

Lawnside Board of Education Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Lawnside Board of Education was called to order at 7:01 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 Pierce
Sabrina Forrest	Donica Venable
Amy Kearney	Donza Worlds

6 present, 2 absent, 1 vacancy

Absent: Canute Gardiner, Rhonda Wardlow-Hurley

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 –
2/19/2015

Motion by Amy Pierce, seconded by Amy Kearney, that the minutes of February 19, 2015 be approved. Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 6 yes.

There was no Solicitor's Report.

Superintendent's Report

Discussion

- Performance for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) 3/4 – 3/20; PARCC Fact Sheet and FAQs; 20 Facts Parents Need to Know about PARCC prepared by the NJDOE
- Choice Program Correspondence; February 1 article in *The Record* reports that in an effort to cut down on costs, state is capping program's growth

Board Member Canute Gardiner entered during the discussion items at 7:05 p.m., making 7 present, 1 absent, 1 vacancy.

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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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	Wednesday, February 4, 2015 @ 2:30 p.m.
School Lockdown/Active Shooter	Friday, February 27, 2015 @10:30 a.m.

Enrollment and ADA for November

Enrollment – 282	ADA - 265
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Recommendations

PERSONNEL

1. It is recommended that the following substitute be approved for the 2014-2015 school year at a rate of \$80.00 per day.

➤ Lisa Mainor

Personnel
Item #1

Motion by Donica Venable, seconded by Ronald DeAbreu, that Personnel Recommendation #1 be approved. Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 7 yes.

MANAGEMENT

1. It is recommended Ms. Cynthia O'Donnell (Camden County College) be approved to complete one hour of observation in the Lawnside Public School for her Human Exceptionality class.
2. It is recommended that the following Professional Development be approved for the following staff members for the 2014-2015 school year.

Staff Member	Date	Description	Cost
Terry Henry	3/16 – 3/18/2015	Safe Sustainable Schools Expo 15	\$100
Kathryn Dobias	3/20/2015	Meeting/Exceeding the Rigorous CCSS for Writing	\$235
Sonya Walsh	4/17/2015	EIRC Primary Educator Conference	\$149
Colleen DiSandro	4/17/2015	EIRC Primary Educator Conference	\$149

3. It is recommended Ms. Rebecca Welde be approved to provide homebound speech/language service for Student #00031 at a rate of \$36.75 per hour for the 2014-2015 school year.

Management -
Items #1 – 3

Motion by Ronald DeAbreu, seconded by Donica Venable, that Management Recommendations #1 – 3 be approved. Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 7 yes.

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FIELD TRIPS

1. It is recommended the following field trips be approved for the 2014-2015 school year.

Grades	Date	Destination	Cost
1 st Grade	3/31/2015	Please Touch Museum	\$17.00
4 th Grade	4/1/2015	Governor's Mansion	Free
8 th Grade	5/30/2015	Camden Co. Technical School	Free
8 th Grade	5/21/2015	Spirit of Philadelphia	Student Dues
8 th Grade	5/22/2015	Great Adventure	Student Dues

Field Trips
Item #1

Motion by Ronald DeAbreu, seconded by Amy Pierce, that Field Trips Recommendation #1 be approved. Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 7 yes.

There was no Correspondence.

There was no Old Business.

There were no Committee Reports.

New Business

RESOLUTION #31-2015

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>
11-190-100-500-00-00 Other Purchased Services	\$ 8,000	
11-213-100-101-00-RG Salaries – Resource Room	15,000	
11-000-270-518-00-00 Contracted Services Spec Ed – ESC	10,000	
11-000-100-566-00-00 Tuition – Pvt. School for Disabled		25,000
11-000-230-339-00-00 Other Purchased Prof. Services		<u>8,000</u>
	<u>\$33,000</u>	<u>\$33,000</u>

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Resolution #25-2015 – Motion by Amy Pierce, seconded by Amy Kearney,
Line Item Transfers that Resolution #31-2015 be approved. Motion carried; Roll
Call Vote: 7 yes.

R E S O L U T I O N #32-2015

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Borough of Lawnside at its March 12, 2015 meeting authorizes the filing of an amendment for the following IDEA project:

Basic – 21,447

Resolution #32-2015 – Motion by Amy Pierce, seconded by Ronald DeAbreu,
IDEA Amendment that Resolution #32-2015 be approved. Motion carried; Roll
Call Vote: 7 yes.

R E S O L U T I O N #33-2015

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Borough of Lawnside approves a preliminary school district budget for the 2015-16 School Year for submission to the Executive County Superintendent for review as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>
Total Operating Budget	\$8,463,242	\$4,177,499
Total Grant & Entitlements	293,621	
Total Debt Service	<u>218,901</u>	<u>215,032</u>
	\$8,975,764	\$4,392,531

Resolution #33-2015 – Motion by Amy Pierce, seconded by Amy Kearney,
2015-16 Preliminary Budget that Resolution #33-2015 be approved. Motion carried; Roll
Call Vote: 7 yes.

R E S O L U T I O N #34-2015

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lawnside Board of Education hereby approves the submission of a grant application for the 2015 Safety Grant Program through the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group's BACCEIC Subfund for the purposes described in the application, in the amount of \$2,455 for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Resolution #34-2015 – Motion by Ronald DeAbreu, seconded by Amy Kearney,
Safety Grant that Resolution #34-2015 be approved. Motion carried; Roll
Call Vote: 7 yes.

Nutri-Serve Food Management Motion by Ronald DeAbreu, seconded by Donica Venable
that Nutri-Serve Food Management, Inc. be approved to operate the district's food service program for the 2015-2016 school year with a management fee of \$12,687.50. Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 7 yes.

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Facilities Use Requests

Motion by Amy Kearney, seconded by Donica Venable, that the following facilities use requests be approved:

	Organization	Date	Time	Activity
1	National Karate Institute	5/9/2015	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Karate Tournament
2	Lawnside Public School	5/23/2015	5:00 – 10:00 pm	Soul Food/Game Night
3	Lawnside Public School	6/27/2015	11:00 am – 6:00 pm	Basketball Tournament & Foul Shooting Contest

As additional information was requested regarding items #2 and #3 above, those items are tabled; the maker and seconder revised their motion to reflect consideration to approve only item #1.

Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 7 yes.

The Board Secretary advised that a facilities use request was also received from the Lawnside Youth Basketball Organization for a fundraising activity on March 28th.

Facilities Use -
Lawnside Basketball

Motion by Amy Pierce, seconded by Amy Kearney, that the Lawnside Youth Basketball Organization be permitted to use the all purpose room and kitchen on March 28, 2015 from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm for a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 6 yes; 1 abstention – Donica Venable.

Secretary/Treasurer Reports

The Secretary reports as of January 31, 2015:

Fund 10 Cash in Bank	\$616,455.06
Fund 20 Cash in Bank	71,470.09
Fund 30 Cash in Bank	-40,252.98
Fund 40 Cash in Bank	<u>257,273.90</u>
Total Cash in Bank	\$904,946.07

The Treasurer reports as of January 31, 2015:

Fund 10 Ending Cash Balance	\$616,455.06
Fund 20 Ending Cash Balance	71,470.09
Fund 30 Ending Cash Balance	-40,252.98
Fund 40 Ending Cash Balance	<u>257,273.90</u>
Total Ending Cash Balance	\$904,946.07

Receipt

Motion by Ronald DeAbreu, seconded by Donica Venable, that the Secretary and Treasurer Reports for the period ending January 31, 2015 be received. Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 7 yes.

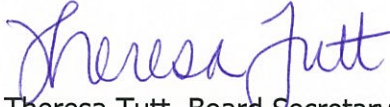
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R E S O L U T I O N #35-2015

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 4, the Lawnside Board of Education certifies that as of January 31, 2015 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.

R E S O L U T I O N #36-2015

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 3, I certify that as of January 31, 2015, 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

Resolution #35-2015 –
Resolution #36-2015

Motion by Amy Pierce, seconded by Amy Kearney,
that Resolution #35-2015 and Resolution #36-2015 be
approved. Motion carried; Roll Call Vote: 7 yes.

Payment of Bills

Motion by Amy Pierce, seconded by Amy Kearney,
that the bills totaling \$482,280.52 for the General Fund and
\$5,992.21 for the Food Service Fund be approved for payment
pending availability of funds. Motion carried; Roll Call Vote:
7 yes.

There were no Public Comments.

Executive Session – not required.

Ms. Forrest informed the membership that in April, the 2nd Thursday - the usual meeting day - falls during the spring recess. She called for input from all. After a brief discussion it was the consensus that the meeting be rescheduled for April 16th.

Ms. Forrest advised that the budget hearing is scheduled for May 7th. Additionally, she asked everyone to think about which committee format will be used moving forward; discussion and a decision on the topic needs to occur soon.

Adjournment –
7:32 p.m.

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