

LAWNSIDE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
October 9, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Lawnside Board of Education was called to order at **7:00 PM** in person by the Board President, Ms. Still following the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, the following members were present during roll call.

Roll Call Vote:

Still;Hayes;Arterbridge;Austin(7:05pm);Catlett;Harper(7:05pm);Hurley;Kittles;8 Present
Cauthorne;1 Absent

Also present were Dr. Henderson, Director of Special Services, Ms. Miller, Director of Curriculum, Ms. Kirk, Vice Principal, Jennifer Johnson, Board Secretary, Mark Gordon, Assistant Business Administrator and Darryl Rhone, Board Solicitor.

OPENING STATEMENT

President Still read that public notice of this meeting, pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, has been provided by the Board Secretary in the following manner:

- Posting written notice on the official school bulletin board at the Lawnside School
- Sending notice to the Courier-Post and Retrospect newspapers
- Posting on the district website

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Motion by Hayes, seconded by Arterbridge to approve the September 11, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes and September 25, 2025 Board Retreat.

Roll Call Vote:

Still;Hayes;Arterbridge;Catlett;;Hurley;Kittles;6 Yes
Austin;Harper;Cauthorne;3 Absent

Motion Carried

PRESENTATION

Ms. Miller, The Director of Curriculum and Instruction presented the annual New Jersey Student Learning Assessments presentation (attached).

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Motion by, Catlett seconded by Hayes to approve the Superintendent's Report as written:

Mission Statement

The mission of the Lawnside School District is to educate our students, through mastery of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS), to become independent thinkers and problem solvers so they will be empowered to meet the challenges of and achieve success in tomorrow's emerging world community. The educational community will provide a safe, nurturing environment in which individual and civic responsibility is fostered and diversity is respected.

Annual School Plan Goals:

To address the academic and social needs of our students, the Stakeholder Group of the district developed our Annual School Plan. The following Annual School Plan Goals will be a priority for the 2025-2026 school year:

Area of Focus #1: ELA

By June 2026, 31% students will show proficiency of grade level standards by achieving a score of "Meets Expectations" as measured by the Linkit Benchmark Assessment.

Area of Focus #2: SEL

90% of the staff will utilize the PBSIS goal of a 3:1 ratio of positive student-staff interaction for every one corrective action as documented through ClassDojo and teacher observations/walkthroughs.

Area of Focus #3: Math

By June 2026, 16.9% will show proficiency of grade level standards by achieving a score of "Meets Expectations" as measured by the LinkIt Benchmark assessment.

Area of Focus #4: Writing

50% of students will achieve a proficient score, "3" for grades 3-8 and a "2" for grades K-2, as measured by common rubric by the end of 2025-2026 school year.

Informational Items:

Lead Water Testing Results

Annual School Plan Kick-off meeting: Sent electronically to school board members

NJSLA Board Presentation: Sent electronically to school board members

Student Enrollment-334

ADA- 320

Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying: 2 (Unfounded)

Suspensions for September~ 0

The Superintendent is not in receipt of any parental request for a Board Hearing at this time.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT CONTINUED

School Safety Drills:

Fire Drill- 9/8/25 @ 2PM

Safety Drill- 9/19/25 Lockdown w/instruction @ 10 AM

PERSONNEL - It is recommended by the Superintendent item 1-2 be approved as written.

1. It is recommended that Brandon Leftwich's Letter of Resignation as a Middle School Science Teacher be approved effective September 17, 2025. *(Staff member will be required to complete 60 day contractual requirement)*
2. It is recommended that Jennifer Griggs Letter of Resignation as a Special Education Teacher be approved effective October 2, 2025. *(Staff member will be required to complete 60 days contractual requirement)*

MANAGEMENT- It is recommended by the Superintendent item 1-9 be approved as written.

1. It is recommended the the Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) District Performance Reviews (DPR's) for 2025-2026 be approved for submission to the New Jersey Department of Education. *(Sent electronically to Board Members)*
2. It is recommended that position of Middle School Science Teacher be approved for posting.
3. It is recommended that the Biannual Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff for the 2025-2026 be approved for submission to the Camden County Office of Education
4. It is recommended that the Lead Water Testing results be approved for submission to the New Jersey Department of Education and posted to the district website.
5. It is recommended that the Bus Evacuation Drill Report for the 8th Grade trip on September 24, 2025 to CCTS be approved.
6. It is recommended that student #3737598278 be approved to attend YALE School North II for the 2025/2026 school year at the DOE approved tuition rate of \$58,509 and \$54,900 for Extraordinary Aid.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT CONTINUED

7. It is recommended that student #6209248485 be approved to attend Durand Academy for the 2025/2026 school year at the DOE approved tuition rate of \$88,096.72 and \$47,686 for Extraordinary Aid.
8. It is recommended that Jordan Davis Jr. be approved as a School Psychology intern for the 25/26 school year.
9. It is recommend did that the following Professional Development opportunities be approved for the 2025-2026 school year:

Staff Name/ID#	Workshop/Training	Date	Cost
Niphon Kirk	NJPSA/FEA/NJASCD Fall Conference	10/15-10/17	\$760
Niphon Kirk	Middle/High Peer Mediation	10/30/25	Free
Chantelle Davis Emily Yerkes Colleen DiSandro Keisha Barr	Intervention & Referral Service Training (Hybrid)	11/20/25	\$178 per person
Niphon Kirk Brielle Gibson Courtney Vance Kelly McLaughlin	Intervention & Referral Service Training (Hybrid)	12/17/25	\$178 per person
Alyssa Miller	Data Leadership Academy Full 25-26 PD	TBD	\$899
Alyssa Miller	Camden County Curriculum Consortium	Every 3rd Thursday of the month(Septemb er-June)	\$200
Antoinette Davis	Creative SEL Development and Learning Within the Creative	10/8/25	\$250

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Staff Name/ID#	Workshop/Training	Date	Cost
Jennifer Johnson	New Jersey School Boards Conference	October 20-22	NJSBA fees
Jennifer Johnson	Camden County Business Administrator Roundtable Dues	10/29, 11/19 12/17, 1/14, 2/25, 3/18, 4/22, 5/20	\$100
Jennifer Johnson	NJASBO Professional Development	11/18/25 Payroll the BA	\$145

FIELD TRIPS

Class/Group	Trip Location	Date	Cost
Grade 4	Edelman Fossil Park	10/24/25	\$20 +Transportation
Grade 5	Battleship NJ	3/20/26	TBD
Grade 5	Franklin Institute	12/8/25	\$7 + Transportation
Kindergarten, Grade 1 & Mr. Klemish	Please Touch Museum	10/17/25	*Previously approved. Added another grade

Roll Call Vote:

Still;Hayes;Arterbridge;Austin;Catlett;Harper;Hurley;Kittles;8 Yes
Cauthorne;1 Absent

Motion Carried

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PUBLIC COMMENTS on ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Hurley, seconded by Kittles, and unanimously approved by all present to open the floor to public comment.

No comments.

Motion by Hurley, seconded by Kittles, and unanimously approved by all present to close the floor to public comment.

CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committees meet to discuss Board Business between meetings. The committee chairperson will update the full board on their meeting and present any recommendations for approval.

Policy	Chanelle Arterbridge
Curriculum	Fatimah Hayes
Outreach	Nana Cauthorne
Personnel & Finance	Ferin Catlett
Haddon Heights Representative	Fatimah Hayes
Camden County Educational Services Commission	Michael Harper

Motion by Hurley, seconded by Catlett to accept the committee's recommendation to approve the second and final reading for the Food Service Delivery policy.

Roll Call Vote:

Still;Hayes;Arterbridge;Austin;Catlett;Harper;Hurley;Kittles;8 Yes
Cauthorne;1 Absent

Motion Carried

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Motion by Hurley, seconded by Kittles and unanimously approved to open the floor to public comment.

Councilwoman Wardlow-Hurley reminded everyone the Community Playground Build is still looking for volunteers for October 30, 31st and November 1st is the build day.

Harvest Fest-Trunk or Treat is October 25th 2-5pm at Wayne Bryant Community Center. Donations for cars and candy are still needed. If interested contact Ms. Hurley.

The last day to register to vote is October 14th and send prayers to the Funches Family on the loss of their family members.

The Borough is happy to announce there are two (2) Centurions, Mrs. Norma Tucker and Mrs. Lenise Martin, who celebrated their 100th birthdays; and one 90th birthday celebrated by Mrs. Anna Mae Still.

Councilwoman Hurley has been working with Ms. Hennel to prepare our students for the upcoming Student Government Elections. She has enjoyed helping to guide them through the entire campaign and election process. The students are very excited.

If there are any families and /or Seniors who are in need of food or any services please let the Administration and/or Ms. Harper know, and she will pass the resources along.

Mrs. Higgs asked about science fair because of the importance of STEM. Ms. Kirk, Vice Principal, stated she is in discussions with the teachers about the science fair this year.

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BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Recommend approval to donate the employee portion of the medical loss ratio return of premium to the Lawnside Education Association.

This item was not discussed and will be brought to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Hurley, seconded by Catlett to approve the following resolutions:

Resolution #239	Payment of Bills.
Resolution #240	Line Item Transfers for the month of August 2025.
Resolution #241	Board Secretary and Treasurer Reports for August 2025.
Resolution #242	Resolution to approve the Lead Water Testing Results for the Lawnside School District
Resolution #243	Resolution to approve and submit the NJQSAC
Resolution #244	Resolution to approve the comprehensive maintenance plan
Resolution #245	Resolution to approve the FY 2026-2027 budget calendar
Resolution #246	Resolution to accept the donation of 15 pairs of athletic sneakers for the middle school girls basketball program
Resolution #247	Resolution to accept the donation of 45 NBA tickets to the Philadelphia 76 game on Friday October 17, 2025 from Brittany and Jasmine Martin

Roll Call Vote:

Still;Hayes;Arterbridge;Austin;Catlett;Hurley;Kittles;7 Yes

Cauthorne;1 Absent

Harper;1 Abstention

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Kittles, seconded by Catlett, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Johnson
Board Secretary