Meeting #1

Reorganization

Lyndhurst, NJ
January 8, 2026

The Lyndhurst Board of Education held a Public meeting on January 8, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

President Dr. Anthony Scardino called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and requested all those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL Before/After Oath

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

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	1st			2nd					
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent									

Nominations of President

(Conducted by Board Secretary)

Nominations: Anthony Scardino

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	1st			2nd					
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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 Anthony Scardino as President of the Board of Education.

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that Anthony Scardino 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				1st				2nd	
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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	2nd			1st					
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent									

Nominations of Vice President

Nominations: Michael Valvano

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	2nd			1st					
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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 Michael Valvano as Vice President of the Board of Education.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that Michael Valvano 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	1st						2nd		
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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	1st			2nd					
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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	1st						2nd		
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent									

MOTION TO ADJOURN **Time**: 6:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

	Mr. Abbate	Mr. Giarrusso	Ms. Passamano	Mr.. Passamano	Mr. Petronzio	Ms. Russo	Dr. Scardino	Dr. Tooma	Mr. Valvano
Motion	2nd			1st					
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent									

Respectfully submitted,

James Hyman
School Business Administrator
Board Secretary