

Meeting #13

Lyndhurst, NJ
January 9, 2012

The Lyndhurst Board of Education held a Regular meeting on January 9, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.

Call to Order

President Young called the meeting to order at 8:06 p.m. and requested all those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

The following Board members answered roll call: (9) William Barnaskas, James Cunniff, Ronald Grillo, James Hooper, Josephine Malaniak, Christine Melleno, Christopher Musto, Stephen Vendola, Ellen Young.

Also present: Tracey Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools; David DiPisa, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Valerie Troncone, Finance Manager.

Open Public Meeting Act

President Yong 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 Christine Melleno that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the minutes of Meeting #12, December 5, 2011.

Roll Call For: (9) William Barnaskas, James Cunniff, Ronald Grillo, James Hooper, Josephine Malaniak, Christine Melleno, Christopher Musto, Stephen Vendola, Ellen Young.

LYNDHURST BOARD OF EDUCATION

ANNOUNCEMENT

The terms of School Trustees, William Barnaskas, Ronald Grillo and Ellen Young will expire, thus three seats, all for three year will be filled at the next election, Tuesday, April 17, 2012. Polls will be open from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

A candidate whose name is to appear on the ballot must file his petition with the Secretary of the Board no later than 4:00 p.m., Monday, February 27, 2012.

A drawing for ballot position will be held at 4:00 p.m., March 7, 2012 at 420 Fern Avenue. Should a candidate wish to withdraw his name as a candidate, he must do so in writing to the Secretary of the board not later than 4:00 p.m., March 5, 2012.

The last day for candidates to file for appointment of challengers and alternates with the Bergen County Board of Elections Office is April 3, 2012.

Only those persons who are permanently registered or those who register with the Bergen County Board of Elections, Hackensack, or the Township Clerk by March 27, 2012 will be permitted to vote in the Tuesday, April 17, 2012.

All judges to open the school elections at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at:

<u>District</u>	<u>School</u>
1	Jefferson School
2	Jefferson School
3	Senior Citizen Building
4	United Presbyterian Church
5	United Presbyterian Church
6	Lyndhurst High School
7	Lyndhurst High School
8	Lyndhurst Health Center
9	Jefferson School
10	Jefferson School
11	Joseph Carucci Apartments
12	Joseph Carucci Apartments
13	Lyndhurst High School
14	Lyndhurst High School
15	Lyndhurst High School

All dates and times are tentative.

Communications

Correspondence From:

JoAnn Friedman

Subject Matter:

Thank You – Retirement Gift

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 James Cunniff second by James Hooper that the following Finance actions of the Board numbered 1 through 8 exception actions be adopted.

Roll Call For: (9) William Barnaskas, James Cunniff, Ronald Grillo, James Hooper, Josephine Malaniak, Christine Melleno, Christopher Musto, Stephen Vendola, Ellen Young.

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 December 31, 2011 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 December 31, 2011 be and the same is hereby approved and ordered paid:

Payroll	\$1,942,643.59
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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 January 9, 2012 be and the same are hereby approved and ordered paid:

Charter School (Fund 10)	\$ 7,870.00
Current Expense (Fund 11)	\$1,086,023.77
Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$ 169,611.33
Total	\$1,263,505.10
Debt Service (Fund 40)	\$ 86,070.00
General Ledger	\$ 110,277.59

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 December 2011, be and the same are hereby approved and ordered paid:

Payroll/Payroll Taxes	\$33,128.83
Services	\$43,621.37

5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the attached transfers for the month of December 2011.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Audit Report of the Lyndhurst Board of Education for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011 submitted by DiMaria & DiMaria shall be accepted.

Administrative Practices and Procedures

None

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

None

School Purchasing Programs

None

School Food Service

None

Student Body Activities

None

Application for State School Aid

None

Pupil Transportation

None

Facilities and Capital Assets

That an adequate detail fixed asset ledger be maintained.

Miscellaneous

None

7. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the attached Corrective Action Plan of Facilities and Capital Assets of the Audit Report for fiscal year ended June 30, 2011.
8. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education accept the Education Jobs Fund Grants for an additional \$2,723.00 for a total of \$89,650.00.

Education & Curriculum Committee

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

Motion made by Josephine Malaniak second by Ronald Grillo that the following Education & Curriculum actions of the Board numbered 1 through 5 exception actions be adopted.

Roll Call For: (9) William Barnaskas, James Cunniff, Ronald Grillo, James Hooper, Josephine Malaniak, Christine Melleno, Christopher Musto, Stephen Vendola, Ellen Yong.

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education attests to the accuracy of the NJQSAC Statement of Assurance (SOA) for the school year 2011-2012.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education attests to the accuracy of the NJQSAC District Performance Review (DPR) for the school year 2011-2012
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the following additional school field trips.

Franklin School – Historical Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA
 Jefferson School – Sterling Mine Museum, Ogdensburg, NJ
 Ice Cream Charlies's, Rutherford, NJ

4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve Kindergarten registration for the Lyndhurst Public Schools to be held in the Lyndhurst High School Auditorium.

Kindergarten

February 8, 2012 and February 10, 2012

From: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the updated Lyndhurst High School Program of Studies for the 2012-2013 school year. Copy on file in the Superintendent's Office.

Performing Arts Committee

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

Motion made by James Hooper second by Ronald Grillo that the following Performing Arts actions of the Board numbered 1 through 1 exception actions be adopted.

Roll Call For: (9) William Barnaskas, James Cunniff, Ronald Grillo, James Hooper, Josephine Malaniak, Christine Melleno, Christopher Musto, Stephen Vendola, Ellen Young.

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the following list of three musicals in order of choice, depending upon availability of rights to show, for performance by 6th, 7th and 8th grade students of Lyndhurst.

“Thoroughly Modern Millie”
 “How to Succeed in BusinessTrying”
 “Fiddler on the Roof”

Rules & Regulations Committee

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

Motion made by Stephen Vendola second by Ronald Grillo that the following actions of the Board numbered 1 through 4 exception actions be adopted.

Roll Call For: (9) William Barnaskas, James Cunniff, Ronald Grillo, James Hooper, Josephine Malaniak, Christine Melleno, Christopher Musto, Stephen Vendola, Ellen Young.

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 Parks Dept.	Jefferson Gym	7:00 pm-9:00 pm 1/2,9,16,23,30; 2/6, 13,20,27; 3/5,12,19, 26; 4/2,9,16,23/12 Basketball
Lyndhurst Parks Dept.	Jefferson Gym	12:00pm-9:00 pm 1/8,15,22,29; 2/5, 12,19,26; 3/4,11,18, 25; 4/1,8,15/12 Basketball

Lyndhurst High School Project Graduation 2012	Lyndhurst HS Media Center	7:00 pm-9:00 pm 12/14/11 Gold Fundraiser
Lyndhurst Parks Dept.	Lyndhurst HS Gym	7:00 am-12:00 pm 1/21/12 Wrestling Match
Lyndhurst Parks Dept.	Roosevelt Gym	5:30 pm-7:30 pm 1/9,16,23; 2/6,13, 20/12 Basketball Pract.
Lyndhurst Parks Dept.	Jefferson Gym	7:00 pm-10:00 pm 1/7,14,21,28; 2/4, 11,18,25;3/3/12 Soccer & Softball
Lyndhurst Parks Dept.	Roosevelt Gym	1:00 pm-6:00 pm 1/8,15,22,29; 2/5, 12,19,26; 3/4/12 Soccer Practice
Linda Mullaney	Lyndhurst HS Gym	9:30 am-2:30 pm 2/10/12 Fund Raiser
Franklin School PTA	Franklin Principal's Office	11:30 am-12:15 pm February 2012 Raffle to eat lunch with Principal

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the following resolution proclaiming National PTA Teacher Appreciation Week May 7-11,2012.

WHEREAS, America's greatest strength has always been an educated citizenry, and

WHEREAS, that educated citizenry is directly attributable to our system of free and universal public education that provides an educational opportunity for all students, and

WHEREAS, the foundation upon which that system of public schooling rests is the classroom teacher, and

WHEREAS, the classroom teacher is challenged daily to reach out to every student regardless of ability, interest in learning, social or economic background, physical, mental, or emotional handicap, race, religion, creed or ethnic origin, to provide assistance and guidance necessary for full intellectual development; and,

WHEREAS, the classroom teacher is key to the intellectual and occupational preparation of individual citizens, who collectively determine the quality of life in America and in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the work of the classroom teacher immeasurably affects the future lives of all students; and

WHEREAS, the classroom teacher deserved the deepest respect and admiration of the citizens of our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education hereby proclaims "Teacher Appreciation Week" May 7-11, 2012 for the purpose of providing public recognition and appreciation for the dedication and contributions of the classroom teacher, not only to our communities as a whole, but to each of us individually as citizens.

3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the following resolution declaring the week of May 14-18, 2012 as Special Education Week.

WHEREAS, the week of May 14-18, 2012 has been designated as Special Education Week by the New Jersey School Board Association and the Association of Schools and Agencies for the Handicapped; and

WHEREAS, in the Lyndhurst Board of Education we have a tradition of excellence in our special education programs and a superb and dedicated staff,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lyndhurst Board of Education does hereby declare May 14-18, 2012 as Special Education Week. The Lyndhurst Board of Education, furthermore, is proud to provide exceptional programs that assist every child in reaching his or her potential.

4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the following resolution honoring secretarial, clerical and bookkeeping personnel and proclaiming the week of April 23-27, 2012 as Professional Secretaries' Week.

WHEREAS, the Lyndhurst Board of Education secretarial, clerical and bookkeeping staff members have successfully served the Lyndhurst Public Schools, its administration, faculty and student body in the daily performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, the Lyndhurst Board of Education secretarial, clerical and bookkeeping staff members have faithfully and unselfishly carried out their duties in an exemplary manner to the benefit of our students and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Lyndhurst Board of Education wishes to formally recognize and honor every secretarial, clerical and bookkeeping staff member for their personal dedication;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the week of April 23-27, 2012 is hereby proclaimed "National Professional Secretaries' Week" for the purpose of providing public recognition and appreciation for the contributions that secretarial, clerical and bookkeeping staff members to the Lyndhurst School District in the performance of their duties.

Student Activities & Recognition Committee

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

Motion made by Christine Melleno second by Ronald Grillo that the following Student Activities & Recognition actions of the Board numbered 1 through 1 exception actions be adopted.

Roll Call For: (9) William Barnaskas, James Cunniff, Ronald Grillo, James Hooper, Josephine Malaniak, Christine Melleno, Christopher Musto, Stephen Vendola, Ellen Young.

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve placement of one (1) special education student to attend Strang/Ranch Hope School (residential) in Alloway, New Jersey, effective December 2, 2011, for academics only, at a tuition rate of \$46,227.15, prorated.

Personnel Committee

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

Motion made by Christine Melleno second by Ronald Grillo that the following Personnel actions of the Board numbered 1-5 and 7-10 exception actions 6 be adopted.

Roll Call For: (9) William Barnaskas, James Cunniff, Ronald Grillo, James Hooper, Josephine Malaniak, Christine Melleno, Christopher Musto, Stephen Vendola, Ellen Young.

1. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education appoint Katie-lynn Day as a certificated teacher aide in a self-contained classroom for the 2011-2012 school year. Employment will be provisional, subject to authorization approval pending completion of criminal history background check, and subject to submission of all required application documents.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education hire Elisa Spiletycz as a School Psychologist for two (2) days per week, from January 3, 2012 through the end of June 2012 at a salary of \$300.00 per diem. Employment will be provisional, subject to authorization approval pending completion of criminal history background check, and subject to submission of all required application documents. This is a maternity leave replacement.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education appoint Richard Tuero as the Middle School Play Co-Director for the 2011-2012 school year, at a stipend of \$3,500.00.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education appoint Gina DiMaggio as Flag Squad Advisor for the 2011-2012 school year, at a stipend of \$2,420.00.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education designate Tracey L. Marinelli, Public Agency Compliance Officer for the 2011-12 school year.

--- SEPARATE VOTE -----
 Motion by Christine Melleno second by William Barnaskas

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.

James Cunniff Board Member	2/5-11/12, NSBA's 2012 Federal Relations Network Conference, approx. \$1,355.00
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Theresa Brennen	12/19/11, Connected Math (6 th) New Uses Bits & Pieces approx. \$102.13
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Theresa Brennen	1/24/12, Connected Math Gr. 7 Summaries approx. \$102.13
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Theresa Brennen	1/25/12, Connected Math Gr. 8 Summaries approx. \$102.13
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Theresa Brennen	1/30/12, Connected Math 2 (6 th) New Uses Covering & Surrounding Conquer Mathematics approx. \$102.13
Erik Franklin	12/12/11, SBJC Curriculum Committee approx. \$4.34
Marlene Krupp	12/12/11, SBJC Curriculum Committee approx. \$4.34
Marlene Krupp	1/10/12, SBJC Curriculum Committee approx. \$4.34
Phyllis Lind	1/23/12, CMP2 Gr. 6 Summaries approx. \$98.72
Sara Lampmann	3/16/12, Good Ideas in Teaching Pre-Calculus and... approx. \$179.11
Sarah Smietana	1/10/12, SBJC Curriculum Committee approx. \$4.34
Ruth Stern	3/16/12, Good Ideas in Teaching Pre-Calculus and.... approx. \$179.11

Roll Call For: (8) William Barnaskas, Ronald Grillo, James Hooper, Josephine Malaniak, Christine Melleno, Christopher Musto, Stephen Vendola, Ellen Young. Abstain: (1) James Cunniff

--- SEPARATE VOTE -----

7. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the following for the 2011-12 school year. Employment will be provisional, subject to authorization approval pending completion of criminal history background check, and subject to submission of all required application documents.

Maria Kisielewski

sub lunch aide

8. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the following volunteer coaches for the 2011-12 school year, pending completion of criminal history background check.

Mike Palughi – Girls Basketball

Brittany Stajek – Girls Basketball

9. 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 a field practicum/observation in the Lyndhurst Public Schools in order to fulfill their course requirements.

Colleen Bulger	Field Practicum, 50 hours March 5 – 16, 2012 District Lisa Stellato, Lauren Gash, Jill Tozduman
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Burcu Kulaksiz	Field Observation, 60 hours January 30 – May 4, 2012 Franklin School, grades 4&5
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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 2011-12 school year. Employment will be provisional, subject to authorization approval pending completion of criminal history background check, and subject to submission of all required application documents.

New Business

James Hooper – Legislative Committee, spoke about Abbott Districts. Parrady with Poor – Abbott vs. Fair Funding School Formula – 12.2 million to Teaneck – 2009 – 1.02 million.

Fairness issues – middle districts – minimum standards for all schools. Asked for permission to go and see legislators. Christopher Musto met with Assemblyman Schaer and referenced Kearny and Harrison, Union City – why? – Garfield and Hoboken.

Christopher Musto stated that Union City HS got 190 million in state funding. He is meeting with Assemblyman Schaer to express our problems and invite him to come. Short term is undetermined – long term, keep on legislators.

James Hooper read from an article/court case.

William Barnaskas – likes the start of dialogue. He stated that Jim Cunniff would be attending the Delegate Assembly on January 21, 2012 and suggested that he network with others.

William Barnaskas stated that we should start to use ED Fund as an alternative means of funding.

James Hooper talked about NBC Smash application – 40 districts involved – suggested we make a musical video.

Superintendent's Report

The Lyndhurst High School Mock Trial Team won its first round competition Wednesday, January 4, 2012 against "Bergen Arts & Science" Charter School. This mock trial was held at the Bergen County Court House. The next round competition is Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at the Bergen County Court House.

Congratulations to:

Student attorneys – Joe Shinnick and Dylan Stanco
 Student witnesses – Essence Sanders, Marcos Rodriguez and Jesselyne Escalante
 Student Jurors – Diana Shinnick, Yanela Espinosa and Leslie Bonilla
 Teacher Advisor – Gina DiMaggio

Two juniors, Gianna DiPisa and Michelle Foti, have been accepted to the summer journalism program at George Mason University for a week in Summer 2012. Congratulations!!

Presentation

Marlene Krupp, District Math Supervisor, gave a presentation on 2012 Senior Scholarship Money Received; Proposed Advanced Track for Science (2012-13); Proposed New Courses (2012-13); Proposed Program of Study (2012-13); High School Open House; Test Date Committee Report; I-Pad and Interactive Boards.

Public Comments

Agenda Items

None

Non-Agenda Items

Douglas Ginsberg – Asked if the district internet posts curriculum materials?

Superintendent Marinelli talked about Fall Professional Development – interactive board and 1-1 initiative.

Superintendent Marinelli mentioned that virtual high school has 50 seats. An example of a virtual high school course would be architecture.

Mr. Ginsberg talked about a Pilot Program from California "Gates Foundation". Tracey Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools responded that she would not use anything from California since they are behind in academics.

Adjournment

Motion by William Barnaskas second by Josephine Malaniak and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David DiPisa
School Business Administrator
Board Secretary