

**LINWOOD, NEW JERSEY**  
**August 26, 2015**

In compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" of the State of New Jersey adequate notice of this regular meeting has been provided. On May 21, 2015 written notice of this regular meeting was posted in two schools, City Hall, and the Linwood City Library. On that same date written notice was faxed and mailed to The Press and The Current.

The meeting of the Linwood Board of Education was called to order by **Mr. Sless**, Board President, in the Schiavo Auditorium, Belhaven Middle School, Linwood, New Jersey, **Wednesday, August 26, 2015, 7:06 PM.**

Mr. Sless led all present in a flag salute.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Scannell, Mr. Sless, Mrs. DeMorat, Judge Todd, and Mrs. Ziereis

**MEMBERS ABSENT** Mr. McLaughlin

**OTHERS PRESENT:** M. Gaffney, Superintendent, T. Weeks, Business Administrator, F. Rudnesky and S. Speirs, Principals, J. Yochim, Supervisor, D. McCabe, F. Pileiro, S. Marino, R. Wise, J. Simpson, S. Evinski, T. Graziotto, J. Cunniff, L. Whitley, M. Pellegrino, MK Pellegrino, H. Derbyshire, L. Shannon, A. Suckiel, K. Savino, T. Jones-Anders, T. Anders, C. Faia, L. Hindman, H. Rha, K. Nazarok, T. Lhulier, N. Robinson, F. Pileiro, D. Lamkin, C. Meade, L. Bender, S. Amey, L. Dooner, L. Childs, E. Coombs, C Silverberg, S. Morrison, B. Marino, A. Marino, L. Harvey

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING, as amended** - Motion made by Mrs. Ziereis, **July 22, 2015** seconded by Mrs. Scannell, to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting, held July 22, 2015, as amended for Board Comments.

Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

*Motion approved.*

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Motion made by Judge Todd, seconded **July 22, 2015** by Mrs. Gibson, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session, held July 22, 2015.

Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

*Motion approved.*

**SECRETARY & TREASURER'S REPORT** - Motion made by Judge Todd, seconded Mrs. Ziereis, **REVISED June 2015** to acknowledge the receipt and to file the Revised Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer for the month of June 2015, which are in agreement.

Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

*Motion approved.*

**SECRETARY & TREASURER'S REPORT** - Motion made by Judge Todd, seconded Mrs. Ziereis, **JULY 2015** to acknowledge the receipt and to file the Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer for the month of July 2015, which are in agreement.

Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

*Motion approved.*

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Instruction –**

**Operations – None**

**Governance -**

**Negotiations – None**

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** - None.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

#### **FOR INFORMATION**

1. Strategic Plan Presentation – Mr. Jerry Woehr from EIRC provided an overview of the Strategic Planning process and services available through EIRC.

#### **ACTION REQUIRED**

**RESIGNATION** - Motion made by Mrs. Ziereis, seconded by Mrs. Scannell, to accept the resignation of Shaune Slattery, Special Education Teacher effective immediately.

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

*Motion approved.*

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE** - Motion made by Mrs. Ziereis, seconded by Mrs. Scannell, to approve a Family Medical and New Jersey Leave of absence for Ms. Jill Cunniff, Teacher, effective on or about October 28, 2015 through February 20, 2016 using 37 sick days during the FMLA time and to approve a leave of absence for Mr. Brian Coyle from the Head Girls Basketball Coach Stipend for the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

*Motion approved.*

**AMEND EMPLOYMENT** - Motion made by Mrs. Ziείς, seconded by Mrs. Scannell, to amend Ms. Bambi Cannuscio, \$13.00 per hour to \$14.00 per hour to reflect her placement on the guide as Instructional Aide with 60 + credits.

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

*Motion approved.*

**EMPLOYMENT** - Motion made by Mrs. Ziείς, seconded by Mrs. Scannell, to approve, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to hire the following:

- Ms. Kristina Burns, Full Time Special Education Teacher, BA Step 4
- Ms. Stephanie Stanger, Long Term Substitute Teacher, per Substitute Pay Policy
- Meagan Lee, Part Time Special Education Teacher, BA Step 1, emergent hiring requested
- Samantha Filangieri, Part Time Special Education Teacher, BA Step 1, emergent hiring requested

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

*Motion approved.*

**CHANGE IN POSITION** - Motion made by Mrs. Ziείς, seconded by Mrs. Scannell, to approve a change in position for the following staff:

<b><u>Staff</u></b>	<b><u>From</u></b>	<b><u>To</u></b>
Beth Bagocius	Kindergarten Expanded Day	Preschool Disabilities
Jennifer Bernardini	Gr 5 Language Arts	Gr 5 Language Arts & Social Studies
Lori Dooner	Gr 5 Language Arts	Gr 5 Language Arts & Social Studies
Henry Eissler	Gr 5 Science	Gr 6 Science
Bernadette Marino	Gr 5 Math	Gr 5 Science
Kevin Jacobs	Special Education	Gr 5 Math
Carmen Faia	Gr 6 Science	Gr 8 Science
Karen Farside	Curriculum & Child Study Team Sec.	Child Study Team Secretary
Mary Kate Pellegrino	Part Time Child Study Team Sec.	Non-Confidential Secretary

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

*Motion approved.*

**TEACHERS AS SUBSTITUTES** - Motion made by Mrs. Ziείς, seconded by Mrs. Scannell, to approve part time teacher to be used as substitute teachers as needed:

Laura Bender	Linda Dirkes	Mary Jane McAllister
Samantha Notos	Kim Savino	Stephanie Swift
Michele Tighe		

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

*Motion approved.*

**INSTRUCTIONAL AIDES** - Motion made by Mrs. Ziereis, seconded by Mrs. Scannell, to approve the following instructional aides to be used as a substitute teacher as needed:

Jamie Bean	Bambi Cannuscio	Melissa Hackett
Mary Hodgens	Sheri Lamp	Emily Reed
Jill Quintas		

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

*Motion approved.*

**HOME INSTRUCTION TEACHERS** - Motion made by Mrs. Ziereis, seconded by Mrs. Scannell, to approve the following staff as home instruction teacher upon the recommendation of the superintendent and to be paid at a rate of \$40 per hour.

Jennifer Bernardini	Deborah Levine	Samantha Notos
Bernadette Getzler	Mary Beth McKenna	Christine Swan
Kristen Lamkin	Christopher Meade	Michele Tighe
Kim Savino		

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

*Motion approved.*

**SUBSTITUTES** - Motion made by Mrs. Ziereis, seconded by Mrs. Scannell, to approve, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, to rehire the following substitute teachers:

Judith Alton	Mary Beth Gallagher	Germain Osorio
Tanya Arlington-Narvaez	Meagan Gatley	Robert Patrick
Patricia Armstrong	Rosemarie Green	Wendy Payton
Michael Bagocius	Thomas Grockenberger	Sally Pease
Scott Baker	Carol Heller	Kira Pepek
Rachel Barnes	Nicole Higbee	William Polko
Cameron Bell	Ralph Hill	Meagan Readeau
Sharon Baxter	Abigail Jamison	Tiffany Rettew
Judith Branin	Karan Janson	Debra Roland
Buehler, Robin	Tracy Johnson	Neil Rosenzweig
Suzanne Castello	Marian Jordan	Annamarie Sabatini
Judy Cline	Margaret P. Juliano	Elaine Santo
Joanne Collins	Marilyn Kessler	Kathy Savini
Denise Costello	Thomas Kinch	William Shaughnessy
Kathy Crane	Larry Lamkin	Stephanie Stanger
Mary Crane	Elvira Lanzilotti	Amy Strang
Kelly Crawford	Jill Leap	Teresa Tadley
Paul Dalnoky	Elizabeth Lee	Joanne Teague
Michael DeCicco	Ginger Liberatore	Susan Thompson
Gail Desberg-Kiejdan	Edward Maddox	*Tammy Thornton
Tonya DiNofrio	Mollie Magill	Colleen Tighe
Victoria Dolceamore	Gregory Maiuro	Jennifer Van Dyke
Cindy Donovan	Katie Marakos	Paul Van Langen

Jessica Dreager	Michael McComb	Kristen Vogelbacher
Mary Ellen Dudnick	Dawn Miller	Robert Walters
Virginia Emery	Karen Miller	Meagan Ward
Sarah Farnig	Cassandra Mills	Lynn Warren
Joseph Fiore	Christopher Moziitis	Ryan West
Natalie Fisher	Kelly Mulligan	Johnna White
Kristen Flanagan	Linda Mullin	Bonnie Zatyko
Debra Freed	Jillian Noonan	
Jules Freeman	Anastasia Ordille	

**To hire the following new substitute teachers:**

Lauren Guarracino	*Haejin Park	*Emily C. Reed
Laura Watts		

**To hire the following substitute instructional aides:**

Mariah Belber	Alisa Carey	Linda Dunn
Marianne Hoban	Joan Rosenfeld	Ashley Stieffenhofer

**To hire the following substitute nurse or substitute teacher:**

Kimberly Geria	*Jan Miller	Taylor Nehmad
Margaret A. Juliano	Christina H. Somers	

**To hire the following substitute custodians:**

Stanislaw Jelesnianski	Joseph Winters
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**To hire the following substitute Seaview Camp Aides:**

Carol Abrams-Goldinher	Larry Arch	Virginia Emery
Kathleen Lajiness	Brenda Mucciarone	Patricia Skovron

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.  
*Motion approved.*

**WAIVER APPLICATION NJAC 6a:5 - EVALUATIONS** - Motion made by Mrs. Zierys, seconded by Mrs. Scannell, to approve the resolution for submission of the Waiver Application for N.J.A.C. 6A:4 for teacher evaluations.

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.  
*Motion approved.*

**CURRICULUM REVISIONS** - Motion made by Mrs. Zierys, seconded by Mrs. Scannell, to approve the revised curricula listed below as aligned to the Common Core Standards:

<u>Content Area</u>	<u>District-Implementation of Revised Curricula</u>
Visual and Performing Arts	September 2015
Comprehensive Health and P.E.	September 2015
English Language Arts	September 2015
Mathematics	September 2015
Science	September 2015

Social Studies	September 2015
World Languages	September 2015
Technology	September 2015
21 <sup>st</sup> Century Life Careers	September 2015

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes, except Judge Todd who abstained.

*Motion approved.*

**STAFF TRAVEL** - Motion made by Mrs. Zierys, seconded by Mrs. Scannell, to approve travel, professional development activities and work related expenses for employees as listed below. The attendance at stated function was previously approved by the Chief School Administrator, as work related and within the scope of the work responsibilities of the attendee. The attendance at the function was approved as promoting delivery of instruction or furthering efficient operation of the school district and fiscally prudent. The travel and related expenses particular to attendance at this function is expected to exceed the state travel guidelines established by the Department of Treasury in NJOMB circular letter. The board finds the travel and related expense and the excess expenses particular to attendance at this previously approved function is necessary, and that the excess is justified and therefore reimbursable. All staff travel that applies to this motion is marked with an (\*).

Name	Travel Date(s)	Location	Event	Registration	Mileage Expense
Kristina Burns Casey Kilroy Christine Swan Stephanie Swift	On-going	In-District	Wilson Start Up Day Training and Practicum for Level One Wilson Certification (observations, on-line course, implementation seminars)	*\$10,750 To be paid from IDEIA funds	N/A
Stephanie Swift	08/25/15 08/26/15 08/27/15	Oak Knoll Elementary School, Williamstown, NJ	Wilson Introductory Workshop	\$25.00	N/A
Teri J. Weeks	08/25/15	Sicklerville, NJ	Facilities Evaluation Training for QSAC	N/A	Not to exceed \$50
Teri J. Weeks	09/21/15 10/23/15 11/13/15 12/11/15 01/26/16 02/19/16	Various	Atlantic County Association of School Business Officials Monthly Meetings	N/A	Not to exceed \$15 per event

03/11/16  
04/15/16  
05/20/16  
06/09/16

Patrick Childs	09/23/15	Smithville Inn	Building &	N/A	N/A
	10/28/15	Smithville, NJ	Grounds		
	11/25/15		Meetings		
	9/08/15	Atlantic Cape	Management		
	9/10/14	Community	Supervision &		
	9/15/14	College,	Human Resources		
	9/22/15	Mays Landing,	Information		
	9/22/15	NJ	Systems		
	9/24/15		Structural and		
	9/29/15		Mechanical		
	10/01/15		Systems		
	10/06/15		Energy		
	10/08/15		Management		
	10/13/15				
	10/15/15				
	10/20/15				
	11/12/15				
	11/17/15				
	11/24/15				
	12/01/15				
	12/03/15				
	12/11/15				

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

*Motion approved.*

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT** - Motion made by Mrs. Zierys, seconded by Mrs. Scannell, to approve Stockton University SRI and ETTC to provide Dyslexia II training not to exceed 18 ETTC hours and to approve REM Audiology to provide training with Hearing Impaired students in class not to exceed \$375.

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

*Motion approved.*

**CLASS TRAVEL - POOL USE** - Motion made by Mrs. Zierys, seconded by Mrs. Scannell, to approve the Special Education students field trip to the Mainland Regional High School pool twice a month during the 2015-2016 school year. Ms. Amy Magazzu and Bernadette Getzler are persons in charge.

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

*Motion approved.*

**BOARD BYLAW, POLICY, PROCEDURE AND REGULATIONS** - Motion made by Judge Todd, seconded by Mrs. Gibson, to approve the first and second readings of the By Laws, Policy, Procedures and Regulations as listed:

**FIRST READING**

Policy 2340	Field Trips
Procedure 2622	Student Assessment
Regulation 5200	Attendance

**SECOND READING**

Bylaw 0134	Board Self Evaluation
Bylaw 0152	Board Officers
Policy 2622	Student Assessment (M) - Program
Policy 3212	Attendance - Teaching Staff Members
Policy 3218	Substance Abuse (M) – Teaching Staff Members
Regulation 3218	Substance Abuse (M) – Teaching Staff Members
Policy 4212	Attendance – Support Staff Members
Policy 4218	Substance Abuse (M) – Support Staff Members
Regulation 4218	Substance Abuse (M) – Support Staff Members
Policy 5200	Attendance (M) – Pupils
Policy 8630	Bus Driver/Bus Aide Responsibility (M) – Operations

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

*Motion approved.*

**PAY TO PARTICIPATE POLICY** - Motion made by Judge Todd, seconded by Mrs. Gibson, to approve the District Pay to Participate Policy.

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

*Motion approved.*

**GRADE 1-8 TUITION CONTRACTS** - Motion made by Mrs. Gibson, seconded by Mrs. DeMorat, to approve grade 1-8 regular education tuition contracts for two students, 5926873281 entering fifth grade, and 74837961207 entering fourth grade for a tuition rate of \$12,824 which is 90% of the certified cost per pupil for the 2013-2014 school year.

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

*Motion approved.*

**TUITION CONTRACTS** - Motion made by Mrs. Gibson, seconded by Mrs. DeMorat, to approve tuition contracts with Atlantic County Special Services for one student attending their Multiply Disabled Program in the amount of \$38,800, one student in their Preschool Disabled Program in the amount of \$37,440, and one student in their Severely Cognitively Impaired program in the amount of \$39,960.

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

*Motion approved.*



**NON PUBLIC SERVICES** - Motion made by Mrs. Gibson, seconded by Mrs. DeMorat, to non public grant agreements with Creative Learning Preschool in the amount of \$900 for Nursing, \$571 for Textbooks, and \$260 for Technology.

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

*Motion approved.*

**EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR** - Motion made by Mrs. Gibson, seconded by Mrs. DeMorat, to approve the extended school year contract with Atlantic County Special Services for two students who attended the program for a cost of \$110 per day, total cost \$2,200 per student.

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

*Motion approved.*

**JOINT TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT** - Motion made by Mrs. Gibson, seconded by Mrs. DeMorat, to approve a Joint Transportation contract with Mainland Regional High School for the 2015-2016 LWSP route in the amount of \$37,000.

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

*Motion approved.*

**JOINT TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT** - Motion made by Mrs. Gibson, seconded by Mrs. DeMorat, to approve a Joint Transportation contract with Atlantic County Special Services for the 2015-2016 Extended School year route in the amount of \$2,960.

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

*Motion approved.*

**TRANSPORTATION FOR SELF CONTAINED STUDENTS** - Motion made by Mrs. Gibson, seconded by Mrs. DeMorat, to approve transportation for Self Contained students to the Mainland Regional High School pool two times per month for the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

*Motion approved.*

**WSCA PURCHASE** - Motion made by Mrs. Gibson, seconded by Mrs. DeMorat, to the purchase of 145 Chromebooks from MRA International for a cost of \$51,468 under WSCA contract #70262. The LEF supported the purchase of \$26,622 of the computers through the various grants awarded. The balance of the computers are replacements and additional carts that were budgeted. Quotes were received from Troxell Communications and CDW-G and MRA, International had the best pricing.

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

*Motion approved.*

**EQUIPMENT PURCHASE** - Motion made by Mrs. Gibson, seconded by Mrs. DeMorat, to approve the purchase of fitness equipment and installation from APC Play in the amount of \$15,688. This purchase is part of the Belhaven Property Renovation project and will be paid from Capital Project funds bonded by the City. Quotes were received from TriActive America and General Recreation.

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

*Motion approved.*

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER** - Motion made by Mrs. Gibson, seconded by Mrs. DeMorat, to approve Broadview Networks as the line carrier for our telecommunications effective upon completion of the telephone upgrade project. Proposals were also received from Line Systems and Xtel.

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

*Motion approved.*

**REJECT PROPOSAL** - Motion made by Mrs. Gibson, seconded by Mrs. DeMorat, to reject the proposal received from Notaro Construction with a base amount of \$30,693 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44 where Business Registration Certificate is required at the time of bid or proposal submission and it has been determined that on the date of the proposal, Notaro Construction had not applied for said Business Registration Certificate.

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

*Motion approved.*

**ACCEPT PROPOSAL – OUTDOOR CLASSROOM PROJECT** - Motion made by Mrs. Gibson, seconded by Mrs. DeMorat, to accept the proposal for the Belhaven Outdoor Classroom Project base bid in the amount of \$33,470 received from Michael Angerman Landscaping, Inc. Alternate 1 in the amount of \$14,260 and Alternate 2 in the amount of \$11,640 will not be awarded. One other bid was received from Notaro Construction which was rejected. This project is funded with Capital Projects funds bonded by the City.

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

*Motion approved.*

**USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES** - Motion made by Mrs. Gibson, seconded by Mrs. DeMorat, to approve the following use of school facilitiesL

<b><u>Organization</u></b>	<b><u>Facility</u></b>	<b><u>Date/Time</u></b>	<b><u>Fee</u></b>
<b>Atlantic City Area Mac Users Group (ACAMUG)</b> Monthly meetings	Belhaven Media Center	<b>2015:</b> September 11, October 9, November 13 <b>2016:</b> January 8, February 12, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, August 12 7:00-9:00 p.m.	Yes
<b>Linwood Education Foundation</b> Monthly LEF Meetings	Belhaven Library	October 1, November 12, and December 3, 2015 7:00-8:30 p.m.	No
<b>Student Support Parent Advisory Committee (SPPAC)</b> Parent Meeting	Belhaven Library	November 11, 2015 7:30-9:30 p.m.	No

**New Jersey Schools Boards Assn.**      Belhaven                              March 1, 2016                              No  
School Boards Event                      Cafetorium                              6:00-9:30 p.m.

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

*Motion approved.*

**AMEND HOURLY WAGE** - Motion made by Mrs. Gibson, seconded by Mrs. DeMorat, to correct the hourly wage for Ms. Nicole Hamilton, Part Time Non-Instructional Aide to \$12.78 per hour. It was incorrectly reported at \$11.88 per hour.

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

*Motion approved.*

**RESIGNATIONS** - Motion made by Mrs. Gibson, seconded by Mrs. DeMorat, to accept the resignations as follows:

Samantha Notos              Part Time Basic Skills                      Effective Immediately  
Christine Ruth              Guidance Counselor                      October 23, 2015 or sooner if possible

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

*Motion approved.*

**BELHAVEN BAND TRIP**- Motion made by Mrs. Gibson, seconded by Mrs. DeMorat, to approve the Belhaven Band Trip to Disney Performing Arts Workshop and perform a concert in Orlando, Florida, May 17, 2016 to May 21, 2016.

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

*Motion approved.*

**Communication** – Included in the packet

**BOARD SECRETARY MONTHLY CERTIFICATION** - Motion made by Judge Todd, seconded by Mrs. Scannell, to accept the Board Secretary monthly certification, that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 -8.2 and no budgetary line item account has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10, it is further certified that there are no changes in anticipated revenue amounts and sources for the month.

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

*Motion approved.*

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MONTHLY CERTIFICATION**- Motion made by Judge Todd, seconded by Mrs. Scannell, to approve the monthly Board of Education certification that after review of the board secretary and treasurer monthly financial reports, in the minutes of the board each month that no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

*Motion approved.*

**BILLS:**

Batch 50	General Fund	\$514,408.31
Batch 52	General Fund –Replacement	\$53.00
Batch 59	Before and After School	\$786.64
Petty Cash	June 30, 2015 Close out	\$78.77

**PAYROLLS:**

Batch 70	July 10, 2015	\$140,610.39
Batch 71	July 24, 2015	\$114,036.01
Batch 70	August 7, 2015	\$116,487.52
Batch 71	August 21, 2015	\$76,006.93

**TRANSFERS****6/30/2015****From****To**

11-000-262-490	Purch Prop Services		\$	350
11-000-262-610	Supplies	350		
12-000-400-450	Construction Services	5,200		
12-000-400-334	Professional Services			5,200.00
11-000-262-610	Supplies	5,800		
11-0000-262-590	Misc Purchased Services			5,800
<b>Total General Fund</b>			\$	11,350
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60-900-300-250 Unemployment

\$ 14

60-900-300-220 FICA

\$ 14

**Total Before and After School**

\$	14	\$	14
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**TRANSFERS****8/1/2015****From****To**

11-000-218-500	Guidance Purch Exp		\$	50
11-000-218-890	Guidance - Misc Exp			8
11-000-219-104	Salary - Supervisor			15,000
11-000-221-102	Salary - Supervisor	39,000		
11-000-221-104	Staff Training Salaries			30,000
11-000-262-520	Insurance			276
11-000-291-260	Worker's comp Insurance			9,936
11-130-100-101	Salary - Teacher	36,310		
11-190-100-610	Supplies			9,000
11-230-100-610	Supplies			1,000
11-422-100-100	Summer Salary			1,190

12-000-400-334 Architect Services

8,850

**Total General Fund**

\$	75,310	\$	75,310
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**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** – None.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** – M. Dias thanked the board for the strategic planning presentation from EIRC. The process is a great way for the community to get involved. She further commented that she had concerns with the process of the changes, concerns with nepotism, and the impact to the staff and community. She would like to know if the full board understands the changes and the impact to the programs including the change of Dr. Gaffney’s role in curriculum. Dr. Gaffney replied that they are working through the SCIP committee and the Instruction Committee that consists of Judge Todd, Mrs. Gibson, and Mrs. Scannell. The changes were communicated to the full board prior to finalizing the decision. The Board is the liaison to the community. Mrs. Scannell added that the Board is looking to capitalize on Dr. Gaffney’s strengths. Ms. Dias also commented that she was concerned with the rate of attrition with the staff.

J. Weeks expressed concerns over the property values. Parents are leaving as the curriculum is not at the top where it was two years ago. She expressed concerns over the changes in fifth grade. Would like to see a guarantee if the programs are not as strong that there will be some after school support for the students. Mr. Sless commented that systemic issue with property values.

D. McCabe inquired about the vetting process for the new language arts program. She noted that the Linwood Education Foundation funded Foundations program for Language Arts and wanted to know when the staff had the opportunity to review different programs and when did the Board approve the new curriculum to include Foundations? At budget time Dr. Gaffney reported there would be a vetting process. Her concerns are that Foundations is a phonics based program and students need more than just phonics to be successful. She inquired about Spanish and reading class sizes in Grade 5.

C. Meade, LEA co-president, commented that the LEA is looking forward to the upcoming school year. They would like to suggest a monthly meeting with key personnel and board members to discuss key issues. They are concerned at the loss of valuable staff and would like to take this positive step forward.

J. Simpson inquired about 1<sup>st</sup> grade reading groups.

**COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD** – Mrs. Zierys commented that the fifth grade orientation was a great session. Good luck to Ms. Ruth and Ms. Notos, they will be missed.

Mr. Sless commented that we has been working on a President’s Council that will be similarly set up as the LEA requested earlier this evening. He will reach out soon and begin the meetings. Thank you.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION 1 -** Motion made by Mrs. Ziereis, seconded by Mrs. Gibson, to enter into Executive Session, 8:45 PM:

*Resolved:* At a public meeting of the Board of Education of Linwood, held this evening, pursuant to the “Open Public Meetings Act”, the following subjects to be discussed in a session of the Board closed to the public:

**Attorney Client Privilege** – Discuss liability relative to City Ordinance 99-9

It is presently anticipated that the items mentioned in the resolution may be disclosed to the public upon final determination of the subject by the Board of Education.

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

*Motion approved.*

**CHANGE ORDER – BELHAVEN LAND RENOVATION PROJECT-** Motion made by Mrs. Ziereis, seconded by Mrs. DeMorat, to approve a change order to the West Bay Construction contract with an original cost of \$186,192 for Change Order #2 in the amount of \$5,225.12 to install a 24 inch deep root barrier system along the north and south property lines.

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

*Motion approved.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION -** Motion made by Mrs. Ziereis, seconded by Mrs. Gibson, to enter into Executive Session, 9:31 PM:

*Resolved:* At a public meeting of the Board of Education of Linwood, held this evening, pursuant to the “Open Public Meetings Act”, the following subjects to be discussed in a session of the Board closed to the public:

**Superintendent Goal Setting**

It is presently anticipated that the items mentioned in the resolution may be disclosed to the public upon final determination of the subject by the Board of Education.

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

*Motion approved.*

**ADJOURNMENT -** Motion made by, Mrs. Ziereis, seconded by Mrs. Gibson, to adjourn ( 10:35 PM).

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri J. Weeks, Business Administrator,  
Board Secretary