

LINCOLN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
LINCOLN PARK, NEW JERSEY
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
7:30 P.M., LINCOLN PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL
APRIL 7, 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 7:30 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. Bellas,
Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Nazzaro and Ms. Nielsen.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Avena and Mr. Lancaster.

ADMINISTRATION: Mr. James Grube, Ms. Nancy Rajoppi-Manno

OTHERS: Nathanya G. Simon, Esq.

There were no members of the public present.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Grube stated that the NJSBA Superintendent evaluations have been disseminated. He asked members to please complete and return them.

Mr. Grube reported that there are a few more budget presentations. He noted that school is closed next week but the central office is open.

Business Administrator's Report

Mrs. Rajoppi-Manno stated that PERS was paid in full and a resolution will be on the next agenda for consideration.

Committee Reports

Curriculum / Personnel:

Ms. Nielsen reported that no meeting had been held.

Policy / Public Relations:

Mr. Avena reported that no meeting had been held, but the newsletter will be mailed out for residents receipt on April 18.

Finance / Facilities:

Mr. Nazzaro reported that no meeting had been held.

MCESC:

Mr. Nazzaro reported that a meeting was held on April 1st at which the following topics were discussed:

- Repair of the Park Lake School roof
- Donations for a student who passed away will go toward a garden
- Donation of cameras by 6th Avenue

MCSBA:

No report.

Boonton High School Representative:

No report.

High School Committee:

Mr. Gibbons reported that a meeting was held last Thursday at which the following topics were discussed:

- Student challenge program
- Morris County track meet at Boonton in May
- Efforts to promote Boonton High School for Lincoln Park students

NJSBA:

Mr. Gibbons reported that no meeting had been held. The next meeting is scheduled for May 17th.

Negotiations:

Mr. Reardon stated that his report will be included in executive session.

First Public Recognition

None

Resolutions

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

NJASBO CONFERENCE ATENDANCE: SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION 162-08/09 "WHEREAS, Nancy Rajoppi-Manno is attending the annual New Jersey Association of School Business Officials (NJASBO) Convention on May 06-08, 2009 in Atlantic City, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the attendance at stated function was previously approved by the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. James Grube, on April 1, 2009 as work related and within the scope of the work responsibilities of the attendee and the school district's professional developmental plan; and

WHEREAS, The board of education has determined that participation at the stated function requires 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 function 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 upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education approves the attendance of Nancy Rajoppi-Manno at the annual New Jersey Association of School Business Officials (NJASBO) Convention on May 06-08, 2009 in Atlantic City, New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board of education hereby approves the costs of attendance at the stated function, 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 \$730.00."

A roll call was held:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

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

PROFESSIONAL DAY WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE

RESOLUTION 163-08/09 "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
Joan Oliphant	MCASBO, April 23, 2009	0	16.4

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 held:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

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

HOME INSTRUCTION, STUDENT #8416486600

RESOLUTION 164-08/09 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education post-approves the extension of home instruction per the Boonton Child Study Team for student State ID #8416486600, for up to ten (10) hours per week at the rate of \$30.00 per hour effective February 17, 2009 through March 23, 2009."

A roll call was held:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

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

HOME INSTRUCTION, STUDENT #8416486600

RESOLUTION 165-08/09 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education post-approves the extension of home instruction per the Boonton Child Study Team for student State ID #8416486600, for up to ten (10) hours per week at the rate of \$30.00 per hour effective March 24, 2009 through May 4, 2009."

A roll call was held:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

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

OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENT, 2008-2009

RESOLUTION 166-08/09 "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 remainder of the 2008-2009 school year.

County	School/Program	Tuition	State ID	Class.	Eff. Date
Bergen	ECLC–HoHoKus Campus	\$208.02 per diem (Prorated)	8249057792	CIM	3/9/09

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 held:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

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

DONATION, BOOKS

RESOLUTION 167-08/09 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education accepts, with gratitude, a donation for the Teacher Resource Center located in the Office of Special Services from United By Autism, of parent/staff books, having an approximate value of \$175.70."

A roll call was held:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

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

CHANGE IN AUTHORIZED USER

RESOLUTION 168-08/09 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education approves the change in the authorized user of the Morgan Stanley Institutional Liquidity account from James Tevis to Nancy Rajoppi-Manno."

A roll call was held:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

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

PM PRESCHOOL PROGRAM TUITION STUDENTS, 2009-2010

RESOLUTION 169-08/09 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education accepts nine students on a tuition basis in the amount of \$1,500 per student per annum, into the PM/Preschool Program in the Lincoln Park Elementary School for the 2009-2010 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President and the Business Administrator are authorized to execute the contracts on behalf of the Board of Education."

A roll call was held:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

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

AM PRESCHOOL PROGRAM TUITION STUDENTS, 2009-2010

RESOLUTION 170-08/09 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education accepts three students on a tuition basis in the amount of \$1,000 per student per annum, into the AM/Preschool Program in the Lincoln Park Elementary School for the 2009-2010 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President and the Business Administrator are authorized to execute the contracts on behalf of the Board of Education."

A roll call was held:

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

NAY: None
 The motion carried 6-0.

Personnel

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

RESOLUTION 173-08/09 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education approves Jennifer Reardon, student teacher, William Paterson University, with Linda Gomes, Grade 1, Lincoln Park Elementary School, beginning September 9, 2009 through December 10, 2009."

A roll call was held:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

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

RESOLUTION 174-08/09 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education approves Annette Gower, student teacher, Caldwell College, with Allison Stager, Grade 3, Lincoln Park Elementary School, beginning September 8, 2009 through December 18, 2009."

A roll call was held:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

Finance

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

RESOLUTION 117-08/09 "RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Park Board of Education authorizes the following transfers within the 2008-2009 budget in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6:20-2."

Description	Adjusted Budget	From	To	Additional	Revised Budget
Repairs:MS	25,000.00	11,000.00			14,000.00
Repairs:ES	17,400.00	7,000.00			10,400.00
Supplies-MS	22,415.00		5,000.00		27,415.00
Supplies-ES	19,951.00		5,000.00		24,951.00
Purch. Tech. Serv. MS	5,000.00		8,000.00		13,000.00
	89,766.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	0.00	89,766.00

Transfer for asbestos removal, supplies and professional technical services.

A roll call was held:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

Trustee Bellas, seconded by Trustee Nielsen, moved to consider the following resolution:
 PAYROLL AND GENERAL ACCOUNT BILLS LIST

RESOLUTION 118-08/09 "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	3/31/09	4559	355,839.14
Payroll – Cafeteria	3/31/09	252	2,582.55
FICA – Board Share	3/31/09	4560	4,828.88
FICA – State Share	3/31/09	4561	22,488.40

			385,738.97
Bills List #1			671,208.87
Bills List #2			<u>48,246.25</u>
			719,455.12
			1,105,194.09

A roll call was held:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

Board Discussion

Mr. Mayers thanked Ms. Nielsen for her service to the school district. The sentiment was echoed by the board. Ms. Nielsen stated that it has been an honor and privilege to be of service. She believes she leaves the board in a better position than when she came on.

Second Public Recognition

None

Executive Session

Trustee Nielsen, seconded by Trustee Bellas, moved to enter into executive session at 7:43 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
2. 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 Reardon, moved to return from executive session at 7:57 pm.

The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

Trustee Reardon, seconded by Trustee Gibbons, moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm.

The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Rajoppi-Manno
Board Secretary