

LINCOLN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
LINCOLN PARK, NEW JERSEY
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
7:30 P.M., LINCOLN PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL
APRIL 10, 2007

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.

President Mayers called the meeting to order at 7:34 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. Mayers, Mr. Reardon, Mr. Avena, Mr. Lancaster,
Ms. McCarthy, Mrs. Nazzaro, and Ms. Nielsen.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Bellas and Mr. Stranz.

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

OTHERS: Mrs. Nathanya Simon, Esq..

There were three members of the public present.

Minutes

Trustee Nielsen, seconded by Trustee Nazzaro, moved to approve the minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Education held on March 27, 2007.

A roll call was taken:

YEA: Ms. Nielsen, Mr. Avena, Ms. McCarthy, Mr. Reardon and Mr. Mayers.

NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0-2 with Mrs. Nazzaro and Mr. Lancaster abstaining.

Trustee Nielsen, seconded by Trustee Bellas, moved to approve the minutes of an executive session of the Board of Education held on March 27, 2007.

A roll call was taken:

YEA: Ms. Nielsen, Mr. Avena, Ms. McCarthy, Mr. Reardon and Mr. Mayers.

NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0-2 with Mrs. Nazzaro and Mr. Lancaster abstaining.

Trustee Nielsen, seconded by Trustee Nazzaro, moved to approve the minutes of a special meeting of the Board of Education held on March 28, 2007.

A roll call was taken:

YEA: Ms. Nielsen, Mr. Avena, Mr. Lancaster, Ms. McCarthy, Mr. Reardon and Mr. Mayers.

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0-1 with Mrs. Nazzaro abstaining.

Trustee Nielsen, seconded by Trustee Bellas, moved to approve the minutes of an Executive Session of the Board of Education held on March 28, 2007.

A roll call was taken:

YEA: Ms. Nielsen, Mr. Avena, Mr. Lancaster, Ms. McCarthy, Mr. Reardon and Mr. Mayers.

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0-1 with Mrs. Nazzaro abstaining.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Valenza informed the Board that there was a change to one resolution on the agenda and reviewed it with the Board. She then noted that spring concerts and field trips are currently being planned at both schools.

Business Administrator's Report

Mr. Tevis reported that he had met with the staff at both schools yesterday and briefed them on the budget and school election ballot. He also noted that Dr. Valenza and he would present to the senior citizens group tomorrow as well. Mr. Tevis informed the Board that the Lincoln Park Republican Club will be hosting a candidate's night tomorrow at 8:00pm in the PAL building. He then reported that fire drills were conducted in both schools during the month of March.

First Public Recognition

Trustee Lancaster, seconded by Trustee Nielsen, moved to open the first public recognition at 7:39 p.m.

The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

No member of the public wished to be recognized.

Trustee Nielsen, seconded by Trustee Lancaster, moved to close the first public recognition at 7:39 p.m.

The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Committee Reports

Curriculum/Personnel:

Ms. Nielsen reported that a meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday.

Facilities:

Mr. Mayers reported that a meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday.

Finance:

Mr. Lancaster reported that a meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday.

MCSBA:

Mr. Lancaster reported that the annual spring dinner will be held in May this year.

MCESC:

No report.

Public Relations:

Ms. McCarthy reported that the budget/referendum newsletter will be mailed out to residents this week.

Policy:

Ms. Nielsen reported that no meeting had been held.

NJSBA:

Mr. Avena reported that no meeting had been held.

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 had been held last night at which the following topics had been discussed:

- Juanita Petty approved as interim Superintendent
- Special Board meeting scheduled for next Monday
- PEC received on referendum project

Resolutions

Administration

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

OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENT: 2006-2007

RESOLUTION 089-06/07 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education post-approves the following out-of-district placement and tuition for the 2006-2007 school year."

County	School	Tuition	ID#	Classification	Effective Date
Morris	Montville United Methodist Nursery School & Kidscare (MUMNS)	\$390.00 (\$130.00 per month for 3 months)	0598	PSCD	March 7, 2007

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None.

The motion carried 7-0.

Personnel

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

RESIGNATION, QUINONES

RESOLUTION 175-06/07 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education accepts the resignation of Wanda Quinones, HEP teacher, effective at the end of the workday on June 30, 2007."

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None.

The motion carried 7-0.

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

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER, MORGESE

RESOLUTION 176-06/07 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education approves Donato Morgese, as a substitute teacher, at the approved substitute teacher rate of pay, as needed, effective April 11, 2007 through June 30, 2007."

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None.

The motion carried 7-0.

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

PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER, ROSAMILIA

RESOLUTION 177-06/07 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education approves the following Permanent Substitute Teacher, at a salary of \$18,000, no benefits, effective April 16, 2007 through June 30, 2007:

Maria Rosamilia, Lincoln Park Elementary School – K-4"

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None.

The motion carried 7-0.

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

RESIGNATION, KAISER

RESOLUTION 178-06/07 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education accepts, with regret, the resignation of Lynn Kaiser, Grade 6 teacher, effective at the end of the workday on April 4, 2007."

Ms. McCarthy commented that Lynn Kaiser is a great teacher and is sad to see her leave.

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None.

The motion carried 7-0.

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

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER, KAISER

RESOLUTION 179-06/07 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education approves Lynn Kaiser, as a substitute teacher, at the approved substitute teacher rate of pay, as needed, effective April 5, 2007 through June 30, 2007."

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None.

The motion carried 7-0.

Finance

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

EXTRAORDINARY AID AWARD ACCEPTANCE: 2006-2007

RESOLUTION 123-06/07 "RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Park Board of Education accepts the Extraordinary Aid reimbursement award for the 2006-2007 school year, in the amount of \$28,601."

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None.

The motion carried 7-0.

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

GENERAL ACCOUNT BILLS LIST

RESOLUTION 124-06/07 "RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Park Board of Education approves the payment of the following General Account bills list as approved by the finance committee:"

Bills List #1			31,209.44
Bills List #2			7,023.52
		Total:	38,232.96

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None.

The motion carried 7-0.

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

STUDENT ACTIVITIES BILLS LIST

RESOLUTION 125-06/07 "RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Park Board of Education approves the payment of the following Student Activities Account bills list as approved by the finance committee."

Description	Amount
LPMS	11,648.00

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None.

The motion carried 7-0.

Use of Schools

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

USE OF FACILITIES REQUESTS

RESOLUTION 017-06/07 "WHEREAS, the group(s)/organization(s) listed below have requested the use of facilities; and

WHEREAS, these requests comply with the policies outlined under "Rental of School Facilities" incorporated into the policies of the Board of Education;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that approval is hereby given to the listed group(s)/organization(s) to rent requested facilities; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator is hereby authorized to issue permits for these requests. The Board reserves the right to schedule school activities at any time."

	Group/ Organization	School	Location	Day	Date	Time	Rental Fee
A	LPMS PTO	LPMS	Media Ctr.	Mon & Tue	4/9, 4/30, 5/8, 5/14, 5/22, 5/29, 6/4/07	7-9pm	None
B	LPMS PTO	LPMS	Gym	Thurs & Fri	6/7 & 6/8/07	7-9pm	None
C	LPES PTO	LPES	Library	Wednesday	April 11, 2007	6:30-9:30	None
D	Amateur Softball Assoc.	Chapel Hill	Field	Sundays	4/22, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13, 5/20, 6/3, 6/10, 6/17, 6/24/07	9-11:30am	\$50 per use

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None.

The motion carried 7-0.

Board Discussion

Mrs. Nazzaro inquired when open positions will be posted and Dr. Valenza responded. Mr. Reardon commented that his fellow Board members whose terms are up next week will be sorely missed.

Second Public Recognition

Trustee Lancaster, seconded by Trustee Nielsen, moved to open the first public recognition at 7:51 p.m.

The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

John Sarby: 22 Rice Lane

Mr. Sarby questioned the impact of the proposed Board reduction from nine to seven members and Mr. Mayers responded.

Trustee Avena, seconded by Trustee Nielsen, moved to close the first public recognition at 7:56 p.m.

The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Executive Session

Trustee Nielsen, seconded by Trustee Reardon, moved to enter into executive session at 7:57 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. Boonton personnel and related litigation issues.
 - 2. Superintendent search – candidate review.
- 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 Nazzaro, seconded by Trustee McCarthy, moved to return from executive session at 8:28 p.m.

The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

Trustee Nazzaro, seconded by Trustee McCarthy, moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

James T. Tevis
Board Secretary