

Meeting #17

Lyndhurst, NJ
November 17, 2014

The Lyndhurst Board of Education held a Regular meeting on November 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

President Christopher Musto 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, Ronald Grillo, Ronald Szwec, Stephen Vendola, Josephine Malaniak, Sheri Jarvis and Christopher Musto.

Absent: (1) Thomas DiMascio

Also present: Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent, Dr. Jeffrey Feifer, Interim Assistant Superintendent and David DiPisa, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Open Public Meeting Act

President Christopher Musto 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 Ronald Grillo second by Susan Alcuri that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the minutes of Meeting #16, October 20, 2014.

Roll Call For:

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

Absent: (1) Thomas DiMascio

Mr. DiMascio arrived at 7:08 p.m.

Presentation

Tracey L. Marinelli presented certificates to Tanya Pastor and her students who work on "The Lighthouse" newspaper for being accepted in a journalism workshop co-sponsored by Syracuse University and The Record newspaper and for winning second and third place in the Garden State Scholastic Press Association newspaper contest.

Public Comment

Agenda

Eva Pelidis & Cameron Halpern
Volleyball Coach Returning

Finance Committee

Any Board member who takes exception to any of the following listed actions under the category of Finance Committee 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 8, exception actions be adopted.

Roll Call For:

The following Board members answered roll call: (9) Thomas DiMascio, Ronald Grillo, Joseph Abruscato, Susan Alcuri, Stephen Vendola, Josephine Malaniak, Ronald Szwec, Sheri Jarvis and 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 October 31, 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 October 31, 2014 be and the same is hereby approved and ordered paid:
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 October 31, 2014 be and the same are hereby approved and ordered paid:

Payroll	October 15, 2014	\$ 1,101,432.43
	October 30, 2014	\$ 1,076,097.96

Current Expense (Fund 11)	\$ 1,185,613.78
Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$ 103,318.12

Grand Total	\$ 1,288,931.90
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General Ledger (Fund 10)	\$ 139,081.38
General Ledger (Fund 20)	\$ 32,335.00

4. BE IT RESOLVED, that cafeteria services rendered to the Board of Education of the Township of Lyndhurst, County of Bergen, for the Month of October 31, 2014, be and the same are hereby approved and ordered paid:

Payroll/Payroll Taxes	\$ 37,369.13
Supplies	\$ 24,760.23
Refunds	\$ 95.40

5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the attached transfers for the month of October 2014.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education authorizes the School Business Administrator to pay the November and December bills.
7. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the attached Corrective Action Plan of the Audit Report for fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.
8. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education hereby elects to participate in the Health Program provided by the New Jersey State Health Benefits Act of the State of New Jersey (N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.26 and N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.46.2) and to authorize coverage for all the employees and their dependents thereunder in accordance with the statute and regulations adopted by the State Health Benefits Commission and/or School Employees' Health Benefit Commission.

We elect to participate in the Employee Prescription Drug Plan defined by N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq. and authorize coverage for all employees and their dependents in accordance with the statute and regulations adopted by the State Health Benefits Commission and/or School Employees' Health Benefits Commission.

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 and Curriculum Committee actions of the Board numbered 1 through 2, exception actions be adopted.

Roll Call For:

The following Board members answered roll call: (9) Thomas DiMascio, Ronald Grillo, Joseph Abruscato, Susan Alcuri, Ronald Szewec, Sheri Jarvis, Josephine Malaniak, Stephen Vendola and Christopher Musto.

1. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the inclusion of the below trip to the Pre-Approved School Trip Listing for Jefferson School:

DC Entertainment, New York City

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2. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve Educere Online Home Instruction Program for the 2014-2015 school year.

Facilities and District Planning Committee

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

Motion made by Stephen Vendola second by Thomas DiMascio that the following Facilities and District Planning Committee actions of the Board numbered 1 through 1 exception actions be adopted.

Roll Call For:

The following Board members answered roll call: (9) Thomas DiMascio, Ronald Grillo, Joseph Abruscato, Susan Alcuri, Stephen Vendola, Ronald Szwec, Josephine Malaniak, Sheri Jarvis and Christopher Musto.

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the Lyndhurst School District has been reviewed by the Bergen County Office of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-9 and N.J.A.C. 6A:26A-3.1 and the plan is in compliance.

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 Ronald Grillo that the following Rules and Regulations Committee actions of the Board numbered 1 through 2 exception actions be adopted.

Roll Call For:

The following Board members answered roll call: (9) Thomas DiMascio, Ronald Grillo, Joseph Abruscato, Susan Alcuri, Stephen Vendola, Ronald Szwec, Josephine Malaniak, Sheri Jarvis and Christopher Musto.

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

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time, Date, Purpose</u>
Lyndhurst Music Association	High School Band Room	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. 10/20/14 Band Association Meeting
Lyndhurst Parks	Jefferson School Gym	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. 11/5, 11/12, 11/19 & 11/26/14 Handicap Bocce
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Lyndhurst Music Association	High School Band Room	5:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. 11/10/14 Association Parent Meeting
Lyndhurst Adult Workshop/ Lyndhurst Recreation	High School Auditorium	5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. 12/13/14 Handicap Music Program
Lyndhurst Parks	High School Gym	7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 1/17, 1/24 & 2/14/15 Wrestling
Lyndhurst Parks	High School Gym	6:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. 1/31/15 Cheering Competition
Franklin School PTA	Franklin School Art Room	8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. 5/8/15 Mother's Day Plant Sale
LHS Project Graduation	High School Outside Gym	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. 1/29/15 Raffle at Basketball Game

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB investigations for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's decision to the students' parents, and directs the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents.

Student Activities and Recognition Committee

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

Motion made by Christopher Musto second by Susan Alcuri that the following Student Activities and Recognition Committee actions of the Board numbered 1 through 3 exception actions be adopted.

Roll Call For:

The following Board members answered roll call: (9) Thomas DiMascio, Ronald Grillo, Joseph Abruscato, Susan Alcuri, Stephen Vendola, Ronald Szwec, Josephine Malaniak, Sheri Jarvis and Christopher Musto.

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve home instruction for (1) student, subject to state approval.

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education grant permission for (1) ED student to attend BCSSD's North Street School in Teterboro, at a tuition of \$55,450.00, pro-rated, effective October 23, 2014. Transportation will be provided by South Bergen Jointure Commission.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the Jefferson School Intramural Program in Basketball for students in Grades 6, 7 and 8th.

Superintendent's Report

1. Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey invited the following students to attend The International Day of the Girl at The United Nations on October 10, 2014. They are:

Jullianne Dennehy	Victoria Schreckenstein
Francesca DiPisa	Emma Wisniewski
Naomi Ramos	

The day promoted girls' human rights, highlighted gender inequalities that remain between girls and boys and addressed the various forms of discrimination and abuse suffered by girls around the world. The girls met with members of the World Association of Girl Guides from Mexico as well as members of our NGO office.

2. This week is American Education Week. Families and students in grades Pre-K – Grade 3 are invited to visit their child's classroom on November 20, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
3. We have established a Parent Academy. A tri-fold brochure will be sent out within the next month to inform parents about federal and state mandates and local updates. The first session on November 13, 2014 was on standards-based report cards. The next session on December 3, 2014 will be on the District Improvement Plan. In January, the parents will take a practice PARCC assessment.
4. The Lyndhurst School District will be utilizing The Marshall Plan as the Supervisors/Administrators Evaluation System. All members of the Administrative Team received training on November 13, 2014 with follow-up to be provided at our Advisory Council Meeting on November 18, 2014.
5. The administrative team is working on a plan to ensure the integrity of instructional time in the areas of Language Arts Literacy and Mathematics.

Non-Agenda Items

Ellen Carbone

Science Test missed because no copy paper.

Why are the teachers copying textbooks?

Uniform Compliance

Invite to corner of Livingston and Second Avenue at 2:45 and 2:55 Dismissal

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Milena Giacci

Memorial Campus – Traffic and overhead – Drop Off Area – No concrete/grass
Fence – Locked Behind – Fence Locks – Memorial Campus
Who are we compared to DFG?

Tracey Marinelli stated that questions will be answered on December 3, 2014.
PARCC – NJ.Com – Parents to take test.

Will each teacher analyze where students are failing?

Jim Hooper

Congratulations to Cross Country Team State Sectional
Coach Clements – Current Boys Volleyball coach. Did a great job last year. Only 3 wins but built a program. Urge to rehire him as a coach. Look at evaluations.

Motion to Go Into Executive Caucus

Motion by Thomas DiMascio second by Susan Alcuri and unanimously carried, the Board went into Executive Caucus at 7:40 p.m. for the purpose of a matter involving staff members, pending or anticipated litigation & personnel.

Motion to Open Meeting To Public

Motion by Susan Alcuri second by Thomas DiMascio and unanimously carried, the Board opened the meeting to the public at 8:25 p.m.

Roll Call For: (9) Joseph Abruscato, Susan Alcuri, Thomas DiMascio, Ronald Grillo, Josephine Malanisk, Ronald Szwec, Stephen Vendola, Sheri Jarvis and Christopher Musto.

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 Susan Alcuri that the following Personnel Committee actions of the Board numbered 1 through 16 exception actions be adopted.

Roll Call For:

The following Board members answered roll call: (9) Thomas DiMascio, Ronald Grillo, Joseph Abruscato, Susan Alcuri, Stephen Vendola, Ronald Szwec, Josephine Malaniak, Sheri Jarvis and Christopher Musto.

1. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education accept the resignation of Melissa Hamilton, Speech Language Specialist, effective December 21, 2014, with regret .

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2. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education appoint Mark Offitto as the Boys' Basketball Assistant Coach at a stipend of \$5,588.00 (Step 1) for the 2014-2015 school year.

3. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education grant the following employee tenure:

Michael Flanagan, Bus Driver effective October 2, 2014

4. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education accept the resignation of the following, with regret:

Maryann Giannetti	Classroom Aide	Effective 10/15/14
Pamela Areche	Lunch Aide	Effective 10/24/14

5. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education appoint Pamela Areche as an aide in the full-day Pre-K Disabled Class at Community School, effective October 27, 2014, at \$10.50 (Step 1), for the 2014-2015 school year.

6. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education revise motion #10 from Personnel at the October 20, 2014 Board of Education meeting to read:

In District Substitute Teacher Aides - \$10.00/Hour
Out of District Substitute Teacher Aides - \$15.00/Hour

7. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools that the Lyndhurst Board of Education rescind motion #1 from Personnel at the October 20, 2014 Board of Education meeting.

8. 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 his observation in the Lyndhurst Public Schools in order to fulfill his course requirements:

Michael Pasch – Bloomfield College
November 18, 2014 – December 19, 2014
Observations
Memorial Campus – Teresa Matvienko
Lincoln School – Staci Valentin
Lyndhurst High School – Kurt Kiefer

9. 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:

Marlene Krupp Supervisor	11/5/14 – PARCC Mathematics Grades 6-8 & High School Approx. \$56.66
Ed Tessalone High School	11/6/14 - AP Workshop – US History Approx. \$270.00
Marlene Krupp Supervisor	11/13/14 – PARCC Mathematics Grades 3 to 5 Approx. \$12.40
Lisa Klein Supervisor	11/20 – 11/23/14 – NCTE Annual Convention Approx. \$1500.00
Chelsea Trump Memorial Campus	11/21/14 – How to Utilize I & RS to Support Anti-Bullying Student Approx. \$102.41
Judy Dodson District Speech	12/9/14 – Northeast Conference for School Based SLP's Approx. \$235.00
Rick Falcicchio, Diane Okul & Lauren Krempecki High School	12/18/14 – The Flipped Math Classroom Approx. \$229.00 each
Theresa Brennen Jefferson School	1/30/15 – Grade 5-8 Common Core Content 7 Math Practice Approx. \$134.96

10. 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 2014-2015 school year. Employment will be provisional, subject to authorization approval of criminal history background check, and subject to submission of all required application documents.
11. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education accept the resignation of Debra Rivezzi, Lunch Aide at Memorial Campus, effective November 17, 2014, with regret.
12. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education appoint Debra Rivezzi as a One-to-One Aide in the full-day Pre-K Disabled Class at Community School, effective November 17, 2014, at \$10.50 (Step 1), for the 2014-2015 school year.
13. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education appoint Janice Martin to assist the Learning

Disabilities Teacher Consultant at \$280.00 per case, as needed, for the 2014-2015 school year.

14. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education appoint Conniree Francis as American Sign Language Teacher at Lyndhurst High School, effective October 28, 2014, at a salary of \$71,215.00 (MA).
15. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education grant the following college students permission to complete their observations and student teaching in the Lyndhurst Public Schools in order to fulfill their course requirements:

Paris Maloupis – Montclair State University
 November 18, 2014 – January 2015
 Observations
 Jefferson, Lincoln & Roosevelt School – Emily McDonald (Music)

Tracy Jorge – Caldwell University
 January 30, 2015 – May 4, 2015
 Observations
 Lyndhurst High School – Kim Hykey

Meaghan Jack – Ramapo College of New Jersey
 January 20, 2015 – May 1, 2015
 Student Teacher
 Franklin School – Jill Lacey (Gr. 1)

16. 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:

Theresa Brennen Jefferson School	11/14/14 – NJDOE Mathematics Modeling in Grades 6-12 Approx. \$9.30
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Frank Venezia High School	11/20/14 – Staff Rights, Staff Accountability & School Ethics Approx. \$161.00
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Joseph Kropa High School	12/6/14 – Perform Better Approx. \$119.00
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Frank Venezia & Jeff Radigan High School	12/16/14 – Hazing, Bullying and Athletics Approx. \$175.00 each
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Harry Lukachyk Lincoln School	2/23 & 2/24/15 – Advocacy Moving Forward Approx. \$100.00
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Allison Cesari &
Lauren Giuliano
High School

12/9/14 – Teaching with Primary Sources:
Evidence Based Learning
Approx. \$39.09 each

Tom Thomas
High School

1/9 – 1/12/15 – Eastern Athletic Trainer's
67th Annual Meeting
Approx. \$370.00

Non-Agenda

Darius Hughes

Thanked Mr. Vendola and Ms. Malaniak.

Tracey L. Marinelli spoke about the High School Play "Macbeth".

Adjournment

Motion by Susan Alcuri second by Thomas DiMascio and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David DiPisa
School Business Administrator
Board Secretary