

LINCOLN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
LINCOLN PARK, NEW JERSEY
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
7:30 P.M., LINCOLN PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL
MARCH 9, 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 7:40 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. Nazzaro and Ms. Nielsen.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Lancaster

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

OTHERS: Nathanya G. Simon, Esq.
Mrs. Susan Grillo, Mrs. Grace Marinello and Mr. Michael Meyer

There were nine members of the public present.

Minutes

Trustee Gibbons, seconded by Trustee Reardon, moved to approve the minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Education held on February 23, 2010.

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

Trustee Gibbons, seconded by Trustee Reardon, moved to approve the minutes of an executive session of the Board of Education held on February 23, 2010.

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent's Report

- Mr. Grube reviewed the suspension report for the board
- Changes to agenda: one resolution added to the Personnel section
- The Alert Now system was used to report to parents two incidents that took place in the past week; one of which was a misunderstanding and the other is being investigated.
- Recommendation to make up the extra snow day used at the end of the school year – proposed amended calendars are in board members' folders this evening.
- Regular agenda items will follow the Public Budget Hearing on March 31st.
- The Superintendents evaluation will be done online.

Business Administrator's Report

- Ms. Rajoppi-Manno reported most of her time is spent working on the very preliminary Budget for 2010-2011. It is a difficult budget to compile due to the many unknowns and variables from the State of New Jersey.

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

No meeting.

B. Finance / Facilities / Negotiations:

Mr. Avena reported that a meeting was held prior to the board meeting to tighten up the budget. Mr. Grube will give a very preliminary budget presentation this evening.

C. Policy / Public Relations

No meeting, no report.

D. MCESC:

Mr. Nazzaro reported that a meeting was held on March 3rd; Budget and Superintendent reviews were discussed.

E. NJSBA:

No meeting, no report.

F. MCSBA:

No meeting, no report.

G. Boonton High School Representative:

No meeting, no report.

H. High School Committee:

No meeting, no report.

Presentations

Mr. Grube presented a very preliminary 2010-2011 Budget outlining financial information, tax levy information, budget obstacles, projected state aid cuts and proposed reductions. Mr. Grube also discussed decisions still to be made with respect to the Budget, and announced the candidates' names running for seats on the Board of Education. Mr. Grube answered questions from the public regarding tuition adjustments and detail of line items.

First Public Recognition

Trustee Nielsen, seconded by Trustee Reardon, moved to open the first public recognition at 8:16 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 8:16 p.m. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Resolutions

Administration

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

PROFESSIONAL DAY WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE

RESOLUTION 148-09/10 "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
Joddi Kaye	Overcoming Dyslexia: Translating Research into Practice, April 19, 2010	\$50	---
Grace Marinello	Overcoming Dyslexia: Translating Research into Practice, April 19, 2010	\$50	---
Nancy Rajoppi-Manno	Pooled Insurance Program meeting, March 3, 2010*	---	10
Nancy Rajoppi-Manno	NJASBO Strategic Planning Committee meeting, February 24, 2010*	---	142
William Medina	Behavior Interventions That Work, March 17, 2010	\$199	---

*for post approval.

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

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

OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENTS, 2009-2010

RESOLUTION 149-09/10 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education post-approves the following out-of-district placements and tuition for the 2009-2010 school year per the Boonton Child Study Team. Transportation has been requested and filed.

COUNTY	SCHOOL	REGULAR TUITION	ESY TUITION	ESY DATES	ID#	H.S.	Classification
Morris	Chancellor Academy Eff. 2/15/10	\$280.58/day Prorated			1524812937	X	ED
Morris	Morris TEC	\$139.77/day			7629604646	X	ED

	(vocational) Eff. 2/17/10	Prorated					
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President and School Business Administrator are authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the Board of Education.”

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

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

HOME INSTRUCTION EXTENSION, #5261227314

RESOLUTION 150-09/10 “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 ID #5261227314, effective February 1, 2010 through February 26, 2010, provided by approved school instructors for up to ten (10) hours per week at the rate of \$30.00 per hour.”

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

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

HOME INSTRUCTION, #2908455737

RESOLUTION 151-09/10 “RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education post-approves the provision of home instruction per the Boonton Child Study Team for student ID #2908455737, effective February 5, 2010 through March 19, 2010. Instructional services are provided by PESI of Glassboro, NJ for up to ten (10) hours per week at the rate of \$30.00 per hour.”

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

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

HOME INSTRUCTION SERVICES, REILLY

RESOLUTION 152-09/10 “RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education post-approves Jamie Reilly to provide home instruction services to Lincoln Park student ID #8212122937 at the rate of \$30.00 per hour for up to ten (10) hours per week, effective February 22, 2010 through March 4, 2010.”

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

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

AM PRESCHOOL PROGRAM TUITION STUDENTS, 2010-2011

RESOLUTION 153-09/10 “RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education accepts the following 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 2010-2011 School Year: GP, MG, MR, ALM, PB, FEK, AR

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 taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

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

PM PRESCHOOL PROGRAM TUITION STUDENTS, 2010-2011

RESOLUTION 154-09/10 “RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education accepts the following 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 2010-2011 School Year: AA, NDC, ER, JS, LT, SR, GR, CC

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 taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

Personnel

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

RETIREMENT, LINK

RESOLUTION 139-09/10 “RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education accepts, with regret, the resignation due to retirement of Maureen Link, Speech Teacher, Lincoln Park Special Services Division, effective at the end of the workday on June 30, 2010.”

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

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

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS, 2009-2010

RESOLUTION 140-09/10 “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 March 10, 2010 through June 30, 2010: Heather Bancroft, Kathleen Cannavina, Jaclyn Deady.”

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

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

RETIREMENT, PICARDI

RESOLUTION 141-09/10 “RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education accepts, with regret, the resignation due to retirement of Jacqueline Picardi, Kindergarten Teacher, Lincoln Park Elementary School, effective at the end of the workday on June 30, 2010.”

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

Finance

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

ELECTION 2010: ANNOUNCEMENT / PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

RESOLUTION 128-09/10 “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 20, 2010, 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 2010-2011 school year to be March 31, 2010 at 7:30 PM in the All Purpose Room at the Lincoln Park Middle School.”

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

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

ELECTION 2010: DRAWING FOR POSITION ON BALLOT

RESOLUTION 129-09/10 “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 Wednesday, March 10, 2010 in the offices of the Board of Education.”

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

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

TREASURER’S REPORT, JULY 2009

RESOLUTION 130-09/10 “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 July 2009.”

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0-1 with Ms. Nielsen abstaining.

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

SECRETARY’S REPORT, JULY 2009

RESOLUTION 131-09/10 “RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Park Board of Education accepts and affixes to the minutes of this meeting the July 2009 Secretary’s Report.”

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

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

CERTIFICATION, JULY 2009

RESOLUTION 132-09/10 “Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A 10(e), the Board Secretary does certify that the Board Secretary’s Report for July 2009 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: Ms. Nielsen, Mr. Nazzaro, Mr. Avena, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Reardon and Mr. Mayers.

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

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

PAYROLL AND GENERAL ACCOUNT BILLS LIST

RESOLUTION 133-09/10 “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	2/28/10	5655	372,541.41
Payroll – Cafeteria	2/28/10	287	1,031.95
FICA – Board Share	2/28/10	5653	5,700.66
FICA – State Share	2/28/10	5654	22,779.18
		Total:	402,053.20

Bills List #1			57,837.42
Bills List #2			5,979.36
		Total:	63,816.78
		Grand Total:	465,869.98

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

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

STUDENT ACTIVITIES BILLS LIST

RESOLUTION 134-09/10 "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	343.00

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

Use of Facilities

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

USE OF FACILITIES REQUESTS

RESOLUTION 018-09/10 "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	Girl Scouts	LPMS	APR	Friday	March 12, 2010	5:30-9:30	None
B	Book Fair	LPMS	Media Ctr.	Tuesday	March 16, 2010	5-8:30	None
C	PTO Girl/Guy Dance Rescheduled	LPES	GYM	Friday	March 19, 2010	3:30PM-10:00PM	None

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

Board Discussion

The Board discussed the options regarding amending the school calendar to make up the extra snow day used.

Resolution – Administration

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

RESOLUTION 155-09/10 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education approves an amendment to the 2009-2010 school calendar to add one day to the end of the school year to make up an extra snow day used in February.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any additional emergency closings will be made up at the end of the school year."

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0.

Second Public Recognition

Trustee Gibbons, seconded by Trustee Nazzaro, moved to open the second public recognition at 8:24 p.m. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

No member of the public wished to be recognized.

Trustee Reardon, seconded by Trustee Gibbons, moved to close the second public recognition at 8:24 p.m. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Executive Session

Trustee Nielsen, seconded by Trustee Nazzaro, moved to enter into executive session at 8:24 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
- 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 Gibbons, seconded by Trustee Reardon, moved to return from executive session at 8:48 p.m. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

Trustee Avena, seconded by Trustee Reardon, moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Rajoppi-Manno
Board Secretary