

LINCOLN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
LINCOLN PARK, NEW JERSEY
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
7:30 P.M., LINCOLN PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL
FEBRUARY 26, 2008

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 7:37 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. Bellas,
Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Nazzaro and Ms. Nielsen.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Stranz (*arrived at 7:42*).

ADMINISTRATION: Mr. James Grube and Mr. James Tevis.

OTHERS: None.

There were five members of the public present.

Minutes

Trustee Nielsen, seconded by Trustee Lancaster, moved to approve the minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Education held on February 12, 2008.

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0-1 with Mr. Reardon abstaining.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Grube reported that a suspension report and an enrollment report is included in board members' packets this evening. He also reported that there is an addendum to the agenda for this evening and briefed the board on its purpose. Mr. Grube commented on correspondence from MCSBA on last years Parent Of The Year award in the amount of \$200 and noted that a senior citizens tea is scheduled for tomorrow at LPMS. Mr. Grube stated that Lincoln Park is on the QSAC list for monitoring next year. He then briefed the board on surveys received and discussed Boonton Shadow Day.

Business Administrator's Report

Mr. Tevis reported that a small revision was made to the bills list this morning and a copy is included in board members' folders. He noted that copies of the latest proposed budget amendments are included in the folders as well. State aid figures will be available for pickup in two days, however, Mr. Tevis obtained Lincoln Park's tentative debt service aid figure and noted that it came in a little higher than the initial projection which helped to reduce the overall tax impact increase. Mr. Tevis requested a quick facilities committee meeting immediately following tonight's board meeting. He then reported that fire drills were conducted in both buildings for the month of January.

2008-2009 Proposed Budget Overview

Mr. Tevis and Mr. Grube presented an overview of the proposed budget that contained the following components:

- Enrollment Statistics
- Expenditure Overview
- Educational Initiatives and Priorities
- New Budget Initiatives
- State Aid
- Revenue Comparisons and Projections
- Tax Impact

They then responded to questions from the Board and the public.

Committee ReportsCurriculum / Personnel:

Ms. Nielsen reported that no meeting had been held.

Facilities:

Mr. Bellas reported that a meeting will be held immediately following tonight's board meeting.

Finance:

Mr. Lancaster reported that the budget process has been difficult this year. Mr. Mayers credited Mr. Grube and Mr. Tevis for their hard work and noted that it took a lot of work to get the budget down to the 5% tax increase in the current budget.

MCSBA:

Mr. Lancaster reported that the spring meeting will be held in March.

Boonton High School Representative:

Mr. Lancaster reported the following:

- Boonton budget not completed yet and it will entail a 2nd question.
- Shadow Day
- Christine Johnson named the new Boonton Superintendent
- Regular business

MCESC:

Mr. Nazzaro reported that no meeting had been held.

Policy / Public Relations:

Mr. Avena reported that no meeting had been held.

NJSBA:

Mr. Gibbons reported that no meeting had been held.

Negotiations:

Mr. Reardon reported that the February meeting had been cancelled and is to be rescheduled soon.

High School Committee:

Mr. Stranz reported that initiatives are under way such as shadowing to improve relations and a meeting is scheduled for tomorrow night.

First Public Recognition

Trustee Lancaster, seconded by Trustee Nielsen, moved to open the first public recognition at 8:38 P.M. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

No member of the public wished to be recognized.

Trustee Lancaster, seconded by Trustee Nielsen, moved to close the first public recognition at 8:38 P.M. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Resolutions

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

DONATION: COMPUTER, MONITOR & SPEAKERS

RESOLUTION 090-07/08 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education accepts, with gratitude, a donation from the Grube family of Netcong, NJ, of technology equipment as follows: one Hewlett Packard Pavilion Model 7966 computer, and one 17" monitor with attached multimedia speakers, having a combined value of approximately \$300."

A roll call was taken:

YEA: Mr. Bellas, Mr. Reardon, Mr. Avena, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Nazzaro, Ms. Nielsen, Mr. Stranz and Mr. Mayers.

NAY: None

The motion carried 9-0.

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

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT, JOB COACH

RESOLUTION 091-07/08 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education post-approves travel expenses for Diane Russell, job coach, per the Boonton Child Study Team for student #9714, effective November 1, 2007 through May 30, 2008, amount not to exceed \$2,500."

A roll call was taken:

YEA: Mr. Bellas, Mr. Reardon, Mr. Avena, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Nazzaro, Ms. Nielsen, Mr. Stranz and Mr. Mayers.

NAY: None

The motion carried 9-0.

Personnel

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

TREASURER OF SCHOOL MONIES, RUNFELDT

RESOLUTION 130-07/08 "RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Park Board of Education appoints Ms. Kristen Runfeldt as Treasurer of School Monies, (N.J.S.A. 18A:17-31), effective retroactively from February 20, 2008 through the Reorganization Meeting of 2008, at a prorated annual salary of \$3,500."

A roll call was taken:

YEA: Mr. Bellas, Mr. Reardon, Mr. Avena, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Nazzaro, Ms. Nielsen, Mr. Stranz and Mr. Mayers.

NAY: None

The motion carried 9-0.

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

MEDIA AIDE, KARBACK

RESOLUTION 131-07/08 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education approves Diane Karback, Media Aide, Lincoln Park Middle School, 3.9 hours per day at a rate of \$16.50 per hour, as needed, effective February 27, 2008 through June 30, 2008."

A roll call was taken:

YEA: Mr. Bellas, Mr. Reardon, Mr. Avena, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Nazzaro, Ms. Nielsen, Mr. Stranz and Mr. Mayers.

NAY: None

The motion carried 9-0.

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

MATERNITY LEAVE, FLORIT

RESOLUTION 132-07/08 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education approves Kimberly Florit, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, Lincoln Park Public Schools Central Office, for maternity leave beginning May 27, 2008 through June 13, 2008 as sick days, and June 16, 2008 through August 29, 2008 as Family Medical Leave Act, returning to work September 1, 2008."

A roll call was taken:

YEA: Mr. Bellas, Mr. Reardon, Mr. Avena, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Nazzaro, Ms. Nielsen, Mr. Stranz and Mr. Mayers.

NAY: None

The motion carried 9-0.

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

TERMINATION, GERBER

RESOLUTION 133-07/08 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education post-approves the termination of employment of Dennis Gerber, Treasurer of School Monies, Lincoln Park Public Schools, effective at the end of the workday on February 15, 2008."

A roll call was taken:

YEA: Mr. Bellas, Mr. Reardon, Mr. Avena, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Nazzaro, Ms. Nielsen, Mr. Stranz and Mr. Mayers.

NAY: None

The motion carried 9-0.

Finance

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

TENTATIVE SCHOOL BUDGET: 2008-2009

RESOLUTION 118-07/08 "RESOLVED that the Lincoln Park Board of Education approves a 2008-2009 school district budget for submission to the voters as follows:

General Fund	\$ 18,671,926
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 313,915
Debt Service Fund	\$ 845,140
Total Base Budget	\$ 19,830,981.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to apply for the following Commissioner Tax Levy Cap Waiver Adjustments to the 2008-2009 school budget as listed:

None	\$ 0.
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Park Board of Education approves that in the Borough of Lincoln Park there should be raised for General Fund Tax Levy \$15,535,425. for the ensuing school year 2008-2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Park School District has proposed programs and services in addition to the Core Curriculum Content Standards adopted by the State Board of Education. Information on this budget and the programs and services it provides is available from your local school district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Park Board of Education approves the submission of the 2008-2009 budget to the County Superintendent for approval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that due to a compressed election schedule that this budget may be presented for advertisement prior to County Superintendent approval."

A roll call was taken:

YEA: Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Bellas, Mr. Avena, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Nazzaro, Ms. Nielsen, Mr. Stranz, Mr. Reardon and Mr. Mayers.

NAY: None

The motion carried 9-0.

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

ELECTION 2008: DRAWING FOR POSITION ON BALLOT

RESOLUTION 119-07/08 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, the Lincoln Park Board of Education establishes that the drawing for position on the ballot be held at 3:00 PM on March 5, 2008 in the office of the Business Administrator."

A roll call was taken:

YEA: Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Bellas, Mr. Avena, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Nazzaro, Ms. Nielsen, Mr. Stranz, Mr. Reardon and Mr. Mayers.

NAY: None

The motion carried 9-0.

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

ELECTION 2008 – ANNOUNCEMENT / PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

RESOLUTION 120-07/08 "RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Park Board of Education shall hold the Annual School Election of the legal voters of Lincoln Park Borough on Tuesday, April 15, 2008, or any other date as may be set by law, from 2:00 PM to 9:00 PM, or as long thereafter as may be necessary for all those who entered by 9:00 PM to vote, at the following polling locations:

Districts 1 & 2, Wards 1, 2, 3 and 4 – Municipal Community Center, unless altered by the Borough Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Park Board of Education designate that notices of said election be posted at each of the following locations:

1. Lincoln Park Municipal Building, Chapel Hill Road
2. Lincoln Park Post Office, Zeff Place
3. J. Wolfson Supermarket, Boonton Turnpike
4. NJ Transit Railroad Station, Main Street
5. Lincoln Park Public Library, Boonton Turnpike
6. Chapel Hill School, Chapel Hill Road
7. Lincoln Park Middle School, Ryerson Road
8. Lincoln Park Elementary School, Pine Brook Road
9. Central Office, Ryerson Road
10. Shop Rite, Beaver Brook Road
11. PAL Building, Boonton Turnpike, unless altered by the Borough Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Park Board of Education set the date of the Public Hearing for the School Budget for the 2008-2009 school year to be March 25, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the All Purpose Room at the Lincoln Park Middle School."

A roll call was taken:

YEA: Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Bellas, Mr. Avena, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Nazzaro, Ms. Nielsen, Mr. Stranz, Mr. Reardon and Mr. Mayers.

NAY: None

The motion carried 9-0.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT – DECEMBER 2007

RESOLUTION 121-07/08 "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 December 2007."

A roll call was taken:

YEA: Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Bellas, Mr. Avena, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Nazzaro, Ms. Nielsen, Mr. Stranz, Mr. Reardon and Mr. Mayers.

NAY: None

The motion carried 9-0.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT – DECEMBER 2007

RESOLUTION 122-07/08 "RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Park Board of Education accepts and affixes to the minutes of this meeting the December 2007 Secretary's Report."

A roll call was taken:

YEA: Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Bellas, Mr. Avena, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Nazzaro, Ms. Nielsen, Mr. Stranz, Mr. Reardon and Mr. Mayers.

NAY: None

The motion carried 9-0.

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

CERTIFICATION – DECEMBER 2007

RESOLUTION 123-07/08 "Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A 10(e), the Board Secretary does certify that the Board Secretary's Report for December 2007 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. Bellas, Mr. Avena, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Nazzaro, Ms. Nielsen, Mr. Stranz, Mr. Reardon and Mr. Mayers.

NAY: None

The motion carried 9-0.

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

PAYROLL AND GENERAL ACCOUNT BILLS LIST

RESOLUTION 124-07/08 "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	1/30/08	3124	361,353.40
Payroll – Cafeteria	1/30/08	184	2,472.50
FICA – Board Share	1/30/08	3126	4,636.71
FICA – Board Share	1/15/08	3039	(4,238.76)
FICA – Board Share	1/15/08	3125	4,599.32
FICA – State Share	1/30/08	3122	22,913.29
		Total:	391,736.46
Payroll – General	2/14/08	3127	361,428.72
Payroll – Cafeteria	2/14/08	185	2,472.50
FICA – Board Share	2/14/08	3128	4,625.01
FICA – State Share	2/14/08	3129	22,922.73
		Total:	391,448.96
Bills List #1			979,241.25
Bills List #2			36,610.28
Bills List #3			6,631.62
Bills List #4			39,485.37
		Total:	1,061,968.52
		Grand Total:	1,845,153.94

A roll call was taken:

YEA: Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Bellas, Mr. Avena, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Nazzaro, Ms. Nielsen, Mr. Stranz, Mr. Reardon and Mr. Mayers (*abstained on P.O. #800478 & P.O. #800909*).

NAY: None

The motion carried 9-0.

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

STUDENT ACTIVITIES BILLS LIST

RESOLUTION 125-07/08 "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	578.64
LPES	754.44

A roll call was taken:

YEA: Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Bellas, Mr. Avena, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Nazzaro, Ms. Nielsen, Mr. Stranz, Mr. Reardon and Mr. Mayers (*abstained on P.O. #800478 & P.O. #800909*).

NAY: None

The motion carried 9-0.

Use of Schools

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

USE OF FACILITIES REQUESTS

RESOLUTION 017-07/08 "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	Girl Scout Thinking Day	LPMS	All Purpose Room	Friday	February 29, 2008	5:00PM-9:30PM	None

A roll call was taken:

YEA: Ms. Nielsen, Mr. Bellas, Mr. Avena, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Nazzaro, Mr. Stranz, Mr. Reardon and Mr. Mayers.

NAY: None

The motion carried 9-0.

Board Discussion

Ms. Nielsen commented that the electronic agenda and update is great. Mr. Mayers discussed the Greater Community Bank Teacher Recognition program. Mr. Lancaster stated that Boonton has formed a focus group to analyze the surveys. Mr. Stranz commented on the treasurer debacle.

Second Public Recognition

Trustee Nielsen, seconded by Trustee Bellas, moved to open the second public recognition at 8:52 p.m.

The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Malcolm Chamalian, 28 Maturan Avenue: Mr. Chamalian commented on the legislative body and that citizens should reach out to them with concerns.

Trustee Lancaster, seconded by Trustee Bellas, moved to close the second public recognition at 8:54 p.m.

The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Executive Session

Trustee Nielsen, seconded by Trustee Bellas, moved to enter into executive session at 8:55 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 related litigation issues.

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 Reardon, moved to return from executive session at 9:17 p.m.

The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

Trustee Nielsen, seconded by Trustee Lancaster, moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

James T. Tevis
Board Secretary