

LINCOLN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
LINCOLN PARK, NEW JERSEY
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
7:30 P.M., LINCOLN PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL
FEBRUARY 24, 2009

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. It is the school district's expectations that all students will achieve the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards at all grade levels.

President Mayers called the meeting to order at 7:31 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: None

ADMINISTRATION: Mr. James Grube

OTHERS: Mr. Michael Donow

There were five members of the public present.

Minutes

Trustee Nielsen, seconded by Trustee Bellas, moved to approve the minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Education held on February 10, 2009.

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

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

Trustee Nielsen, seconded by Trustee Bellas, moved to approve the minutes of an executive session of the Board of Education held on February 10, 2009.

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

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

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Grube stated that the month's enrollment report and suspension report is included in board members' folders this evening. He also reported that several policies have been sent to the policy committee for review and would like to place them on the next meeting agenda. Mr. Grube noted that several policies are mandated.

Business Administrator's Report

Fire drills were conducted in both schools for the month of January, 2009.

Presentations

Mr. Grube and Mr. Donow 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

Mr. Grube emphasized that this budget is very preliminary. He then responded to questions from the Board and the public.

Committee Reports**Curriculum / Personnel:**

Ms. Nielsen reported that a meeting was held last night and various options were discussed.

Policy / Public Relations:

Mr. Avena reported that no meeting is scheduled, however, a meeting can be set up if needed.

Finance / Facilities:

Mr. Nazzaro reported that meetings have been held, and referred to the budget presentation.

MCESC:

Mr. Nazzaro reported that no meeting had been held.

MCSBA:

Mr. Lancaster reported that the next meeting is scheduled in March, and referred the board to the Parent of the Year nominating memo included in board members' folders this evening.

Boonton High School Representative:

Mr. Lancaster reported that a meeting was held last night, the topics of which included:

- Finance and budget
- Dr. Johnson presented a strategic planning report
- BHS student recognition
- Solar panels at BHS thru Morris County MUA
- Policies

High School Committee:

Mr. Gibbons reported that a meeting is scheduled for March 10th.

NJSBA:

Mr. Gibbons reported that a meeting is scheduled for May 17th.

Negotiations:

Mr. Reardon reported that no meeting had been held.

First Public Recognition

Trustee Lancaster, seconded by Trustee Bellas, moved to open the first public recognition at 8:24 p.m.

No member of the public wished to be recognized.

Trustee Lancaster, seconded by Trustee Reardon, moved to close the first public recognition at 8:24 p.m.

The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Resolutions

Administration

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

PROFESSIONAL DAY WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE

RESOLUTION 138-08/09 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education approves the following professional days:

WHEREAS, employees of the Lincoln Park Board of Education have requested professional days; and

WHEREAS, The board of education has determined that the training and informational programs delineated below are directly related to and within the scope of the employees' duties, current responsibilities and the board's professional development plan; and

WHEREAS, The board of education has determined that participation at the stated functions require school district travel expenditures and that this travel is critical to the instructional needs of the district and/or furthers the efficient operation of the district; and

WHEREAS, The board of education has determined that the school district travel expenditures for the stated functions are in compliance with State travel guidelines as established by the Department of the Treasury and within the guidelines established by the federal Office of Management and Budget; except as superseded by conflicting provisions of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes; and

WHEREAS, The board of education finds that a mileage reimbursement rate equal to that of the federal Internal Revenue Service mileage reimbursement rate of \$0.31 per mile is a reasonable rate; and

WHEREAS, The board of education has determined that participation at the stated function is in compliance with the district policy on travel.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the board of education hereby approves attendance of the following employees at the following professional day conferences and/or workshops:

Name of Attendee	Name and Date of Event	Event Cost	Estimated Mileage
Peter Foley	NJECC meeting, February 13, 2009	\$0	10
Michael Meyer	NJ Department of Education's 2009 Standards Revision Regional Review Session, February 20, 2009	\$0	54

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board of education hereby approves the costs of attendance at the stated functions, including all registration fees and statutorily authorized travel expenditures, provided that such expenditures are within the annual maximum travel expenditure amount, and that the total cost of the related travel expense will not exceed the amounts stipulated above."

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

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

HOME-BASED PARENT TRAINING SERVICES, STUDENT #8409507387

RESOLUTION 139-08/09 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education post-approves Douglass Outreach, New Brunswick, New Jersey to provide home-based parent training services for student State ID #8409507387 effective February 9, 2009 through June 30, 2009 for a total not to exceed 50 hours at a rate of \$130.00 per hour (plus mileage and tolls).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President and/or the School Business Administrator are authorized to execute the agreement/contract on behalf of the Board of Education."

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

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

DONATION TO LPMS STUDENTS FROM LIFETOUCH NATIONAL SCHOOL STUDIOS

RESOLUTION 140-08/09 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education accepts, with gratitude, a donation of \$422.42 from Lifetouch National School Studios for the students of Lincoln Park Middle School."

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

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

FIELD TRIPS, LPMS

RESOLUTION 141-08/09, Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education approves the following field trips at no cost to the Board of Education:

Grade 5: NJ Marine Sciences Consortium, Sandy Hook, NJ on May 27, 2009

DARE Bowling Trip, Boonton, NJ on April 8, 2009

Grade 6: Camp Mason, Hardwick, NJ on May 15, 2009

Grade 7: Franklin Museum, Franklin, NJ on June 1, 2009

Grade 8: Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum/lunch cruise on Spirit of New York, New York City, NY on June 3, 2009

Intrepid Museum, New York City, NY on June 4, 2009."

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

Personnel

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

DIRECTOR OF SUMMER SCHOOL, KAYE

RESOLUTION 161-08/09 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education approves Joddi Kaye, Director of Summer School, at a stipend of \$3,000.00, effective July 1, 2009 through July 31, 2009."

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

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

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER, KURPICK

RESOLUTION 162-08/09 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education approves the following substitute teacher, at the approved substitute teacher rate of pay, as needed, effective February 25, 2009 through June 30, 2009: Ann Kurpick."

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

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

RETROACTIVE SALARY, SCHULTZ

RESOLUTION 163-08/09 "RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Park Board of Education approves the retroactive salary payment to John Schultz, Head Custodian, for the period of July 1, 2008 through August 30, 2008 as follows:

Base Salary:	241.68
Stipend:	8.32
Overtime Pay:	3.24
Total	253.24"

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

Finance

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

ELECTION 2009: DRAWING FOR POSITION ON BALLOT

RESOLUTION 106-08/09 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education establishes that the drawing for position on the ballot be held at 10:00 AM on March 11, 2009 in the offices of the Board of Education."

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

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

ELECTION 2009: ANNOUNCEMENT / PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

RESOLUTION 107-08/09 "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 21, 2009, 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, Zeliff 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 2009-2010 school year to be March 31, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the All Purpose Room at the Lincoln Park Middle School.”

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

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

PAYROLL AND GENERAL ACCOUNT BILLS LIST

RESOLUTION 108-08/09 “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	1/30/09	4349	340,694.54
Payroll – Cafeteria	1/30/09	242	2,472.50
FICA – Board Share	1/30/09	4350	4,376.80
FICA – State Share	1/30/09	4351	21,584.68
		Total:	369,128.52
Payroll – General	2/15/09	4352	520,882.68
Payroll – Cafeteria	2/15/09	243	3,884.55
FICA – Board Share	2/15/09	4353	7,021.59
FICA – State Share	2/15/09	4354	32,971.61
		Total:	564,760.43
Bills List #1			925,745.35
Bills List #2			20,557.42
Bills List #3			4,085.20
		Total:	950,387.97
		Grand Total:	1,884,276.92

A roll call was taken:

YEA: Mr. Reardon, Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Avena, Mr. Bellas,
Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Nazzaro and Mr. Mayers (*abstained on p.o. #900512*).

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

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

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

RESOLUTION 109-08/09 “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	8,661.13

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

Use of Facilities

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

RESCIND USE OF FACILITIES REQUEST

RESOLUTION 014-08/09 "RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Park Board of Education rescinds the following item on resolution 007-08/09 which was passed on February 10, 2009 in the following form:

RESOLUTION 000-08/09 "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
D	LP Recreation Summer Camp	LPMS	Outside (rear of building), 5 Classrooms, Restrooms, Fields, Hallways, Gym	Mon-Fri	June 22, 2009- Aug 21, 2009	8:00AM- 1:00PM	None

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

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

USE OF FACILITIES REQUESTS

RESOLUTION 015-08/09 "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	LP Recreation Summer Camp	LPMS	Outside (rear of building), 5 Classrooms, Restrooms, Fields, Hallways, Gym	Mon-Fri	June 22, 2009- August 7, 2009	8:00AM- 1:00PM	None
B	Clothing Drive	LPMS	APR	Wed-Fri	April 1-3, 2009	7:45AM- 8:20AM 2:45PM- 3:30PM	None
C	Puberty Program Presentation	LPMS	Media Center	Thurs	February 19, 2009*	6:30PM- 8:30PM	None
D	Book Fair Family Night	LPMS	Media Center	Wed	March 18, 2009	5:00PM- 8:30PM	None

* For post approval.

A roll call was taken:

YEA: Mr. Reardon, Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Avena, Mr. Bellas,

Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Nazzaro and Mr. Mayers.

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

Board Discussion

Mr. Mayers inquired about a request for use of facilities from a Wayne-based drum & bugle corps for overnight/weekend use and the request to reconsider fees. After discussion, the consensus was to deny the request.

Mr. Bellas inquired about the water bill at the Elementary School as the amount seemed much higher than Chapel Hill and the Middle School. Mr. Donow was directed to research this discrepancy.

Mr. Lancaster noted that Boonton High School will be hosting a track & field event in the spring and also a professional development program will be held.

Second Public Recognition

Trustee Bellas, seconded by Trustee Nielsen, moved to open the second public recognition at 8:38 pm.

The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

No member of the public wished to be recognized.

Trustee Reardon, seconded by Trustee Lancaster, moved to close the second public recognition at 8:38 pm.

The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Executive Session

Trustee Lancaster, seconded by Trustee Nielsen, moved to enter into executive session at 8:39 pm.

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. Current Boonton High School litigation

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 Lancaster, seconded by Trustee Nielsen, moved to return from executive session at 8:46 pm.

The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

Trustee Bellas, seconded by Trustee Reardon, moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 pm.

The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Grube
Assistant Board Secretary