

LINCOLN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
LINCOLN PARK, NEW JERSEY  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 P.M., LINCOLN PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL  
DECEMBER 12, 2006

District Mission Statement

*The Lincoln Park School District will provide, through its schools, an educational setting that helps children to love and master learning, to work independently as well as collaboratively, and to develop the character and values that promote a healthy society.*

Vice-President Reardon called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and he led the board in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. He then read the following statement into the record.

In accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, I wish to announce that:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of the act, the Lincoln Park Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be mailed to the Daily Record and the The Record and posted at the Board of Education Administrative Offices and filed with the Town Clerk.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Reardon, Mr. Avena, Mr. Bellas, Mr. Lancaster,  
Mrs. Nazzaro (*arrived at 7:22 p.m.*) and Ms. Nielsen.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Mayers, Ms. McCarthy and Mr. Stranz.

ADMINISTRATION: Dr. Joyce Valenza and Mr. James Tevis.

OTHERS: Mrs. Nathanya Simon, Esq.

There was one member of the public present.

**Minutes**

Trustee Avena, seconded by Trustee Lancaster, moved to approve the minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Education held on November 28, 2006.

A roll call was taken:

YEA: Mr. Avena, Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Bellas, Ms. Nielsen and Mr. Mayers.

NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0.

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Valenza reported that the most current enrollment figures are as follows:

- Elementary School 490
- Middle School 436
- Boonton High School 324
- Nonpublic 222
- Out-Of-District 20

She noted that the district's parent notification system was used to call and remind parents to vote in today's school referendum. Dr. Valenza informed the Board that she had copied them on a request from Boonton to attend an upcoming board meeting in order to brief Lincoln Park on their planned 27 million dollar school referendum plan. She then reminded the personnel/curriculum committee that a meeting is scheduled immediately following the conclusion of tonight's board meeting.

**Business Administrator's Report**

Mr. Tevis reported that fire drills were conducted in both schools during the month of October.

**Committee Reports**Curriculum/Personnel:

Ms. Nielsen reported that a meeting is scheduled for later this evening.

Facilities:

Mr. Bellas reported that he had attended several events recently hosted by the district designed to inform the public about the upcoming building improvements referendum vote and feels that the Board has done a great job in getting information out to the citizens.

Finance:

Mr. Lancaster reported budget review meetings would commence at the end of January.

MCSBA:

Mr. Lancaster reported that he had attended the fall dinner workshop meeting last week at which the recent property tax reform initiatives were discussed.

MCESC:

No report.

Public Relations:

Mr. Reardon reported that no meeting had been held.

Policy:

No report.

NJSBA:

Mr. Avena informed the Board that many of the 98 recommendations on property tax reforms adversely affect school district governance, budgets and finances and urged each Board member to contact their State Assemblymen and Senators.

Negotiations:

Mr. Reardon reported that no meeting had been held.

High School Committee:

Mr. Reardon reported that no meeting had been held.

Boonton High School Representative:

Mr. Reardon reported that a Board meeting is scheduled for next Monday.

**First Public Recognition**

Trustee Lancaster, seconded by Trustee Bellas, moved to open the first public recognition at 7:25 p.m. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

No member of the public wished to be recognized.

Trustee Bellas, seconded by Trustee Lancaster, moved to close the first public recognition at 7:25 p.m. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Resolutions**

Trustee Lancaster, seconded by Trustee Bellas, moved to consider the following resolution:

GRANT ACCEPTANCE: MORRIS COUNTY SHERRIF'S CRIME STOPPERS

RESOLUTION 065-06/07 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education approves acceptance of a \$500 grant from the Morris County Sheriff's CrimeStoppers, for 2007-2008, to offset the costs of printing the Middle School student agenda books."

A roll call was taken:

YEA: Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Bellas, Mr. Avena, Mrs. Nazzaro, Ms. Nielsen and Mr. Reardon.

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

Trustee Lancaster, seconded by Trustee Bellas, moved to consider the following resolution:

OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENTS: 2006-2007

RESOLUTION 066-06-07 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education approves the following out-of-district placements and pro-rated tuitions for the 2006-2007 school year. Transportation has been requested and filed."

County	School/Program	Tuition	ID #	Classification	Effective Date
Essex	New Beginnings Fairfield	\$56,130 \$267.29 per diem	0578	Aut.	1/2/2007
Morris	Morris County Transitional Tech Center	Court ordered placement - TBD	0421	OHI	12/11/06 (Estimated)

A roll call was taken:

YEA: Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Bellas, Mr. Avena, Mrs. Nazzaro, Ms. Nielsen and Mr. Reardon.

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

**Personnel**

Trustee Lancaster, seconded by Trustee Bellas, moved to consider the following resolution:

LONGEVITY STIPEND: ARNOLD

RESOLUTION 134-06/07 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education post-approves Judith Arnold, HEP Teacher, for a longevity stipend of \$1,000.00 for completing 15 years of service, effective November 18, 2006."

A roll call was taken:

YEA: Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Bellas, Mr. Avena, Mrs. Nazzaro, Ms. Nielsen and Mr. Reardon.

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

Trustee Lancaster, seconded by Trustee Bellas, moved to consider the following resolution:

RESCIND MATERNITY LEAVE REPLACEMENT: ROSAMILIA

RESOLUTION 135-06/07 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education rescinds the approval of Maria Rosamilia, Grade 2 maternity leave replacement, Lincoln Park Elementary School, at a prorated salary of \$40,505.00 (Step 1, BA), with benefits as per the LPEA Agreement, effective September 5, 2006 through December 29, 2006."

A roll call was taken:

YEA: Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Bellas, Mr. Avena, Mrs. Nazzaro, Ms. Nielsen and Mr. Reardon.

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

Trustee Lancaster, seconded by Trustee Bellas, moved to consider the following resolution:

MATERNITY LEAVE REPLACEMENT: ROSAMILIA

RESOLUTION 136-06/07 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education approves Maria Rosamilia, Grade 2 maternity leave replacement, Lincoln Park Elementary School, at a prorated salary of \$40,505.00 (Step 1, BA), with benefits as per the LPEA Agreement, effective September 5, 2006 through December 8, 2006."

A roll call was taken:

YEA: Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Bellas, Mr. Avena, Mrs. Nazzaro, Ms. Nielsen and Mr. Reardon.

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

Trustee Lancaster, seconded by Trustee Bellas, moved to consider the following resolution:

MATERNITY LEAVE REPLACEMENT: ROSAMILIA

RESOLUTION 137-06/07 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education approves Maria Rosamilia, Grade 1 maternity leave replacement, Lincoln Park Elementary School, at a prorated salary of \$40,505.00 (Step 1, BA), with benefits as per the LPEA Agreement, effective December 11, 2006 through April 20, 2007."

A roll call was taken:

YEA: Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Bellas, Mr. Avena, Mrs. Nazzaro, Ms. Nielsen and Mr. Reardon.

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

**Finance**

Trustee Lancaster, seconded by Trustee Avena, moved to consider the following resolution:

TRANSFERS: 2006-2007

RESOLUTION 086-06/07 "RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Park Board of Education authorizes the following transfers within the 2006-2007 budget in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6:20-2."

2006-2007 APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS						Date: 12/12/2006
Account	Description	Adjusted Budget	From	To	Additional	Revised Budget
11-000-100-564-00	Tuition: County Voc - Special	21,016.00	4,000.00			17,016.00
11-000-230-890-00	Other Objects: Administrative - District	2,850.00		4,000.00		6,850.00
	<i>To cover Lanes Field Stream Encroachment permit fee.</i>					
11-000-240-890-02	Other Objects: Administrative - MS	1,000.00	75.00			925.00
11-000-240-610-02	Supplies: Administrative - MS	3,157.00		75.00		3,232.00
	<i>To reallocate MS Administrative supplies expense.</i>					
50-910-310-461-00	Repairs - Cafeteria	1,000.00			355.00	1,355.00
50-910-310-610-00	Supplies - Cafeteria	750.00			400.00	1,150.00
	<i>To appropriate estimated funds for the Food Service program per the balance of the Subsidy contained in the 2006-2007 Budget.</i>					
20-275-100-610-00	P/Y: Title II Supplies					
20-275-200-320-00	P/Y: Title II Purchased Services				16,628.00	16,628.00
20-275-200-500-00	P/Y: Title II Other Purchased Services				2,500.00	2,500.00
	<i>Establish FY06 Title II Prior Year Carry Over Budget.</i>					
20-258-100-500-00	P/Y: IDEA-B Other Purchased Svc					
20-258-100-610-00	P/Y: IDEA-B Instructional Supplies				2,231.00	2,231.00
20-258-200-104-00	P/Y: IDEA-B Teacher Salaries					
20-258-200-200-00	P/Y: IDEA-B Benefits					
20-258-200-300-00	P/Y: IDEA-B Other Purchased Svc				5,934.00	5,934.00
20-258-200-610-00	P/Y: IDEA-B Non-Instructional Supplies					
	<i>Establish FY06 IDEA-B Prior Year Carry Over Budget.</i>					
		29,773.00	4,075.00	4,075.00	28,048.00	57,821.00

A roll call was taken:

YEA: Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Avena, Mr. Bellas, Mrs. Nazzaro, Ms. Nielsen and Mr. Reardon.

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

Trustee Lancaster, seconded by Trustee Avena, moved to consider the following resolution:

TREASURER'S REPORT – OCTOBER 2006

RESOLUTION 087-06/07 "RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Park Board of Education accepts and affixes to the minutes of this meeting the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for October 2006."

A roll call was taken:

YEA: Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Avena, Mr. Bellas, Mrs. Nazzaro, Ms. Nielsen and Mr. Reardon.

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

Trustee Lancaster, seconded by Trustee Avena, moved to consider the following resolution:

**SECRETARY’S REPORT – OCTOBER 2006**

RESOLUTION 088-06/07 “RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Park Board of Education accepts and affixes to the minutes of this meeting the October 2006 Secretary’s Report.”

A roll call was taken:

YEA: Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Avena, Mr. Bellas, Mrs. Nazzaro, Ms. Nielsen and Mr. Reardon.

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

Trustee Lancaster, seconded by Trustee Avena, moved to consider the following resolution:

**CERTIFICATION – OCTOBER 2006**

RESOLUTION 089-06/07 “Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A 10(e), the Board Secretary does certify that the Board Secretary’s Report for October 2006 does not reflect over-expenditures in any account based on the appropriation balances reflected in the report and on the advice of district officials.”

Board Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

A roll call was taken:

YEA: Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Avena, Mr. Bellas, Mrs. Nazzaro, Ms. Nielsen and Mr. Reardon.

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

Trustee Lancaster, seconded by Trustee Avena, moved to consider the following resolution:

**PAYROLL AND GENERAL ACCOUNT BILLS LIST**

RESOLUTION 090-06/07 “RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Park Board of Education approves the payment of the following payroll related expenses and the following General Account bills list as approved by the finance committee.”

Bills Description	Dated	Check #'s	Totals
Payroll – General	11/30/06	001565	347,448.05
Payroll – Cafeteria	11/30/06	000120	2,339.40
FICA – Board Share	11/30/06	001566	5,400.74
FICA – State Share	11/30/06	001567	20,392.16
		Total:	375,580.35
Bills List #1			636,979.60
Bills List #2			9,102.31
		Total:	646,081.91
		Grand Total:	1,021,662.26

A roll call was taken:

YEA: Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Avena, Mr. Bellas, Mrs. Nazzaro, Ms. Nielsen (*abstained on P.O. #700799*) and Mr. Reardon.

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

**Board Discussion**

Mr. Bellas informed the Board that he had attended a meeting with the Elementary School principal and PTO regarding the Holiday Shoppe issue and was confident that next year’s event would be improved.

**Second Public Recognition**

Trustee Lancaster, seconded by Trustee Nazzaro, moved to open the first public recognition at 7:30 p.m. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

No member of the public wished to be recognized

Trustee Lancaster, seconded by Trustee Bellas, moved to close the first public recognition at 7:30 p.m. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Executive Session**

Trustee Lancaster, seconded by Trustee Bellas, moved to enter into executive session at 7:31 p.m.

The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the board is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Borough of Lincoln Park, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- A. The public shall be excluded from discussion of hereinafter-specified subject matter(s)
- B. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
  - 1. Ongoing and Potential litigation.
  - 2. Labor Negotiations
- C. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public immediately following executive session or as the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Trustee Bellas, seconded by Trustee Nazzaro, moved to return from executive session at 8:15 p.m.

The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Adjournment**

Trustee Bellas, seconded by Trustee Avena, moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

James T. Tevis  
Board Secretary