

**LAWNSIDE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 13, 2025**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Motion by, Kittles, seconded by Catlett 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-336

ADA- 283

Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying: 1 pending

Suspensions for October ~ 1

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- 10/15/25 @ 2PM

Safety Drill- 10/1/25 @11 am Shelter in Place with Instruction

PERSONNEL - It is recommended by the Superintendent item 1-6 be approved as written.

1. It is recommended that proposal to establish a Chess Club with Mr. Ryan Kraft serving as the advisor at a stipend of \$1,200 be approved for the 2025-2026 school year.
2. It is recommended that Ms. Nicole Shealey's Letter of Resignation as Cafeteria Aide be approved effective Monday, October 27, 2025. *(Employee has been hired as a full-time employee with the district food service provider)*
3. It is recommended that Ms. Robin Polanski's Notice of Resignation as Special Education Teacher be approved effective November 3, 2025. *(Employee's last day of service will be January 3, 2026)*
4. It is recommended that Kyjahnae Williams Staff # 414 be approved as an Instructional Assistant for the 2025-2026 school year starting at Step 5 - \$32,057.
5. It is recommended that the following long-term building-based substitute teacher per diem rate be adjusted from \$125 to \$150. Tracy
Pollard Fatima Aglaguel
6. It is recommended Mr. Anthony Ware be approved as a building-based substitute teacher at a per diem rate of \$150 for the 2025-2026 school year. *(Pending valid substitute certificate).*

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MANAGEMENT- It is recommended by the Superintendent item 1-6 be approved as written.

1. It is recommended that the Lawnside School District authorize the submission of the 2026-2027 Pre-Kindergarten Projected Enrollment. The Pre-Kindergarten projection will be effective for the 2026-2027 school year. *A board resolution must be maintained on file with the state for audit purposes.*
2. It is recommended that the Lawnside School District authorize the submission of the 2026-2027 Pre-Kindergarten Contact Sheet and Operational Plan. The Pre-Kindergarten Contact Sheet and Operational Plan will be effective for the 2026-2027 school year. *A board resolution must be maintained on file with the state for audit purposes.*
3. It is recommended that the School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Reports for October 24, 2025 be approved for the 2025-2026 school year.
4. It is recommended that Gallaway Beckett Vision Therapy be approved to provide vision evaluation and vision therapy for the 25/26 school year.
5. It is recommended that Cheerful Chatter be approved to provide regular and compensatory speech therapy services to student # 8930972200 for the 2025-2026 school year.
6. It is recommended that Ivy League Tutoring be approved to provide supplemental reading services to students with an IEP for the 2025 - 2026 school year; not to exceed \$14,000.

FIELD TRIPS- It is recommended that the following field trips be approved for the 2025-2026 school year:

Class/Group	Trip Location	Date	Cost
8th Grade	Constitution Center	12/18/25	\$20
PreK	Adventure Aquarium	12/8/25	\$15.99 (Paid by PEA funds)

Roll Call Vote:

Still;Hayes;Arterbridge;Catlett;Harper;Hurley;Kittles;8 Yes
 Austin;Cauthorne;2 Absent

Motion Carried

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PUBLIC COMMENTS on ACTION ITEMS

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

No comments.

Motion by Hayes, seconded by Arterbridge, 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 first reading for changes to policy 1330 *USE OF FACILITIES*.

Roll Call Vote:

Still;Hayes;Arterbridge;Catlett;Harper;Hurley;Kittles;8 Yes
Austin;Cauthorne;2 Absent

Motion Carried

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Jasmine Martin, *Mentorship Leader*, addressed the Board to highlight the program's success since launching this fall and expressed her appreciation to the Members for approving its continuation through the winter season. **Tanisha Pollard**, a *Lawnside parent*, and **Terry Harper**, *Middle School Basketball Coach*, also addressed the Board, sharing several examples of the program's positive impact and offering strong support for its continued growth. Both spoke with enthusiasm about the opportunity for the girls to remain engaged in a program that is clearly making a meaningful difference.

Councilwoman Wardlow-Hurley thanked everyone for their support in the election and to all those who came out to support the playground build.

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

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

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

Darryl Rhone, Board Solicitor, explained the medical loss ratio payment and answered questions from Members. After discussion, Members present supported resolution #251 approved this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Resolution #244	Payment of Bills
Resolution #245	Line Item Transfers for the month of September 2025.
Resolution #246	Board Secretary and Treasurer Reports for September 2025.
Resolution #247	Submission of the 2026-2027 Pre-Kindergarten Projected Enrollment (<i>Superintendent report, Management item #1</i>)
Resolution #248	Submission of the 2026-2027 Pre-Kindergarten Contact Sheet and Operational Plan (<i>Superintendent report, Management #2</i>)
<i>item</i>	
Resolution #249	Facility use request from SnowHill Basketball League.
Resolution #250	Facility use request from Tri-State Elite Girls Basketball Training.
Resolution #251	Medical Loss Ratio funds returned to the Lawnside Education Association.
Resolution #252	Facility use from the Borough of Lawnside for the purpose of Health Wellness / Mental Health Days.
Resolution #253	Facility use from Nana Cauthorne for the purpose of a drill/dance team.

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NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

Roll Call Vote:

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Austin;Cauthorne;2 Absent

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Hurley, seconded by Arterbridge and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at **8:10pm.**

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Johnson
Board Secretary