

LINCOLN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
LINCOLN PARK, NEW JERSEY  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
6:00 P.M., LINCOLN PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL  
MARCH 22, 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 6:05 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, Ms. Nancy Rajoppi-Manno and Mr. Michael Meyer.

There were approximately thirty six members of the public present.

Mr. Grube explained the budget, state aid, and a handout indicating financial and tax levy information as well as the estimated tax impact, major budget expenditure, major budget reductions and voting information. Mr. Mayers remarked that a lot of pain is spread throughout this budget.

**First Public Recognition**

Trustee Lancaster, seconded by Trustee Gibbons, moved to open the first public recognition at 6:20 p.m. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Canning, 10 Garden Street

Mr. Canning inquired as to whether the union was approached and Mr. Mayers responded yes, on three occasions. Discussion ensued regarding sports programs and partnership with the PAL.

Mrs. Laura Pise, 95 Mountain Heights Ave

Mrs. Pise asked where the increases are coming from. Mr. Grube responded that they are health benefits, salaries and prior year tuition adjustments to Boonton.

Mr. Gibbons outlined state aid and Mr. Mayers discussed busing.

Mr. Grube reminded the public to vote on April 20, 2010.

Trustee Nielsen, seconded by Trustee Reardon, moved to close the first public recognition at 6:35 p.m. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Resolutions**

Personnel

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

**CONTRACT EXTENSION, RAJOPPI-MANNO**

RESOLUTION 135-09/10 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education approves a three (3) month extension to the contract, along with a salary increase of one per cent (1%), for Nancy Rajoppi-Manno, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, pending approval by the Executive County Superintendent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President is 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. Lancaster, Mr. Reardon and Mr. Mayers.

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

Finance

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

**TENTATIVE SCHOOL BUDGET: 2010-2011**

RESOLUTION 135-09/10 "RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Park Board of Education approves the tentative 2010-2011 school district budget for submission to the voters as follows:

General Fund	\$ 18,349,656.
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 236,815.
Debt Service Fund	\$ 753,411.
Total Budget	\$ 19,339,882.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Park Board of Education approves that in the Borough of Lincoln Park there shall be raised the following Tax Levies for the ensuing school year 2010-2011:

General Fund	\$ 16,749,036.
Debt Service	\$ 689,813;

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 2010-2011 budget to the Executive 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 Executive County Superintendent approval."

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

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

**TREASURERS REPORT, AUGUST 2009**

RESOLUTION 136-09/10 "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 August 2009."

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0-1 with Ms. Nielsen abstaining.

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

SECRETARYS REPORT, AUGUST 2009

RESOLUTION 137-09/10 "RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Park Board of Education accepts and affixes to the minutes of this meeting the August 2009 Secretary's Report."

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

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

CERTIFICATION, AUGUST 2009

RESOLUTION 138-09/10 "Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A 10(e), the Board Secretary does certify that the Board Secretary's Report for August 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: Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Reardon, Mr. Avena, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Nazzaro, Ms. Nielsen and Mr. Mayers.

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

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

TREASURERS REPORT, SEPTEMBER 2009

RESOLUTION 139-09/10 "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 September 2009."

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0-1 with Ms. Nielsen abstaining.

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

SECRETARYS REPORT, SEPTEMBER 2009

RESOLUTION 140-09/10 "RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Park Board of Education accepts and affixes to the minutes of this meeting the September 2009 Secretary's Report."

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

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

CERTIFICATION, SEPTEMBER 2009

RESOLUTION 141-09/10 "Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A 10(e), the Board Secretary does certify that the Board Secretary's Report for September 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: Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Reardon, Mr. Avena, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Nazzaro, Ms. Nielsen and Mr. Mayers.

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

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

TREASURERS REPORT, OCTOBER 2009

RESOLUTION 142-09/10 "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 October 2009."

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0-1 with Ms. Nielsen abstaining.

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

SECRETARYS REPORT, OCTOBER 2009

RESOLUTION 143-09/10 "RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Park Board of Education accepts and affixes to the minutes of this meeting the October 2009 Secretary's Report."

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

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

CERTIFICATION, OCTOBER 2009

RESOLUTION 144-09/10 "Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A 10(e), the Board Secretary does certify that the Board Secretary's Report for October 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: Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Reardon, Mr. Avena, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Nazzaro, Ms. Nielsen and Mr. Mayers.

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

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

TREASURERS REPORT, NOVEMBER 2009

RESOLUTION 145-09/10 "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 November 2009."

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0-1 with Ms. Nielsen abstaining.

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

SECRETARYS REPORT, NOVEMBER 2009

RESOLUTION 146-09/10 "RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Park Board of Education accepts and affixes to the minutes of this meeting the November 2009 Secretary's Report."

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

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

CERTIFICATION, NOVEMBER 2009

RESOLUTION 147-09/10 "Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A 10(e), the Board Secretary does certify that the Board Secretary's Report for November 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: Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Reardon, Mr. Avena, Mr. Gibbons,  
Mr. Nazzaro, Ms. Nielsen and Mr. Mayers.

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

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

TREASURERS REPORT, DECEMBER 2009

RESOLUTION 148-09/10 "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 December 2009."

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0-1 with Ms. Nielsen abstaining.

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

SECRETARYS REPORT, DECEMBER 2009

RESOLUTION 149-09/10 "RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Park Board of Education accepts and affixes to the minutes of this meeting the December 2009 Secretary's Report."

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

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

CERTIFICATION, DECEMBER 2009

RESOLUTION 150-09/10 "Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A 10(e), the Board Secretary does certify that the Board Secretary's Report for December 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: Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Reardon, Mr. Avena, Mr. Gibbons,  
Mr. Nazzaro, Ms. Nielsen and Mr. Mayers.

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

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

**PAYROLL AND GENERAL ACCOUNT BILLS LIST**

RESOLUTION 151-09/10 "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	3/15/10	5686	366,968.11
Payroll – Cafeteria	3/15/10	289	1,031.95
FICA – Board Share	3/15/10	5687	4,881.82
FICA – State Share	3/15/10	5688	23,169.44
		Total:	396,051.32
Bills List #1			385,677.57
Bills List #2			13,181.97
		Total:	398,859.54
		Grand Total:	794,910.86

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

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

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES BILLS LIST**

RESOLUTION 152-09/10 "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	1650.00

A roll call was taken:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried 7-0.

**Second Public Recognition**

Trustee Reardon, seconded by Trustee Gibbons, moved to open the second public recognition at 6:40 p.m.

The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Pepe, 344 Gettysburg Way

Mr. Grube inquired about class sizes and reductions in administration. Mr. Grube responded that class sizes are anticipated to be 25-26 students, and 2 support staff positions are being eliminated.

Mr. Grube noted that the budget numbers include five retirements. Mr. Mayers stated that the sixteen staffing cuts include retirees not being replaced or being reduced to part-time.

Lisa Grygotis, 12 Vivian Street

Ms. Grygotis inquired if there will be any cuts in Special Education services. Mr. Grube responded that no case managers will be cut; IEP services must be retained.

Mike Kelly, 24 Anthony Boulevard

Mr. Kelly asked if Boonton has similar constraints and Mr. Lancaster replied yes, Boonton is experiencing the same budget reductions. Boonton had to make budget cuts, which lowered Lincoln Park's tuition to Boonton by approximately \$72,000.

Mr. Grube stated that he thought, though not positive, that one year ago, Boonton was the third or fourth highest size K-12 district in Morris County.

Ken Healy (address indecipherable)

Mr. Healy asked about cost per pupil in Boonton High School, which is \$15,133. Mr. Mayers noted that the relationship and communication with Boonton is getting better. Mr. Grube stated that Lincoln Park is in the lower end of the cost per pupil range in Morris County.

Mrs. Pise inquired about any additional cuts such as music and other special areas. Mr. Grube responded that no additional cuts are anticipated in music and other special areas, however, all subject areas are being looked at.

Trustee Lancaster, seconded by Trustee Reardon, moved to close the second public recognition at 6:54 p.m. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Adjournment**

Trustee Reardon, seconded by Trustee Gibbons, moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Rajoppi-Manno  
Board Secretary