

## Meeting #6

Lyndhurst, NJ  
May 6, 2021

The Lyndhurst Board of Education held a Public meeting on May 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Chris Andrinopoulos called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and requested all those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

The following Board members answered roll call:

(6) Domenick Abbate, James Donovan, Frank Ferrandino, Erin Keefe, Richard Pizzuti, and Chris Andrinopoulos

Absent: (3) Darwin Belen, Anthony Dell'Aquila and Elaine Stella

Also present: Mark Hayes, Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Dennis McKeever, Board Attorney.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT**

President Chris Andrinopoulos announced that adequate notice of this meeting was provided, in writing, to each Board member, The Record, the Township Clerk, and posted in the lobby of the Town Hall and the Board Office.

**BOARD PRESIDENT STATEMENT**

Welcome, to the public forum/meeting of the Lyndhurst Board of Education. The Board is meeting this evening for the purpose to hold a Q&A forum for the superintendent of schools search. No formal action will be taken by the Board. The superintendent search committee consists of Frank Ferrandino, James Donovan, Erin Keefe and Chris Andrinopoulos (three of the members were on the previous committee). The submission date closes Sunday, May 9, 2021.

Any member of the public that cannot attend in person may email their questions to the board at: [superintendentsearch@lyndhurst.k12.nj.us](mailto:superintendentsearch@lyndhurst.k12.nj.us).

**Q&A PUBLIC FORUM**

Mrs. Lambert:

Where was the position advertised?

The Record, The Star Ledger and NJ. com

Can we transition to Applitrack?

Not typically done for superintendent search

Darius Hughes:

How much of a role will the State Monitor play in choosing a superintendent?

None.

If there are certificated candidates internally are they going to be interviewed?

We are aware of local applicants. Every applicant will be reviewed.

Have you discussed how to keep a superintendent longer?

We had a three year contract with Mr. Grieco and renegotiated it to a 5 year contract. Our intention was to keep him.

Mrs. Michele Lourenco:

Do you have exit interviews?

We do offer exit interviews.

What are you looking for in a superintendent?

Chris Andrinopoulos:

Improve reading issues, stability and learning gap.

Richard Pizzuti:

Works well with the Board, open dialogue, works well with the union.

Erin Keefe:

Three years ago we were in a horrible position. We are a healthier district and would like to move on to the next level.

James Donovan:

We are not settling for mediocre.

Mrs. Tracy Chen:

What is your vision for the qualifications of a new superintendent? How does Lyndhurst salary compare to surrounding districts?

Dennis McKeever:

Basic requirements: preferred experience, NJ certificate, 5 years experience, earned doctorate desirable but not mandatory.

The previous governor put a cap on salaries which made the superintendent positions become mobile. Lyndhurst superintendent salary is in the middle compared to other similar surrounding districts that have multiple school buildings.

We need better performance in our district. Daughters are in lower elementary (Washington and Franklin). There is such disparity among the two schools when it comes to curriculum.

Consistency/uniformity amongst our schools. Unity among the Superintendent and the board.

Darius Hughes:

Mrs. Mule and I are both parents and teachers.

Mrs. Miller:

Who will do the interviewing? Can other stakeholders be involved: i.e. committee of staff members, parents, pta's etc.?

The superintendent search committee will narrow down the applicants and then the full Board will be involved. We are looking to fill the position as soon as possible. We have a tight timeline.

We need a seamless timeline. Lyndhurst has changed environmentally and demographically over the years and has made a major impact on our schools/education system. We need a more positive image. Our parent volunteers are lacking. We need to promote volunteering and work together with our town recreation department.

Would you consider an interim? Can we utilize someone within the district?

If we cannot find the appropriate candidate we would consider an interim. Yes, we have the option to utilize someone in-house. There is a two year cap on an interim superintendent.

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING**

Motion made by Chris Andrinpoulos and seconded by Frank Ferrandino and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Hayes, Ph.D.  
School Business Administrator  
Board Secretary

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