

LINCOLN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
LINCOLN PARK, NEW JERSEY
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
7:30 P.M., LINCOLN PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL
FEBRUARY 23, 2010

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 7:34 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. Gibbons,
Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Nazzaro and Ms. Nielsen.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

OTHERS: Mrs. Susan Grillo, Mrs. Grace Marinello and Mr. Michael Meyer

There were seven members of the public present.

Minutes

Trustee Lancaster, seconded by Trustee Gibbons, moved to approve the minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Education held on February 9, 2010.

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

Trustee Lancaster, seconded by Trustee Gibbons, moved to approve the minutes of an executive session of the Board of Education held on February 9, 2010.

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent's Report

- Enrollment Report
- Suspension Report
- No changes to the agenda
- The Lincoln Park girls basketball team won the Morris County Tournament.
- A very preliminary budget will be presented at the March 9th regular board meeting.
- The regular meeting scheduled for March 23rd will be rescheduled to Monday, March 22nd at 6:00 p.m. and the budget presentation hearing will take place on Wednesday, March 31st at 7:30 p.m.
- Mr. Grube reviewed an incident on Monday, February 22nd at 3:40 p.m. at which time a student was approached by a white male with dark hair in an older station wagon. A message was sent via the Alert Now system notifying parents of the incident.
- A budget presentation to the Borough Council is tentatively scheduled for April 5th.
- An Education Coalition meeting is scheduled for March 2nd at which Mr. Brett Schundler, Acting Education Commissioner, is scheduled to be present.

Business Administrator's Report

Ms. Rajoppi-Manno reported that she has been working on the 2010-2011 budget.

Presentations

Rachel Canning said that the girls basketball team won a Banner. Mr. Grube stated that he is very proud of the team!

Melanie Ciecuch reported that 175 students (87.5%) attended the Valentines Dance. The students enjoy dances; there has been more student participation.

Mr. Mayers thanked the students for coming to the meeting tonight and updating the Board on activities within the district.

Committee Reports**A. Curriculum / Personnel:**

Ms. Nielsen reported that a meeting was held on February 17th; topics included:

- Reduction in staff
- Elimination of late bus from LPMS and 1 late bus from BHS
- Many items are contingent upon the final State Aid figures.

B. Finance / Facilities / Negotiations:

Mr. Avena reported that a meeting was held this evening; topics included:

- Additional projected loss of revenue is 15%
- Further cuts probable
- Waiting on key information from the State
- Waiting on final tuition amounts from Boonton.

C. Policy / Public Relations

No meeting, no report.

D. MCESC:

No meeting, no report.

E. NJSBA:

No meeting, no report.

F. MCSBA:

Mr. Lancaster reported that a meeting is scheduled for this Thursday, February 25th at Madison High School; the topic is legal issues for Boardmanship. A meeting is also scheduled for March 6th in Harrison, NJ, NJSBA, Town Hall with Acting Commissioner Bret Schundler.

G. Boonton High School Representative:

Mr. Lancaster reported that a meeting was held last night, February 22nd; the topics were discussed:

- Email changing to G-mail

- Applitrack: a new system for advertisement of jobs
- Committee meeting to be held in Boonton

H. High School Committee:

No meeting, no report.

First Public Recognition

Trustee Lancaster, seconded by Trustee Nielsen, moved to open the first public recognition at 7:50 p.m. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

No member of the public wished to be recognized.

Trustee Nielsen, seconded by Trustee Reardon, moved to close the first public recognition at 7:50 p.m. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Resolutions

Administration

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

PROFESSIONAL DAY WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE

RESOLUTION 146-09/10 "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 State of New Jersey Office of Management and Budget 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
Jennifer Zammit	The Evolution of Inquiry in the 21 st Century: Module A: Science 5-8, March 12, 2010	---	30
Nancy Rajoppi-Manno	Critical Issues You Need To Know To Put Together a Seniority List: Tenure Rights, Seniority and RIF, March 23, 2010	---	60
Robert Neal	NJECC workshops, March 17 & 18, 2010	\$80	---
David Winston	NJECC workshops, March 17 & 18, 2010	\$340	---
Donna Marks	NJESS workshops, March 17, 2010	\$170	---

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. Gibbons, Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Avena, Mr. Nazzaro, Ms. Nielsen, Mr. Reardon and Mr. Mayers.

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

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

FIELD TRIP, LPMS

RESOLUTION 147-09/10, "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education approves the following LPMS field trip at no cost to the Board of Education:

Friday, March 26, 2010 – Concert Band to LPES"

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

Personnel

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

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

RESOLUTION 136-09/10 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education approves the following substitute teachers, at the approved substitute teacher rate of pay, as needed, effective February 24, 2010 through June 30, 2010:

Daniella DiMezza, Jeffrey Roskopf."

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

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

RESIGNATION, KOLB

RESOLUTION 137-09/10 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education accepts, with regret, the resignation due to retirement of Carolyn Kolb, Grade 3 Teacher, Lincoln Park Elementary School, effective at the end of the workday on June 30, 2010."

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

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

MATERNITY LEAVE REPLACEMENT, REILLY

RESOLUTION 138-09/10 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education approves Jamie Reilly, as Grade 1 maternity leave replacement teacher, Lincoln Park Elementary School, at a salary of \$48,320, prorated, no benefits, (Step 1, BA) from March 8, 2010 through June 18, 2010."

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

Finance

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

PAYROLL AND GENERAL ACCOUNT BILLS LIST

RESOLUTION 126-09/10 "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	2/15/10	5618	364,938.01
Payroll – Cafeteria	2/15/10	285	1,031.95
FICA – Board Share	2/15/10	5619	5,122.18
FICA – State Share	2/15/10	5620	22,776.02

		Total:	393,868.16
Bills List #1			464,694.78
Bills List #2			5,653.75
Bills List #3			442.00
		Total:	470,790.53
		Grand Total:	864,658.69

A roll call was taken:

YEA: Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Avena, Mr. Nazzaro,
Ms. Nielsen (*abstained from p.o. #000864*), Mr. Reardon and Mr. Mayers.

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

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

STUDENT ACTIVITIES BILLS LIST

RESOLUTION 127-09/10 "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	340.00

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

Use of Facilities

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

USE OF FACILITIES REQUESTS

RESOLUTION 017-09/10 "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	School Nurse	LPMS	Media Ctr.	Thursday	February 18, 2010*	6:30-8pm	None

* For post-approval

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

Board Discussion

Mr. Reardon stated that he was expecting more public turnout this evening. He stressed the importance of getting budget information to the public.

Mr. Lancaster stated that more cuts to the budget are to come and will try to minimize wherever possible so as not to compromise the students' education.

Ms. Nielsen stated that resources are not available this year.

Mr. Mayers stated that a 4% cap is on the tax levy; corresponding decrease in expenditure. It is a very difficult situation – an increase in expenditures and decrease in revenue.

Everything possible will be done to mitigate cuts.

Mr. Gibbons stated that a lot of good things are happening in the district in light of budget constraints.

Mr. Mayers stated that there is talk of eliminating extra curricular activities in the 2010-2011 budget.

Mr. Grube reported that everything is speculative and that every area of the budget has been reviewed. Preliminary numbers are affecting the district. The effects of S1701 are now affecting districts. There is no surplus to give back to taxpayers.

Second Public Recognition

Trustee Lancaster, seconded by Trustee Reardon, moved to open the second public recognition at 8:01p.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 second public recognition at 8:01p.m. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Executive Session

Trustee Lancaster, seconded by Trustee Nielsen, moved to enter into executive session at 8:14 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. Negotiations
 2. Legal Matters
 3. 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 Avena, seconded by Trustee Reardon, moved to return from executive session at 8:46 p.m. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

Trustee Avena, seconded by Trustee Lancaster, moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Rajoppi-Manno
Board Secretary