Meeting #8

Lyndhurst, NJ
May 6, 2025

The Lyndhurst Board of Education held a Public meeting on May 6, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

President Dr. Anthony Scardino called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and requested all those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Domenick Abbate	X	
Chris Andrinopoulos	X	
Anthony Giarrusso	X	
Anna Passamano	X	
Paul Passamano	X	
Peter Petronzio	X	
Dr. Anthony Scardino	X	
Elaine Stella	X	
Michael Valvano	X	

Also present: Joseph DeCorso, Superintendent
James Hyman, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Wayne Demikoff, State Monitor
Dennis McKeever, Board Attorney

NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to ensure the rights of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon.

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by the following means: Annual notice was sent to The Record Newspaper, Township Clerk and posted in the lobby of the Town Hall & Board Office, setting forthcoming scheduled work meetings and public meetings of the board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Budget Hearing and Presentation

PUBLIC BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Daniel Perrotta asked, "How did we get here?"

Laura Vuono advocated on behalf of the High School.

Jim Donovan stated, "It's all about the kids."

Michael Rizzo suggested that BOE members do what is best for the students.

BOARD DISCUSSION & FORMAL BUSINESS AGENDA

Anthony Scardino stated that he appreciated the turn out.

FINANCE **Peter Petronzio, Chairperson**

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Committee on Finance recommends the following resolutions be moved forward for a roll call vote.

I make a motion to move forward Finance resolutions 1 through 3 to be adopted.

1. WHEREAS, the Lyndhurst Board of Education adopted a TENTATIVE budget on March 18, 2025, and submitted it to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval, and

   WHEREAS, the TENTATIVE Budget was approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools on April 1, 2025; and

   WHEREAS, the TENTATIVE Budget was advertised in the legal section of the Bergen Record on May 2, 2025; and

   WHEREAS, in the proposed FY2026 State Budget, certain districts had the opportunity to apply to the Commission of Education to increase expenditures, including an allocation of Tax Levy Incentive Aid, in order to satisfy the thoroughness and efficiency standards established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-46; and

   WHEREAS, the Lyndhurst School District is below local fair share and spending below adequacy to be eligible to participate in this program; and

   WHEREAS, the Lyndhurst School District is eligible to increase expenditures by $6,200,000 and qualify for Tax Levy Incentive Aid in the amount of $295,238; and

   WHEREAS, the Lyndhurst School District has been granted approval to increase expenditures; and

   WHEREAS, the FINAL Amended Budget, including the increases in accordance with the tax levy incentive aid, was presented to the public during a public hearing held in the Auditorium of the Lyndhurst Middle School located at 619 Page Avenue, Lyndhurst, NJ, on May 6, 2025; and

   WHEREAS, the Lyndhurst Board of Education has now determined to make modifications to the Tentative Budget as follows:

Increase in Revenues:

Revenue Budget Line	Description	Tentative Budget	Final Budget	Change
10-1210-000	Tax Levy	$46,237,305	$52,142,067	$5,904,762

10-3190-000	Other State Aid	$ -	$295,238	$295,238
TOTAL		$46,237,305	$52,437,305	$6,200,000

Increase in Appropriations:

Budget Appropriation Line	Description	Tentative Budget	Final Budget	Change
11-000-100-565	Tuitions	$3,598,003	$4,231,003	$633,000
11-000-219-104	Behaviorist	$1,528,365	$1,628,365	$100,000
11-000-261-420	Repairs and Maintenance	$263,608	$363,608	$100,000
11-000-261-610	Maintenance Supplies, Equipment	$74,500	$274,500	$200,000
11-000-262-622	Utilities (Electric)	$515,214	$615,214	$100,000
11-000-310-930	Cafeteria Subsidy	$231,200	$331,200	$100,000
11-105-100-101	Subs	$172,973	$182,973	$10,000
11-110-100-101	Subs, Teacher	$826,672	$966,672	$140,000
11-120-100-101	Subs, Teacher	$4,495,007	$4,645,007	$150,000
11-130-100-101	Subs	$2,939,051	$2,979,051	$40,000
11-140-100-101	Subs, Elective Classes	$5,330,604	$5,465,604	$135,000
11-190-100-320	LinkIT	$45,000	$95,000	$50,000
11-190-100-610	Chromebooks, Servers, Routers, SmartBoards, ELA	$523,505	$1,293,505	$770,000

	Resources, Trade Program Supplies			
11-204-100-101	Special Education Teacher	$689,068	$789,068	$100,000
12-000-266-730	Security Cameras	$ -	$250,000	$250,000
12-000-270-733	2x School Buses, Eight Passenger Van (50%)	$ -	$170,500	$170,500
12-000-270-734	2x School Buses, Eight Passenger Van (50%)	$ -	$170,500	$170,500
12-000-400-450	High School Roof, Auditorium Repairs, Boilers, Locker Rooms Jefferson Playground, Windows	$ -	$2,030,000	$2,030,000
12-000-400-721	High School Field Bond	$ -	$951,000	$951,000
TOTAL OF CHANGES		$21,232,770	$27,432,770	$6,200,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in consideration of the above, the Lyndhurst Board of Education, County of Bergen, hereby approves and adopts the following FINAL Amended Budget for 2025-2026 school year pending State approval:

General Expense (Fund 11)	$55,719,295
Capital Outlay (Fund 12)	$ 3,596,331
Transfer to Charter Schools	$ 328,037
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	$59,643,663
Special Revenue (Fund 20)	$ 1,614,729
Debt Service (Fund 40)	$ 1,189,800
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS	$62,448,192

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education, County of Bergen, hereby approves the tax levy for GENERAL FUND in the amount of $52,142,067 to support General Expense and for DEBT SERVICE in the amount of $971,289 to support the Debt Service for the 2025-2026 school year budget pending State approval.

2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Lyndhurst Board of Education includes in the FINAL Budget a Health Care Costs adjustment as calculated in the budget software and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-38 subsection (d) in the amount of $644,464. The additional funds will be used to pay for the additional increases in health care premiums.

3. WHEREAS, the Lyndhurst Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Lyndhurst Board of Education established $26,000 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended $17,955.20 as of this date; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of $41,900 for the 2025-2026 school year.

Finance	Mr. Abbate	Mr. Andrinopoulos	Mr. Giarrusso	Ms. Passamano	Mr. Passamano	Mr. Petronzio	Dr. Scardino	Ms. Stella	Mr. Valvano
Motion					2	1			
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent									

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC BE HEARD NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

MOTION TO ADJOURN **Time**: 7:55 P.M.

Roll Call	Mr. Abbate	Mr. Andrinopoulos	Mr. Giarrusso	Ms. Passamano	Mr. Passamano	Mr. Petronzio	Dr. Scardino	Ms. Stella	Mr. Valvano
Motion					1				2
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Absent									

Respectfully submitted,

James Hyman
School Business Administrator
Board Secretary