LYNDHURST BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 8, 2026
Agenda
(Meeting #1)

WELCOME, to a public meeting of the Lyndhurst Board of Education. The Board is meeting this evening for the purpose of taking official, formal action on the business of the Board and school district.

The business the Board will act on this evening, as contained on the following pages, is broken down into sections in this order:

REORGANIZATION
POLICIES/RULES & REGULATIONS

Public Hearing on Meeting Agenda is devoted to hearing from those persons who might have questions or statements regarding any of the matters listed on the following pages and which the Board will be acting on this evening.

If you wish to address the Board, you are asked to sign in on the speakers' sheet located on the podium. When your name is called, please wait until you are reorganized by the Board president. When recognized, please stand up and clearly state your name and address. All questions or statements must be addressed to the Board president.

The Board, through the president, or upon permission of the president through individual Board members, may or may not respond to your comments.

Members of the public are asked to refrain from reading articles out loud at meetings. If there is an article(s) that you would like the Board to know about, please leave a copy with the Board Secretary or Business Administrator who will see to it that it gets distributed to the proper persons.

We hope your visit with us this evening will be an enjoyable and informative one.

Next Meeting
January 27, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.

AGENDA
January 8, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. SALUTE TO FLAG

3. ROLL CALL

4. PRESIDING OFFICER'S MEETING NOTICE STATEMENT

5. PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

6. ADMINISTERING OF OATHS OF OFFICE
   - Joanne Russo - One 3-year term
   - Dr. William J. Tooma - One 3-year term
   - Michael Valvano - One 3-year term

7. REORGANIZATION - BOARD SECRETARY
   - NOMINATION FOR BOARD PRESIDENT

8. REORGANIZATION - BOARD PRESIDENT
   - NOMINATION FOR VICE PRESIDENT
   - CODE OF ETHICS
   - PUBLIC MEETING CODE OF CONDUCT

9. POLICIES/RULES AND REGULATIONS

10. PUBLIC COMMENT - NON-AGENDA ITEMS

11. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: It may be necessary, from time to time, to remove or make changes in a motion(s) between the time this agenda is prepared and when the Board takes action.

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Domenick Abbate		
Anthony Giarrusso		
Anna Passamano		
Paul Passamano		
Peter Petronzio		
Joanne Russo		
Dr. Anthony Scardino		
Dr. William J. Tooma		
Michael Valvano		

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: Notice was sent to The Record Newspaper, Township Clerk and posted in the lobby of the Town Hall & Board Office, setting forth this public meeting of the board.

REORGANIZATION

I (James Hyman, Business Administrator/Board Secretary) request a motion to open the floor for nominations for President of the Lyndhurst Board of Education.

Roll Call:

	Mr. Abbate	Mr. Giarrusso	Ms. Passamano	Mr.. Passamano	Mr. Petronzio	Ms.. Russo	Dr. Scardino	Dr. Tooma	Mr. Valvano
Motion									
Aye									
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent									

Nominations of President

(Conducted by Board Secretary)

Nominations:_____

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Motion to close the floor for nominations for President of the Lyndhurst Board of Education.

Roll Call:

	Mr. Abbate	Mr. Giarrusso	Ms. Passamano	Mr.. Passamano	Mr. Petronzio	Ms. Russo	Dr. Scardino	Dr. Tooma	Mr. Valvano
Motion									
Aye									
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent									

Nomination and Election of President
(Conducted by Board Secretary)

Any Board member who takes exception to any of the following listed actions may so indicate now.

Hearing none, I request a motion:

1. To nominate _____ as President of the Board of Education.

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that _____ be elected to serve as President of the Lyndhurst Board of Education commencing January 8, 2026, until the Reorganization Meeting of 2027.

Roll Call:

	Mr. Abbate	Mr. Giarrusso	Ms. Passamano	Mr.. Passamano	Mr. Petronzio	Ms. Russo	Dr. Scardino	Dr. Tooma	Mr. Valvano
Motion									
Aye									
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent									

Nominations of Vice President
(Conducted by Board President)

I (Dr. Anthony Scardino, Board President) request a motion to open the floor for nominations for Vice President of the Lyndhurst Board of Education.

Roll Call:

	Mr. Abbate	Mr. Giarrusso	Ms. Passamano	Mr.. Passamano	Mr. Petronzio	Ms. Russo	Dr. Scardino	Dr. Tooma	Mr. Valvano
Motion									
Aye									
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent									

Nominations of Vice President

Nominations:_____

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Motion to close the floor for nominations for Vice President of the Lyndhurst Board of Education.

Roll Call:

	Mr. Abbate	Mr. Giarrusso	Ms. Passamano	Mr.. Passamano	Mr. Petronzio	Ms. Russo	Dr. Scardino	Dr. Tooma	Mr. Valvano
Motion									
Aye									
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent									

Nomination and Election of Vice President

(Conducted by Board President)

Any Board member who takes exception to any of the following listed actions may so indicate now.

Hearing none, I make a motion:

1. To nominate _____ as Vice President of the Board of Education.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that _____ be elected to serve as Vice President of the Lyndhurst Board of Education commencing January 8, 2026, until the Reorganization Meeting of 2027.

Roll Call:

	Mr. Abbate	Mr. Giarrusso	Ms. Passamano	Mr.. Passamano	Mr. Petronzio	Ms. Russo	Dr. Scardino	Dr. Tooma	Mr. Valvano
Motion									
Aye									
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent									

Any Board member who takes exception to any of the following listed actions may so indicate now.

Hearing none, I make a motion to move forward:

3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the attached New Jersey School Board Association (NJSBA) Code of Ethics pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et.seq. See attached document to be executed.

Roll Call:

	Mr. Abbate	Mr. Giarrusso	Ms. Passamano	Mr.. Passamano	Mr. Petronzio	Ms. Russo	Dr. Scardino	Dr. Tooma	Mr. Valvano
Motion									
Aye									
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent									

POLICIES AND RULES/REGULATIONS

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Committee on Policies and Rules/Regulations recommends the following resolutions be moved forward for a roll call vote.

I make a motion to move forward Policies and Rules/Regulations resolution 1-3 to be adopted.

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education adopts the bylaws policies & administrative regulations on file, for the period January 8, 2026 through the Reorganization Meeting of 2027. (The policies and regulations are available for viewing on the district website: Lyndhurstschools.net)

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the following Work Session/Executive Meeting dates. These sessions will be held at the Lyndhurst Middle School, 619 Page Avenue, Lyndhurst, NJ at 5:45 pm:

January 27, 2026	August 25, 2026
February 26, 2026	September 29, 2026
March 18, 2026	October 27, 2026
April 28, 2026	November 24, 2026
May 28, 2026	December 22, 2026
June 23, 2026	January 7, 2027 - Re-Organization

3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the following Public Meeting dates. These sessions will be held at the Lyndhurst Middle School, 619 Page Avenue, Lyndhurst, NJ at 7:00 pm:

January 27, 2026	August 25, 2026
February 26, 2026	September 29, 2026
March 18, 2026	October 27, 2026
April 28, 2026	November 24, 2026
May 28, 2026	December 22, 2026
June 23, 2026	

Roll Call:

	Mr. Abbate	Mr. Giarrusso	Ms. Passamano	Mr.. Passamano	Mr. Petronzio	Ms. Russo	Dr. Scardino	Dr. Tooma	Mr. Valvano
Motion									
Aye									
Nay									

Abstain									
Absent									

MOTION TO ADJOURN **Time**: _____P.M.

Roll Call:

	Mr. Abbate	Mr. Giarrusso	Ms. Passamano	Mr.. Passamano	Mr. Petronzio	Ms. Russo	Dr. Scardino	Dr. Tooma	Mr. Valvano
Motion									
Aye									
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent									