There were no Committee Reports.

New Business

#### R E S O L U T I O N #73-2014

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:

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GENERAL FUND:

| <u>ACCOUNT</u>   | <u>FROM</u>   | <u>TO</u> |
|--|---|-----------|
| 11-000-262-420-00-00<br>Cleaning, Repair & Maintenance | \$1,654   |           |
| 11-000-260-220-00-00<br>Social Security Contributions  |   | \$1,654   |
| Resolution #73-2014 –<br>Line Item Transfers           | Motion by Amy Pierce, seconded by Amy Kearney,<br>that Resolution #73-2014 be approved. Motion carried; Roll<br>Call Vote: 6 yes. |           |

R E S O L U T I O N #20-2015

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> |
|---|-------------|-----------|
| 11-212-100-320-00-00<br>Purchased Prof. Ed Services             | \$ 17,644   |           |
| 11-000-100-565-00-00<br>Tuition - Co. Special Services District | 83,000      |           |
| 11-000-100-566-00-00<br>Tuition - Pvt. School Disabled          | 23,626      |           |
| 11-000-240-300-00-00<br>Purchased Prof. & Tech. Services        | 2,000       |           |
| 11-000-262-520-00-00<br>Insurance                               | 1,356       |           |
| 11-000-270-518-00-00<br>Contracted Serv. Sp. Ed - ESC           | 3,473       |           |

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| 10-000-100-561-00-00<br>Transfers to Charter Schools     |                  | \$ 17,644        |
| 11-190-100-260-00-00<br>Workmen's Compensation           |                  | 480              |
| 11-213-100-260-00-00<br>Workmen's Compensation           |                  | 480              |
| 11-000-100-569-00-00<br>Tuition - Other                  |                  | 106,626          |
| 11-000-213-260-00-00<br>Workmen's Compensation           |                  | 480              |
| 11-000-219-260-00-00<br>Workmen's Compensation           |                  | 480              |
| 11-000-221-260-00-00<br>Workmen's Compensation           |                  | 480              |
| 11-000-230-260-00-00<br>Workmen's Compensation           |                  | 480              |
| 11-000-240-580-00-00<br>Travel Expense                   |                  | 2,000            |
| 11-000-251-260-00-00<br>Workmen's Compensation           |                  | 480              |
| 11-000-260-260-00-00<br>Workmen's Compensation           |                  | 113              |
| 11-000-262-300-00-00<br>Purchased Prof. & Tech. Services | _____            | <u>1,356</u>     |
|  | <u>\$131,099</u> | <u>\$131,099</u> |

Resolution #20-2015 –  
Line Item Transfers

Motion by Amy Pierce, seconded by Amy Kearney,  
that Resolution #20-2015 be approved. Motion carried; Roll  
Call Vote: 6 yes.

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Facilities Use Requests

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

|   | <b>Organization</b>        | <b>Date(s)</b>                       | <b>Time</b>       | <b>Activity</b>                  |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 | Kappa Alpha Psi            | 1/10/2015                            | 8:30 am - 2:30 pm | Fraternity Basketball Tournament |
| 2 | SJ Street Legends Car Club | 1/6, 2/3, 3/3, 4/7,<br>5/5, 6/2/2015 | 7:00 - 8:30 pm    | General Membership Meetings      |

Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 6 yes.

Reorganization Meeting –  
Date & Time

Motion by Mark Bryant, seconded by Donica Venable,  
that the Reorganization Meeting be scheduled for Tuesday,  
January 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried; Roll Call Vote:  
6 yes.

Secretary/Treasurer Reports

No reports were available at this time.

Payment of Bills

Motion by Donica Venable, seconded by Amy Kearney,  
that the bills totaling \$406,912.14 for the General Fund and  
\$11,275.10 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  
7:22 p.m.

Motion by Donica Venable, seconded by Amy Pierce,  
that the Board recess into Executive Session to discuss a  
student matter. Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 6 yes.

Reconvene  
7:40 p.m.

Motion by Amy Pierce, seconded by Donica Venable,  
that the meeting be reopened to the public. Motion carried;  
Roll Call Vote: 6 yes.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. with the following members answering present to  
the roll call:

Mark Bryant                      Amy Kearney  
Sabrina Forrest                 Amy Pierce  
Canute Gardiner                Donica Venable  
5 present, 2 absent, 1 vacancy

Absent: Ronald DeAbreu, Dalaine Wilson

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Superintendent's Recommendation

It is recommended that Student #17407 be permitted to return to school on Monday, January 5, 2015.

Student #17047

Motion by Amy Pierce, seconded by Mark Bryant, that the Superintendent's Recommendation regarding Student #17047 be approved. Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 6 yes.

Adjournment  
7:44 p.m.

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