

LINCOLN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
LINCOLN PARK, NEW JERSEY
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
6:30 PM, VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM PLATFORM
April 21, 2020
District Mission Statement

The board meeting was held remotely via the Zoom Platform. The link to access the meeting was placed on the district's website with directions on how to attend and participate. The information was also provided via a letter emailed to all the parents/guardians in the district. The directions on how to participate in the public portion were reviewed before the actual start of the meeting.

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 expectation that all students will achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards at all grade levels.

President Avena called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., and 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 ensure 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 Record and posted at the Board of Education Administrative Offices and filed with the Borough Clerk.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Antonetti, Mr. Avena, Mr. Henches, Mr. Kaufman, Ms. Nagle, Mr. Raffa, Ms. Vucenovic

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATION: Mr. James Grube, Superintendent, Mrs. Nicole Schoening, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, and 2 members of the administration

OTHERS PRESENT: None

MINUTES

Trustee Kaufman, seconded by Trustee Henches, moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education on April 7, 2020. The minutes were approved by a roll call vote: 7-0-0.

A roll call vote was taken for the Minutes.

YEA: Mr. Antonetti, Mr. Avena, Mr. Henches, Mr. Kaufman, Ms. Nagle, Mr. Raffa, Ms. Vucenovic

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: None

The motion carried 7-0-0

PRESENTATIONS

- None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Changes to the Agenda: None
- HIB Report- No report since last meeting.
- Suspension Report- No report since last meeting.

- Enrollment Report- The March enrollment is in the board's folder.
- Our district is in the sixth week of instruction under the "Flexible Learning Plan", due to Governor Murphy's Executive Order that all NJ school buildings are closed. The latest directive from the Governor indicates that all school buildings will remain closed until at least May 15th. For now, until the next directive from the Governor, Lincoln Park Schools will continue with remote instruction. Mr. Grube stated that this is a very difficult and stressful time for staff, students and parents. We need to continue to work together and make the best of a terrible situation. Instruction is taking place, learning is taking place, and counseling is taking place. Lincoln Park Schools will continue to do great things, not just in the traditional manner. Mr. Grube stated at the last meeting as well as in his correspondence with the staff, students, and parents that he is extremely proud of the entire Lincoln Park community on how we are all pulling together to make this work. As he does not know what the directive from Governor Murphy is going to be, he does believe we need to be prepared for the very good chance the school buildings will not be open for the remainder of the school year, however, we will stay optimistic that we will return this year.
- President Avena asked if there are situations with students having struggles during these tough times. Mr. Grube responded that we are being flexible during remote learning. Trustee Nagle inquired on how students will be evaluated. Mr. Grube stated that students will be graded, report cards will need to come out and curriculum will be evaluated for the next school year.
- Mr. Grube reminded everyone of the new lunch distribution procedures. Lunches will now be distributed Monday and Wednesday from 10:30 to 12 noon at Lincoln Park Middle School. On Monday food will be given for Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday food will be issued for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. All Free & Reduced Lunch students are eligible as well as any student who would like to purchase a meal. If anyone is having difficulty getting lunches please contact our offices or your child's principal. Also this week the principals emailed all our students with information on how to apply for free or reduced lunches. Many of our families' financial situations have changed and may now be eligible. Mr. Grube encouraged all to complete the application and advised everyone that the application can also be found on our district website.
- Mr. Grube also wanted to remind everyone that the public presentation of the 2020-21 budget will be presented at the May 5th board meeting, and at the May 12th board meeting that the Board will officially approve the budget to be submitted to the State. Both of these meetings will be held remotely and information about the meetings will be available on the district website.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Elementary School:
No Drills to Report

Middle School:
No Drills to Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum / Personnel, Todd Henches

- No meeting, no report.

MCSBA, Patrick Antonetti

- No meeting, no report.

Finance Facilities, Frank Avena

- President Avena attended a virtual meeting last night where the main discussion was regarding contract services and having to pay for services that we are not receiving. They will be reaching out to the different vendors to see if we can get a cut in price. There has been a decision made to put our parking lot project on hold, at this point in time with state aid being held up due to the pandemic. Mrs. Schoening would like to schedule another finance committee meeting on April 29th at 6:30 p.m. The Board all agreed on the date and time.

Negotiations, Frank Avena

- Meeting will be held tonight after the Board meeting.

Lincoln Park/Pequannock/Montville Shared Services, Todd Hennes

- No meeting, no report.

Policy/Publication Relations, Joshua Kaufman

- No meeting, no report.

MCESC, Patrick Antonetti

- Mr. Antonetti attended a virtual meeting, to go over changes of upcoming dates.

NJSBA, Frank Raffa

- No meeting, no report.

Boonton High School Representative / High School, Sandra Vucenovic

- Mrs. Vucenovic attended a virtual meeting last week. They discussed that all four academies will be running in September including a full Gateway Program and an Avid Program. Students who are in any of the academy programs can also participate in the Avid Program, however, students will not be able to be in both Gateway and Avid Programs.

FIRST PUBLIC RECOGNITION REGARDING SCHOOL RELATED MATTERS

Trustee Kaufman, seconded by Trustee Hennes, moved to open First Public Recognition at 6:48 p.m.

Mr. Grube provided direction on how any member of the public could comment during the public portion of the meeting.

By a voice vote, the Board approved to close the first public recognition at 6:49 p.m., as there was no one from the public that wanted to address the Board.

RESOLUTIONS

ADMINISTRATION, PERSONNEL, AND FINANCE

Trustee Hennes, seconded by Trustee Raffa, moved to consider Administration resolutions #1-2, Personnel item #1 and Finance item #1.

ADMINISTRATION

HIB REPORT, APRIL 2020

RESOLUTION 2534-2020 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education recognizes and approves the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying report as of April 17, 2020, as summarized:

Incidents Reported:	0 – LPES	0 – LPMS
Confirmed HIB:	0 – LPES	0 – LPMS

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Park Board of Education approves the remedial and disciplinary action taken by the building principals."

REMOVAL OF STUDENT FROM 4-YEAR-OLD PRESCHOOL PROGRAM: 2019-2020

RESOLUTION 2535-2020 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education post approves the removal of student, J.O., from the 4-year-old Preschool Program in the Lincoln Park School District as of April 7, 2020, per parental request.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the tuition contract for this student be cancelled."

PERSONNEL

LONGEVITY, KENNELLY

RESOLUTION 2536-2020 "RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lincoln Park Board of Education approves Jennifer Kennelly for a longevity stipend of \$2,000.00 for completing 25 years of service, effective May 1, 2020."

FINANCE

. PAYROLL AND GENERAL ACCOUNTS BILLS LIST

RESOLUTION 2537-2020 "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	AMOUNT
PAYROLL GENERAL	4/15/2020	\$ 256,496.65
STATE SHARE FICA	4/15/2020	\$ 24,900.05
BOARD SHARE FICA	4/15/2020	\$ 6,941.12
TOTAL		\$ 288,337.82

BILLS DESCRIPTION – FY20	DATED	AMOUNT
BILLS LIST FUND 10	4/21/2020	\$ 687,648.81
BILLS LIST FUND 12	4/21/2020	\$ 15,662.50
BILLS LIST FUND 20	4/21/2020	\$ 6,282.60
BILLS LIST FUND 60	4/21/2020	\$ 4,728.51
BILL LIST FUND 70/71	4/21/2020	\$ 125.00
TOTAL		\$ 714,447.42

A roll call vote was taken for Administration, items #1-2, Personnel item #1, and Finance item #1:
YEA: Mr. Antonetti, Mr. Avena, Mr. Henches, Mr. Kaufman, Ms. Nagle, Mr. Raffa, Ms. Vucenovic
NAY: None
ABSTAINED: None
The motion carried 7-0-0

BOARD DISCUSSION

- None.

SECOND PUBLIC RECOGNITION REGARDING SCHOOL RELATED MATTERS

Trustee Raffa, seconded by Trustee Kaufman, moved to open Second Public Recognition at 6:50 p.m.

Mr. Grube once again provided direction on how any member of the public could comment during the public portion of the meeting.

By a voice vote, the Board approved to close the second public recognition at 6:50 p.m., as there was no one from the public that wanted to address the Board.

Adjournment

Trustee Kaufman, seconded by Trustee Vucenovic, moved for the Board:

To adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Schoening, CPA, SFO
Business Administrator/Board Secretary