Meeting #4

Lyndhurst, NJ March 10, 2014

The Lyndhurst Board of Education held a Regular meeting on March 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Vice-President Joseph Abruscato called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and requested all those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

The following Board members answered roll call: (8) Joseph Abruscato, Susan Alcuri, Thomas DiMascio, Ronald Grillo, Sheri Jarvis, Josephine Malaniak, Ronald Szwec and Stephen Vendola.

Absent: Christopher Musto

Also present: Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent, Nicholas Coffaro, Assistant Superintendent and David DiPisa, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Open Public Meeting Act

Vice-President Abruscato announced that adequate notice of this meeting was provided, in writing, to each Board member, The Herald and News, The Record, The Observer, The South Bergenite, the Township Clerk, and posted in the lobby of the Town Hall and the Board Office.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Thomas DiMascio second by Ronald Grillo that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the minutes of Meeting #3, February 10, 2014.

Roll Call For:

The following Board members answered roll call: (8) Thomas DiMascio, Ronald Grillo, Sheri Jarvis, Josephine Malaniak, Stephen Vendola, Joseph Abruscato, Susan Alcuri and Ronald Szwec.

Absent: (1) Christopher Musto

Motion to Go Into Executive Caucus

Motion by Joseph Abruscato second by Thomas DiMascio and unanimously carried, the Board went into Executive Caucus at 7:02 p.m. for the purpose of a matter involving staff members and personnel.

Motion to Open Meeting To Public

Motion by Thomas DiMascio second by Ronald Grillo and unanimously carried, the Board opened the meeting to the public at 8:00 p.m.

Roll Call For:

The following Board members answered roll call: (8) Joseph Abruscato, Susan Alcuri, Thomas DiMascio, Ronald Grillo, Sheri Jarvis, Josephine Malaniak, Ronald Szwec and Stephen Vendola.

Absent: (1) Christopher Musto

Public Comment - None

<u>Agenda</u>

Finance Committee

Any Board member who takes exception to any of the following listed actions under the category of Finance may so indicate now and a separate motion for each of the excepted actions will be entertained.

Motion made by Thomas DiMascio second by Ronald Grillo that the following Finance actions of the Board numbered 1 through 3, 5-10 exception actions be adopted.

Roll Call For: (8) Joseph Abruscato, Thomas DiMascio, Ronald Grillo, Sheri Jarvis, Josephine Malaniak, Ronald Szwec, Stephen Vendola & Susan Alcuri.

Absent: (1) Christopher Musto

- 1. BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lyndhurst Board of Education that it has received and accepts the financial reports of the Secretary and Treasurer of School Monies for the month ended February 28, 2014 and certifies that the reports indicate that no major account or fund is over expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23-2.11(a) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the school year. A copy of the certification shall be included in the minutes.
- 2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the payroll for the month ended February 28, 2014 be and the same is hereby approved and ordered paid:

Payroll

\$ 2,101,630.27

3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached list of supplies received and services rendered to the Board of Education of the Township of Lyndhurst, County of Bergen, for the month ended March 10, 2014 be and the same are hereby approved and ordered paid:

Charter School (Fund 10) \$ 4,744.00 Current Expense (Fund 11) \$ 1,473,113.87 Special Revenue (Fund 20) \$ 19,587.63

Total \$ 1,497,445.50

General Ledger \$ 147,737.74

5. BE IT RESOLVED, that cafeteria services rendered to the Board of Education of the township of Lyndhurst, County of Bergen, for the Month of February 2014, be and the same are hereby approved and ordered paid:

Payroll/Payroll Taxes \$ 38,418.75 Services \$ 42,944.94

6. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education, County of Bergen, approves the preliminary 2014-2015 school year budget as follows:

Current General Expense (Funds 11) \$ 35,950,117 Capital Outlay (Fund 12) \$ 24,331 Transfer to Charter Schools \$ 113,254

TOTAL GENERAL FUND \$ 36,087,702

Special Revenue (Fund 20) \$ 924,474

TOTAL EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS \$ 37,012,176 AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the GENERAL FUND tax levy \$ 33,712,831 is approved to support Current General Expense and \$ 676,658 to support Debt Service, for the 2014-2015 school year budget.

7. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve \$55,000 as the maximum travel budget for the 2014-2015 school year. This amount includes reimbursement for conferences, professional development workshops, regular school travel, meals and mileage for conference/workshops, as well as any other associated costs for school related travel events. The maximum amount approved for 2013-2014 school year was \$50,000.00. As of February 28, 2014, the total amount spent was \$15,977.80

8. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve a maximum dollar budget limit for the 2014-2015 school year, for the following professional services:

Architect	\$ 50,000
Auditor	\$ 40,000
Legal Services	\$150,000
School Dentist	\$ 4,000
School Doctor	\$ 50,000

9. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education contract with Educational Data Services, Inc. for the 2014-2015 school year for the following:

Licensing & Maintenance Fee

\$8,045.00

10. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education appoint Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, L.L.C. for legal services for the 2013-2014 school year.

SEPARATE VOTE

Motion by Thomas DiMascio second by Ronald Grillo

4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Township of Lyndhurst, County of Bergen, approve the services for Jarvis Plumbing and Heating through March 10, 2014 in the amount of \$1965.00.

Roll Call For: (7) Joseph Abruscato, Susan Alcuri, Thomas DiMascio, Ronald Grillo, Josephine Malaniak, Ronald Szwec and Stephen Vendola.

Abstain: (1) Sheri Jarvis

Absent: (1) Christopher Musto

-----SEPARATE VOTE ------

Education & Curriculum Committee

Any Board member who takes exception to any of the following listed actions under the category of Education & Curriculum Committee may so indicate now and a separate motion for each of the excepted actions will be entertained.

Motion made by Josephine Malaniak second by Thomas DiMascio that the following Education & Curriculum Committee actions of the Board numbered 1 through 2 exception actions be adopted.

Roll Call For: (8) Joseph Abruscato, Susan Alcuri, Thomas DiMascio, Ronald Grillo, Sheri Jarvis, Josephine Malaniak, Ronald Szwec and Stephen Vendola.

Absent: (1) Christopher Musto

- 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the Protocol for Dispensing of Classroom Chemicals. This protocol will be utilized at the high school for ordering, storage and disposal of chemicals.
- 2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the HIB Grades Determined under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act.

Rules & Regulations Committee

Any Board member who takes exception to any of the following listed actions under the category of Rules & Regulations Committee may so indicate now and a separate motion for each of the excepted actions will be entertained.

Motion made by Joseph Abruscato second by Thomas DiMascio that the following Rules and Regulations Committee actions of the Board numbered 1 exception actions be adopted.

Roll Call For: (8) Joseph Abruscato, Susan Alcuri, Thomas DiMascio, Ronald Grillo, Sheri Jarvis, Josephine Malaniak, Ronald Szwec and Stephen Vendola.

Absent: (1) Christopher Musto

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the following use of school facilities:

Organization	<u>Place</u>	Time, Date, Purpose
Lyndhurst Music Assoc.	High School Band Room	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. 2/24/14 Parent Association
Jefferson/Columbus PTA	Jefferson Jeff. Community Columbus All Purpose Room	8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. 2/27 & 2/28/14 Book Fair
Project Graduation	High School Auditorium	7:30 p.m. 2/27/14 Senior Parent Meeting
Recreation Boys BB	Jefferson School Gymnasium	March 1-14, 2014 M-F 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM Sat. 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM Sun. 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

LHS Project Graduation	LHS Rm. 110	March 12, 2014 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Lyndhurst Parks Dept.	Jefferson School Gymnasium	March 22, 2014 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM March 23, 2014 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
LHS Booster Club	LHS Auditorium	March 28, 2014 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Special Angels Rec	LHS Gymnasium	March 29, 2014 3:30 PM – 9:00 PM
Lyndhurst Parks Dept.	Jefferson School Ball Field	April, May & June, 2014 M-F 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM Sat. 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Student Activities & Recognition Committee

Any Board member who takes exception to any of the following listed actions under the category of Student Activities & Recognition Committee may so indicate now and a separate motion for each of the excepted actions will be entertained.

Motion made by Sheri Jarvis second by Thomas DiMascio that the following Student Activities & Recognition Committee actions of the Board numbered 1 through 2 exception actions be adopted.

Roll Call For: (8) Joseph Abruscato, Susan Alcuri, Thomas DiMascio, Ronald Grillo, Sheri Jarvis, Josephine Malaniak, Ronald Szwec and Stephen Vendola.

Absent: (1) Christopher Musto

- BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve a program with Clara Maass Medical Center and Barnabas Health and Lyndhurst High School through the Matthew J. Morahan III Health Assessment Center for Athletes at no cost to the Lyndhurst Board of Education.
- 2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve home instruction for (1) one student, subject to state approval.

Personnel Committee

Any Board member who takes exception to any of the following listed actions under the category of Personnel Committee may so indicate now and a separate motion for each of the excepted actions will be entertained.

Motion made by Josephine Malaniak second by Thomas DiMascio that the following Personnel Committee actions of the Board numbered 1 through 12 exception actions be adopted.

Roll Call For: (8) Joseph Abruscato, Susan Alcuri, Thomas DiMascio, Ronald Grillo, Sheri Jarvis, Josephine Malaniak, Ronald Szwec and Stephen Vendola.

Absent: (1) Christopher Musto

- 1. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education appoint Jamie Aiello as ESL Teacher, effective March 11, 2014, at a salary of \$58,505.00, pro-rated (MA, Step 1).
- 2. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education accept the resignation of Diane Valvano, One-to-One Aide at Jefferson School, effective Monday, February 24, 2014, with regret.
- 3. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education accept the resignation of Kristina Caporino as Lunch Captain at Roosevelt School, effective February 28, 2014, with regret.
- 4. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education appoint the following positions for the 2013-2014 school year. Employment will be subject to approval upon completion of criminal history background check, and subject to submission of all required application documents.

Nelida Cadavid de Villa – Lunch Aide at Roosevelt @ \$10.00 per hour Theresa Minovich – Lunch Aide at Jefferson @ \$10.00 per hour Irene Mooneyham – Lunch Aide at Roosevelt @ \$10.00 per hour Christine Remo – Lunch Captain at Roosevelt @ \$12.00 per hour Janice Nunziato – Lunch Captain at Jefferson @ \$12.00 per hour Michael Caporino – Part-Time Custodian @ \$14.00 per hour Nelida Cadavid de Villa – Part-Time Custodian @ \$14.00 per hour Chris Andrinopoulos – Substitute Lunch Aide @ \$9.00 per hour Michael Toulon – Substitute Lunch Aide @ \$9.00 per hour Joanne Abbate – Substitute Classroom Aide @ \$9.00 per hour Karima Elmoazz – Substitute Classroom Aide @ \$9.00 per hour Evelyn Pino – Substitute Classroom Aide @ \$9.00 per hour

5. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education place the following employees on the proper step of the salary guide:

Michael Clifford

From: BA + 30 @ \$61,055 To: MA @ \$65,055

Effective 2/1/14

6. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the following Professional Development Opportunities:

Sean Frew, Diane Okul,

Diane Jankowski, Karina Veiga, Casey Thompson, Jeri Banta, Maryann Mule, Melissa Martins

& Vanessa Nowinski

High School

3/17/14 – Connecting Students to

3/31/14 - Intervention & Referral

Services Training (I&RS)

Approx. \$168.50 each

Success

Approx. \$113.33

Olivia Camilleri & Melissa Martins

High School

David Carucci, Sara Lampmann

Erik Franklin & Ruth Stern

High School

3/31/14 - Goods Ideas in

Teaching Pre-Calculus & Algebra

Approx. \$180.58

Laura Biber

High School

6/28 – 7/1/14 – ISTE Conference

(International Society for Technology in Education)

Approx. \$ 378.00

Casey Thompson & Laura Biber

3/12/14 – ETTC Workshop – Using the web successfully in the

classroom

Approx. \$75.00 each

Kathleen Allen

4/22/14 – Microsoft Publisher

2010

Approx. \$75.00

Casey Thompson & Laura Biber

4/24/14 - BCCS/ETTC Workshop

Unpacking the Common Core

with IPad Apps Approx. \$75.00 each

Tanya Pastor

April 1, 2014 – War Reporting:

One Journalist's Story

Approx. \$17.00

Tanya Pastor

May 2, 2014 – Garden State

Scholastic Press Assoc. Annual

Conference Approx. \$63.70 Laura Napolitano

April 15, 2014 – Complementary Interventions for Autism Asperger's Approx. \$179.00

7. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education grant the following college student permission to complete observation in the Lyndhurst Public Schools in order to fulfill her course requirements:

Tracy Jorge

Observation – 3 hours each

Caldwell College

Danielle Sammarone - Jefferson School, Gr. 5

Diana Falco - High School

8. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education appoint the following as 2014 Spring Sport Volunteer Coaches. Participation is subject to approval of criminal history background check, and subject to submission of all required application documents.

Mark Offitto

Baseball

Michael Morreale

Boys & Girls Track

Alfredo Diaz

Boys & Girls Track

Mehmet Guvener

Boys & Girls Track

Clair Hovt

Boys & Girls Track

Maria Fagan

Softball

BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of 9. Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education appoint the following as 2014 Assistant Football Coaches:

Joe Castagnetti top step \$7866 Patrick Auteri top step \$7866 \$7866 Nick Serpico top step 2nd step \$7150 Joseph Auteri

Mike Goff

to split 2nd step salary to split 2nd step salary

\$3575

Joe Gingerelli

\$3575

BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of 10. Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education appoint Keith Matino as the IPM Coordinator for the Lyndhurst School District, for the 2013-2014 school year, with no compensation.

- 11. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the attached list of substitute teachers for the 2013-2014 school year. Employment will be provisional, subject to authorization approval of criminal history background check, and subject to submission of all required application documents.
- 12. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education grant David DiPisa, Business Administrator/ School Board Secretary, tenure effective March 29, 2014.

Superintendent's Report

- 1. School Health Practices and Policies Survey
- 2. The Woman's Club of Lyndhurst expressed sincere appreciation for Washington Schools Food Pantry donations.
- 3. Lyndhurst High School is offering 13 AP Exams this year.
- 4. Grades 3-8 will be offered a "Power Hour" of NJASK prep after school for 4 weeks leading up to their assessment.
- 5. An SAT "Boot Camp" will be offered during lunch for students sitting for the June test.
- 6. Dr. Seuss Day activities were held and continue to be held at each building.
- 7. Student Services ran 12 college instant decisions from December to January. Over 130 acceptances with scholarship offers were received by LHS students on the spot.
- 8. To date our seniors have received over \$4 million dollars in scholarship offers as a class
- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) 27 Lyndhurst families received assistance from Student Services and HESAA (High Education Student Assistance Authority) in completing the 2014-2015 FAFSA
- 10. College acceptances

Assistant Superintendent's Report

High School:

- Adam Kmeck received the Presidential Scholarship (FULL TUITION) from Fairleigh Dickinson University. This is a HUGE DEAL!
- American Legion Girls State/Boys State Nominations have been received. The interview process will begin in the next several weeks. I can forward you the names of the attendees when we receive them.
- Lucinda Garcia was chosen to attend a four-day Girls' Career Institute sponsored by the Women's Club of Lyndhurst.

- <u>FEBRUARY 27, 2014:</u> Ronee Power had four freshman from LHS go to Lincoln School to speak to the 8th graders about their positive experiences as freshman at LHS. The students spoke about homework, teachers, classes, balancing academics and extracurricular activities, college, etc. It was so great to see the kids interact with each other! Ronee even had 8th grade students ask if they could be high school representatives next year!
- March 12, 2014: The seniors will be seeing a presentation regarding financial aid and college entitled "Real Money 101." Joe Roberto from the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority will be presenting.
- March 13, 2014: The counselors and myself are staying after school to assist juniors in registering for the SAT and/or ACT. Maryann will be presenting to staff on "Stress: reduction."
- MAP Testing will resume for the third round March 24th and conclude April 8th. Don't know if this is positive, but it is major.
- April 9, 2014: Student services will run it's "College Admissions 101" evening parent program (second program of the school year.)
- April 24, 2014: Student services will host a Spring College Fair. In addition to our annual
 evening college fair in October, we wanted to add one during the day, so we can call freshman,
 sophomores, and juniors down by grade level.
- o May 6, 2014: Academic Awards
- June 4, 2014: MacLean Awards
- FBLA team had regional winners in January. Julianne Dennehy took 8th place in Into to Business Communications. Ian Cairns took 3rd place in Economics. As a team, Chris Gold, Vladislav Saburov, Frank Rago, and Ian Cairns took 1st place in Battle of the Chapters. Our FBLA Chapter will also be attending the State Conference in March 27th & 28th.
- HSPA Assembly for all 11th graders to discuss test strategies, test format, content (LA-reading & writing, Mathematics, and importance of this assessment. This assembly was in the library, two homerooms at a time to make this assembly interactive with the students. Presented by Jamie, Lisa, and Marlene
- PSAT Score Night on January 8th for all 11th grade students and parents to understand score reports, analyze the types of questions, discuss strategies for improvement and college planning. Presented by Jamie, Lisa and Marlene. High School guidance counselors assisted as well.

Columbus School:

- Columbus School will be wrapping up their first ever, 4 Square GaGa Ball tournament in physical education class. We are very proud to have our very first school tournament in physical education class. One winning team will be announced from each class next week.
- Columbus/Jefferson Community Schools participated in a week long "Read Across America Week." There were five different themes used (one for each day of the week.)
 - Monday: The Grinch (Wear Green from head to toe)
 - o Tuesday: One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish (Wear Red, White, and Blue)
 - Wednesday: Mismatch and Inside Out
 - Thursday: Fox in Socks (Wear Your Craziest Socks)
 - o Friday: Horton Hears a Who

Franklin School:

o <u>100th Day of School Celebration:</u> Students celebrated in both Franklin and Franklin Community School with a number of cross-curricular assignments and projects. In Franklin Community School, the kindergarten students made projects and they are displayed throughout the building.

- o <u>3rd Grade Solar System Project:</u> The 3rd grade made Solar System projects. All of the displayed projects were amazing. This included a project that had a motor attached to show the orbit of the planets, and lights for the stars. One project even had all of the planets represented by different colored jello molds. Students in the lower grades toured the displayed projects, which made the 3rd grade students very proud.
- Read Across America: Both Franklin and Franklin Community School celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday by reading books, enjoying green eggs and ham, and receiving a special visit from the "Cat in the Hat" himself.

Jefferson School:

- January: Career Day for 6th-8th grade students (many different professions were represented including our board attorney.) Artist of the Month, Honors/High Honors students were recognized in the newsletter and requested an add to the Bergenite.
- <u>February:</u> Winter Newsletter, Winter Performances (Instrument & Vocal), Hoops for Hearts, Artist of the Month,
 - A presentation by Children's Specialized Hospital, one of New Jersey's largest providers of services for children with autism, with funding provided by Kohl's department stores has created a community focused outreach project. This presentation promoted tools, guides, and resources for the successful inclusion of people with autism and their families in the community.

Lincoln School:

- After two months of students and teachers volunteering their lunch period to gain and offer extra help (our Lunch Club), numerous students have shown significant improvement in their academic grades. Many of our struggling students have improved their grades in 3 or 4 of the major subjects, moving them out of the "in danger of failing area."
- o **Dr. Seuss Day** was a tremendous success on March 3rd. Teacher and students from grades 4-8 participated in educationally based activities all day. Also, students assisted in decorating hallways and doors, the week prior to turn each classroom into a different Dr. Seuss book.
- Freshman Transition: In late February a handful of LHS freshman that are former Lincoln School students were invited back to Lincoln School to discuss the different challenges they have faced in their first 6 months at high school. This was to offer current 8th graders a more realistic idea of what to expect when entering high school and hopefully make for a positive experience in the process.
- March 7th: Author, Michael Rex, visited Lincoln School to provide Literary Demonstration for the 4th-8th grade student body. The author was partially paid for through a grant secured by Supervisor and Lincoln School Liaison Lisa Klein.
- Career Day was an amazing success back in January. Lincoln school had approximately 20 presenters visit the students.
- With the assistance of Mr. Blevis, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Ellis, and Mr. Rizzo, the upper elementary schools have selected students to be first members of the Lyndhurst Jr. National Society. Induction ceremony to follow.
- Kayla Friend, an 8th grade Lincoln School student, nominated Mrs. Mario Rojas as a Star Teacher, and she was selected! (I believe Mrs. Rojas is being recognized at the meeting, but it is amazing that this was student drive.)

Roosevelt School:

- Please see "Roosevelt Remarks" (attached.)
- Seventh Grade Career Fair: Mrs. Nicholas and Mrs. Palmer worked extremely hard developing a wonderful Career Fair for January 20th. We had over 20 presenters from various

- professions. We even had a bomb-sniffing dog from NJ Transit. Students got to witness the officer give commands and watch the dog find hidden items throughout a classroom.
- <u>Harriet Tubman play at MSU:</u> The 4th and 5th grade worked on a Thematic Unit for Black History Month during the month of February. The unit culminated with a trip to Montclair State University. The play was based on the life and historical significance of Harriet Tubman.

Washington School:

- Washington School, Lyndhurst, celebrated the 100th day of school with an act of giving, and the response was TREMENDOUS!
- O Under the leadership of K-1 teacher, Mrs. Christina Bernardo and her aide, Mrs. Sue Cunniff, a variety of items were collected and then donated to the Lyndhurst Food Pantry. Pre-K and Kindergarten students collected 130 paper products, First grade students collected 130 soap items, Second Grade students collected 220 non-perishable food items, and Third Grade students collected 150 personal hygiene products. The Lyndhurst Women's Club extended to us their thanks for our donation.
- Special thanks go out to Mr. Angelo Barbosa, school custodian, and the district maintenance department for helping to transport the items to the Lyndhurst Food Pantry. The generous efforts of all teachers, students and their families are truly appreciated.
- Washington School students have displayed an increasing rise in attendance. We have made 95% attendance our daily goal and have had a vast number of days in which we have surpassed this goal. This improved attendance is the result of fantastic at-home support of academic success; thanks to all parents/caregivers who are helping to develop important "college and career readiness" habits with our young learners.
- On February 25th, Dr. DiCamillo presented a Dental Health assembly thus reinforcing the importance of good dental health habits with our students. Our thanks to him for his time and for the sharing of practices to keep our students' smiles healthy and white.
- Throughout the week of March 3rd, Washington School celebrated the joys of reading. Each day of the week was devoted to a book by Dr. Seuss, in honor of his birthday, and students school-wide took part by wearing attire that matched that day's learning activities. From hands-on activities, such as the making of truffula trees and oobleck, to intellectual activities like analyzing quotes of Seuss and identifying themes in his literature, students in all classes were engaged and engrossed in learning and the energy that emerged from these high levels of brain activity was contagious! Special thanks and recognition go to the overwhelming number of parents/caregivers who served as guest readers to our students.
- On March 5th, NJ Devils alumnus Bruce Driver and "NJ" the Devil (the official mascot of the NJ Devils) visited Washington School to read to our students and foster the joys and importance of reading. The laughter was loud, the experience exciting, and the moments were memorable.
- The Box Tops Lunch Bunch continues to meet each month to clip, count, and redeem our collection of Box Tops. Each month, students from a particular grade, recognized for outstanding achievement (based on factors determined by each classroom teacher) enjoy a special lunch with the group's advisors Mrs. Hamilton, Ms. Fragale, Mrs. Bernardo, and Mrs. Tulloch. During this lunch time gathering, they clip, count, and organize the boxtops to prepare the submission to General Mills. Our current total is \$382 and our goal is to collect \$1000 worth of box tops. Thanks to all those who support our school by clipping Box Tops we welcome all donations!

Our K-3 guidance counselor Mrs. Fagan, along with the support of teacher Katie Day and speech therapist Melissa Hamilton, hosts a social lunch group two days/week at Washington School. The focus of this group is to help students develop knowledge of conversation skills, promote social interaction, and provide a positive climate and comfortable area in which to explore and practice socialization among their peers. The response has been one of success, as fun and newfound friends have emerged as a result of the group's activities.

New Business

BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve a Student Liaison to the Lyndhurst Board of Education.

Roll Call For: (8) Joseph Abruscato, Susan Alcuri, Thomas DiMascio, Ronald Grillo, Sheri Jarvis, Josephine Malaniak, Ronald Szwec and Stephen Vendola.

Absent: (1) Christopher Musto

David DiPisa

Thank you to Commissioner Montillo for a program with Clara Maass Medical Center and Barnabas Health and Lyndhurst High School through the Matthew J. Morahan, III Health Assessment Center for Athletes at no cost to the Lyndhurst Board of Education for EKG screenings.

Susan Alcuri

Thank you for the Elementary/High School for a job well done.

Joseph Abruscato

Thank you to the Township for the EKG screenings and no cost to taxpayers.

Tracey L. Marinelli

Addressed the Junior National Honor Society and the rejection letters.

Non-Agenda

James Hooper

Questioned Co-op Program with North Arlington – Indoor Track.

Linda Covello

Son was cursed at in class.

Will speak with Ms. Marinelli privately.

Lesley DeCarlo

Staff – School Climate Survey

Single Session Day – We Teach

Silvana Czerwinski

President Lyndhurst Woman's Volleyball League Scheduling – Bumping Monday – Instead of Thursday Why are you getting bumped? Need to speak to Mr. Servideo

Adjournment

Motion by Thomas DiMascio second by Ronald Grillo and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David DiPisa School Business Administrator Board Secretary