

Meeting #15

Lyndhurst, NJ
February 6, 2012

The Lyndhurst Board of Education held a Regular meeting on February 6, 2012 at 8:04 p.m.

Call to Order

President Young called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m. and requested all those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

The following Board members answered roll call: (7) Ronald Grillo, James Hooper, Josephine Malaniak, Christine Melleno, Christopher Musto, Stephen Vendola, Ellen Young. Absent: (1) James Cunniff

Also present: Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, David DiPisa, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Open Public Meeting Act

President Young 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.

New Board Member

Motion made by Ronald Grillo second by Christine Melleno that the Lyndhurst Board of Education appoint Annie Rowe to fill the vacancy left behind due to the resignation of William Barnaskas.

Roll Call For: (6) Ronald Grillo, James Hooper, Josephine Malaniak, Christine Melleno, Stephen Vendola, Ellen Young. Absent: (1) James Cunniff. Against: (1) Christopher Musto.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ronald Grillo second by James Hooper that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the minutes of Meeting #13, January 9, 2012.

Roll Call For: (7) Ronald Grillo, James Hooper, Josephine Malaniak, Christine Melleno, Christopher Musto, Stephen Vendola, Ellen Young. Absent: (1) James Cunniff. Abstain: (1) Annie Rowe

Public Comments

Agenda Items

Elaine Stella – Budget

Board Election to November

How was Board member chosen to fill vacancy?

Principal, teacher and secretary transfers – reconfiguration

Doris Vacca – Passed

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 Christopher Musto second by Christine Melleno that the following Finance actions of the Board numbered 1 through 6 exception actions be adopted.

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

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 January 31, 2012 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 January 31, 2012 be and the same is hereby approved and ordered paid:

Payroll	\$2,017,762.72
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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 February 6, 2012 be and the same are hereby approved and ordered paid:

Charter School (Fund 10)	\$ 7,870.00
Current Expense (Fund 11)	\$742,188.97
Education Jobs Fund (Fund 18)	\$ 2,723.00
Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$ 93,585.36
 Total	 \$846,367.33
 General Ledger	 \$163,649.79
Accounts Payable (Fund 11)	\$ 1,683.00

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 January 2012, be and the same are hereby approved and ordered paid:

Payroll/Payroll Taxes	\$26,670.63
Services	\$77,573.14

5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the attached transfers for the month of January 2012.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve FY 2012-2013 preliminary school budget for submission to the County Office as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
General Fund	\$34,603,693.00	\$32,652,875.00
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 959,275.00	- 0 -
Debt Service Fund	\$ 656,818.00	\$ 656,818.00
 Total Base Budget	 \$36,219,786.00	 \$33,309,693.00

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 _____ second by _____ that the following
Education & Curriculum actions of the Board numbered _____ through
exception actions be adopted.

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

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>
Washington PTA	Washington Auditorium	6:00 pm-10:00 pm 2/7/12 Spelling Bee
Roosevelt PTA	Roosevelt Gym	9:00 am-3:00 pm 3/30/12 Book Fair

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education permit the Lyndhurst Fire Department to use a six (6) piece stage for a fund raiser at the Fire Department on March 16th and March 17th, 2012.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the attached 2012-2013 school year calendar.

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: (8) Ronald Grillo, James Hooper, Josephine Malaniak, Christine Melleno, Christopher Musto, Annie Rowe, Stephen Vendola, Ellen Young. Absent: (1) James Cunniff

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve home instruction for one (1) 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 may so indicate now and a separate motion for each of the excepted actions will be entertained.

Motion made by Christine Melleno second by Christopher Musto that the following Personnel actions of the Board numbered 1 through 10 exception actions be adopted.

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

1. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education appoint Blake Spence as Middle School Play Co-Director for the 2011-12 school year, at a stipend of \$3,500.00.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education appoint Diane Jankowski as Co-Advisor for the Class of 2013, effective February 7, 2012, at a stipend of \$508.75, prorated.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education appoint Joseph Castagnetti as Acting Head Football Coach, effective February 7, 2012 through the remainder of the 2011-12 school year.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education place the following employee on the proper step of the salary guide.

Lisa Stellato From:MA@\$59,415 To:MA+30@\$63,415
effective February 1, 2012

5. 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 3/12/12, Bits & Pieces III, Mathematics
Jefferson approx. \$102.13

Christine Caldwell 2/27/12, Guided Reading: Differentiating Using
Washington Small Groups, approx. \$231.20

Nicole Cortese 3/6/12, NJAHPERD-Ride the Wave of Change!
approx. \$127.27

Richard Falcicchio 1/10/12, SBJC Curriculum Committee
HS approx. \$4.34

Alice Fiedler Washington	2/10/12, Emergency Preparedness for Schools approx. \$25.00
Lisa Klein Supervisor	2/7/12, Model Curriculum Writing Kickoff approx. \$30.71
Marlene Krupp	2/6/12, Learning About the Four Teacher District Evaluation Systems, approx. \$113.80 2/9/12, SBJC Curriculum Committee approx. \$4.34 2/16/12, Math Supervisors Roundtable Mtg#3 approx. \$7.44 2/28/12, SBJC - approx. \$4.34
Laura Marinelli Supervisor	2/7/12, Becoming a 21 st Century Communication District, approx. \$161.62
Maryann Mule HS	2/28,29/12 & 3/1/12, I&RS and 504 Workshop approx. \$250.00
Joyce Spittle Lincoln	3/9/12, PreK and Kindergarten Science Prism approx. \$100.00
Lisa Stellato HS	2/28,29/12 & 3/1/12, Intervention & Referral Services-3 Day Workshop, approx. \$250.00
Margaret Weckstein HS	3/23/12, Transforming Learning-Transforming Lives, approx. \$72.40

6. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of Tracey L. Marinelli, Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education, at a meeting held on December 5, 2011, Motion #8, rescind Jason DaCosta as a boys track volunteer coach, effective immediately.
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.

Phyllis Sozcienski	Bus Aide @ Lincoln Tech Program (replacement)
Frank Moraski	Sub Bus Aide
Diane Basile	Lunch Aide @ Roosevelt (replacement)
Maria Granese	Lunch Aide @ Roosevelt (replacement)
Carol Rivera	Sub Lunch Aide
Nick Sabastiano	Sub Custodian

8. 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 do their observation, internship, etc., in the Lyndhurst Public Schools in order to complete their course requirements.

Katherine McMahon 3 hours observation
Montclair State Univ. Lincoln School, grade 4

Elba Alves Castrovinci Superintendent Intern
Montclair State Univ. starting February 6, 2012

9. 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.
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 transfers for the 2012-13 school year.

Principals' effective date: July 1, 2012
Teachers' effective date: September 1, 2012
Secretaries' effective date: July 1, 2012

PRINCIPALS

Last Name	First Name	From	To
Coffaro	Nicholas	Washington	Lyndhurst High School
Gordon	Jean	LHS	Washington/Lincoln
De Corso	Joseph	Franklin	Prevost/Franklin/Roosevelt
Strumolo	Peter	Roosevelt	Prevost/Franklin/Roosevelt
Vastola	Joseph	Columbus/Lincoln	Jefferson Comm./Columbus/Jefferson
Giangeruso	Robert	Jefferson	Jefferson Comm./Columbus/Jefferson

TEACHERS

Last Name	First Name	From	To
Sandomenico	Teresa	Columbus	Prevost
Troncone	Lisa	Columbus	Lincoln
Sammarone	Danielle	Columbus	Jefferson
Bilis	Kelly	Franklin	Prevost
Falcicchio	Kathy	Franklin	Washington
Hughes	Darius	TAG	Jefferson
Lind	Phyllis	Franklin	Roosevelt
Picardo	Michael	Franklin	Roosevelt
Spedding	Donna	Franklin	Roosevelt
Torre	Nancy	Franklin	Roosevelt
Fragale	Jennifer	Jefferson	Washington
Bernardo	Christina	Jefferson	Washington
Manganaro	Sandra	Jefferson	Lincoln
Drewes	Lori	Jefferson	Columbus
Baslaw	Jennie	Jefferson	Franklin
Waechter	Diane	Jefferson	TAG
Spittle	Joyce	Lincoln	Washington
Falcicchio	Jennifer	Lincoln	Franklin
Fitzgibbon	Kelly	Lincoln	Columbus
Gress	Diane	Lincoln	Columbus
O'Keefe	Michele	Lincoln	Jefferson
Voza	Luann	Lincoln	Roosevelt
Mount	Tim	Lincoln	Roosevelt
Blevis	John	Lincoln	Jefferson
Rizzo	Michael	Lincoln	Jefferson
Catanese	Elaine	Lincoln	Jefferson
Caruso	Marie	Roosevelt	Washington
Kairys	Genevieve	Roosevelt	Prevost
Kelly	Lisa	Roosevelt	Washington

TEACHERS

Last Name	First Name	From	To
Lacey	Jill	Roosevelt	Franklin
Norcia	Melissa	Roosevelt	Franklin
Cocchiola	Susan	Roosevelt	Columbus
Matvienko	Teressa	Roosevelt	Franklin
Sarnoski	Robyn	Roosevelt	Lincoln

Dudek	Amanda	Roosevelt	Lincoln
Kost	Robert	Roosevelt	Lincoln
Day	James	Roosevelt	Lincoln
Leonardi	Christine	Roosevelt	Lincoln
Marcantuono	Joy	Roosevelt	Franklin
VanKleef	Patricia	Roosevelt	Jefferson
Sparta	Maureen	Roosevelt	Lincoln
Minarovich	Marilyn	Washington	Roosevelt
Benedetto	Jackie	Washington	Roosevelt
Spence	Blake	Washington	Lincoln
Ross	Shannon	Washington	Roosevelt
Ellis	Paula	Washington	Lincoln
Recchione	Robert	Washington	Franklin
Valentin	Staci	Washington	Lincoln

Unfinished Business

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

Motion made by James Hooper second by Christine Melleno that the following Unfinished Business actions of the Board numbered 1 through 1 exception actions be adopted.

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

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education accept the resignation of William Barnaskas as a member of the Lyndhurst Board of Education, effective immediately, with regret.

Unfinished Business – Discussion

James Hooper spoke about a bill he drafted to assist non-Abbot districts in the same situation as Lyndhurst to receive funding to remedy the inadequate facilities in those districts. He also read from a past Abbot decision regarding facilities. He is working on creating an awareness that this is a problem that needs to be addressed at the state level.

James Hooper recognized the great job the Lyndhurst swim team did this past year. Impressive due to the fact it was only the third year the team competed.

New Business

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

Motion made by Ronald Grillo second by Christopher Musto that the following New Business actions of the Board numbered 1 through 1 exception actions be adopted.

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

1. WHEREAS Public Law P.L. 2011, c.202, Laws of 2012 provides that a local school district may adopt a resolution to eliminate the vote on its annual school budget that is within the statutory cap imposed by the State of New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, the above legislation provides that the above action would require districts to hold their annual election for school board members in November during the regular general election, and

WHEREAS, the Lyndhurst Board of Education has determined that the statutory restrictions on the local levy tax increase for annual school appropriations is appropriate and sufficient to control and maintain a thorough and efficient education for the children of Lyndhurst, and

WHEREAS, the Lyndhurst Board of Education, consistent with the budgetary restrictions expressed above, believes that dispensing with annual school budget votes will save taxpayer dollars, and

WHEREAS, the Lyndhurst Board of Education believes that school board member elections in November will attract a far greater number of voters than typically vote in April elections, and

WHEREAS, the Lyndhurst Board of Education believes that the elimination of the vote on the school budget and the movement of the board member election to November is in the best interest of the Lyndhurst community, and

WHEREAS, the Lyndhurst Board of Education understands that this decision shall remain in effect for a minimum of four years,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education does hereby determine that it will eliminate the vote on its annual school budget which shall be within the statutory cap and become effective for the 2012-13 budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education does hereby determine that the election of school board members will occur at the annual general election in November, 2012.

New Business – Discussion

Christine Melleno was asked to be on the Academic Awards Committee as a Board member.

Superintendent's Report

1. Chris Stephenson, head of the Computer Science Teacher's Association, formed a committee of representatives from K-12 and college computer science education programs to take on the task of producing the new Computer Science Model Curriculum.

Brian Fuschetto, Lyndhurst High School Business Education Teacher, was asked to serve on this committee. In December of 2010, the committee met in Washington DC for 3 days where they examined standards for computer studies programs from various states, national and international organizations. From there they developed 5 common core standards. In October of 2011, Mr. Fuschetto was asked to attend the SIGITE (Special Interest Group on Information Technology Education) annual conference at West Point, NY to give a presentation on the new standards. In late November, the official publication was released in print nationwide.

I would like to commend Mr. Fuschetto for his countless hours of volunteer work and commitment to his teaching career and students of Lyndhurst High School. Mr. Fuschetto is now a published contributor on The CSTA Standards Task Force. He is an asset to the High School Business Department and school district.

2. The following student scholars achieved top 10 status at the Northern Region FBLA Competition last week. They will now join our Project and Presentation based competitors at the State Leadership Conference in March. Congratulations to each of these students and Mr. Fuschetto, their sponsor.

Angela Sammarone – 10th place in Business Communications
 Yagiz Balkay – 8th place in Intro to Business
 Ravi Shah – 5th place in Business Calculations
 Thiago Fernandes – 2nd place in Technology Concepts

3. Congratulations to Samantha Lockhart (former Lyndhurst High School student) of the Peahens soccer team, for being named Saint Peter's College NJIAW Woman of the Year.

4. Congratulations to Karina Martinez, criminal justice major at Rutgers, (former Lyndhurst High School student) who was featured in the NJ Next magazine for her studies in child labor laws in Ghana as part of an effort to raise awareness about human rights.
5. Superintendent Tracey L. Marinelli gave a report on parent participation at the various workshops and activities held by the district.

Public Comments

Non-Agenda Items

Elaine Stella – Passed

Catherine Kavanagh-Knief – Her daughter will be an 8th grade student and very upset that she will not be with her class when reconfiguration takes place.

Billie Catelli – Reconfiguration in effect for next year?
Hardship in location – Roosevelt to Jefferson
When is this happening?

Doris Vacca – What percent of people/student are not residents?
What if people don't drive – live next to school – what will happen?

John Cachi – Requested from the superintendent to be spoken to with respect.
Parents don't come to district/school events because they are working two and three jobs.

Trisha Protti – Elected positions should be voted on.
Parent participation at events – should give some kind of incentive or reward for each school who has the most participation.
Questioned lunch time supervision.
Complained that her daughter went outside at lunch when temperature was 28°.

Darius Hughes – Middle School defeated – less than 3,000 people voted. You should exercise your right to vote. You are powerless if you do not vote.

Christopher Musto – Responded to Darius Hughes' comments.

Ronald Grillo – Responded to Darius Hughes' comments.

Ellen Young – Responded to Darius Hughes' comments.

Josephine Malaniak – Responded to Darius Hughes' comments.

Megan Garcia – Commented on students being moved from Jefferson to Lincoln

Travis Miragliotta (former Lincoln School student) – Why Washington School and Lincoln School are together?

Asked about a specific staff member – informed could not respond.

Asked if an acting coach is being hired? Responded yes.

Adjournment

Motion by Ronald Grillo second by Christopher Musto and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David DiPisa
School Business Administrator
Board Secretary