

Lawnside Board of Education Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2015

The Reorganization Meeting of the Lawnside Board of Education was called to order at 7:02 p.m. in Board Conference Room of the Lawnside Public School, 426 Charleston Avenue. Board Secretary Theresa Tutt presided. After repeating the Pledge of Allegiance a moment of silence was observed.

Ms. Tutt 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.

Report of Election Results – November 4, 2014

Candidates – Three Year Term (3):

Ronald DeAbreu
Amy Pierce
Rhonda Wardlow-Hurley

Candidates – Unexpired Two Year Term (1):

Donza Worlds

Candidates – Unexpired One Year Term (2):

No petitions filed

The Board Secretary administered the Oath of Office to newly elected members.

The following members answered present to the roll call:

Ronald DeAbreu	Amy Pierce
Sabrina Forrest	Rhonda Wardlow-Hurley
Amy Kearney	Donza Worlds
6 present, 1 absent 2 vacancies	

Absent: Donica Venable

Also present were Dr. Ronn Johnson, Superintendent, and Theresa Tutt, Board Secretary.

Election of Officers

The Board Secretary called for nominations for the Office of President.

Ms. Pierce nominated Ms. Forrest; Mr. DeAbreu seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations.

Roll call results – 5 yes; 1 abstention – Sabrina Forrest. Ms. Forrest was duly elected President. Mrs. Forrest assumed the chair of President.

Nominations were called for the Office of Vice President.

Mr. DeAbreu nominated Ms. Pierce; Ms. Kearney seconded the nomination.

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There were no other nominations.

Roll call results – 5 yes; 1 abstention – Amy Pierce. Ms. Pierce was elected Vice President.

Ms. Forrest called for a motion to appoint members to fill the two one-year unexpired term seats that are available. The notice seeking members has been posted on the district's website for quite some time.

Board Member Appointment - C. Gardiner Motion by Donza Worlds, seconded by Ronald DeAbreu, that Mr. Canute Gardiner be appointed to fill one of the vacant seats on the Board; term will expire December 3, 2015. Motion carried; 6 yes.

The Board Secretary administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Gardiner.

The following members answered present to the roll call:

Ronald DeAbreu	Amy Pierce
Sabrina Forrest	Rhonda Wardlow-Hurley
Canute Gardiner	Donza Worlds
Amy Kearney	

7 present, 1 absent 1 vacancy

Absent: Donica Venable

Policies, Procedures, Agreements, Curricula Motion by Amy Pierce, seconded by Ronald DeAbreu, that all policies, procedures, agreements and curricula that were adopted by or were in effect during the term of the preceding Board of Education be hereby adopted and continued in full force and effect by the present Board until amended or repealed. Motion carried; 7 yes.

Meeting Night Motion by Amy Pierce, seconded by Amy Kearney, that the regular meetings of the Lawnside Board of Education be scheduled for the second Thursday monthly at 7:00 p.m. and Committee Meetings be set for the fourth Thursday monthly beginning at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried; 7 yes.

January 2015 Meeting Motion by Amy Pierce, seconded by Ronald DeAbreu, that the January, 2015 Regular Board Meeting be scheduled for January 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried; 7 yes.

Public Comments

Ms. Forrest thanked the membership for electing her to the position of President; she pledges to work hard and do her best. She also thanked the member of the public for coming out.

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Mayor Mary Ann Wardlow; offered congratulations to the President, Vice President and the newly elected members. She indicated it is her intent to continue the working relationship with the school because the Borough's children are important and deserve the very best we can do for them.

Councilman Christopher Raines, 355 I. R. Bryant Way; congratulated the membership for their service to the Board and the community. He stated that Lawnside School produces fine citizens who do well.

Dr. Johnson offered congratulations to the newly elected members on behalf of the student body and thanked them for their willingness to serve. He stated he is glad for and welcomes the support of the municipality. He indicated that the children benefit when we all work together.

Ms. Forrest offered thanks to Dr. Johnson for all he does; she stated our Superintendent does not work "nine to five"; he is always here for our children; he sets the tone for the district; he is very visible in the community; she is looking forward to working with him again this year. She also indicated she appreciates and anticipates the continued working relationship with Mayor and Council.

Board Member Ronald DeAbreu thanked the public for coming to the meeting. He stated that since coming to the district it is his belief that you invest in where you live, and you set an example for children. He asked that he be "called out" if he falls short and is not fulfilling his responsibilities.

Board Member Donza Worlds stated she will do everything to uphold the honor and integrity of the position.

Adjournment
7:25 p.m.

Motion by Amy Pierce, seconded by Amy Kearney,
that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.