

February 18, 2010 Minutes

Board of Education of the Borough of Little Ferry, Bergen County, NJ

President Anne DeLuca called the Regular Meeting of the Little Ferry Board of Education to order on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. and led the Board in the Salute to the Flag.

OPENING STATEMENT

Board Secretary R. Paul Vizzuso read the following Opening Statement affirming that the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law requirements had been met:

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend meetings of public bodies at which business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof placed in the Memorial School, Washington School and the Municipal Building with notices sent to THE RECORD of the news media.

ROLL CALL

Present: Anthony DiBlasio, Suzanne Ferrante, A.J. Joshi, Jill Ann Pasechnick, Jody Pasqua, Deanna Wallace and Anne DeLuca

Absent: James Cirillo and John Tronlone

Also Present: Frank Scarafile, Superintendent
R. Paul Vizzuso, Board Secretary/Business Administrator
Ferrara, Turitz, Harraka & Goldberg P.C. – Stanely Turitz in attendance

R: 230 02/18/010 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Jody Pasqua

Seconded by Trustee Anthony DiBalsio

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Little Ferry Board of Education hereby approves and places on file the minutes from the following meetings:

ROLL CALL:

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| ➤ Regular Meeting, Thursday, January 21, 2010 | 6 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain |
| ➤ Workshop/Action Meeting, Thursday, February 4, 2010 | 6 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain |

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr Scarafile discussed the following:

- Students of the Month:
5th Grade - Damien Monkowski, 6th Grade – Brian Gutierrez, 7th Grade – Moises Mendez, 8th Grade – Nicolas Morrone
- Guidance Counselor Amal Azzara will be added to the I & RS Committee
- Overview of Budget process discussed at the Finance Committee Meeting held on February 15
- Petitions for candidates running for a Board seat are due on Monday, March 1 at 4pm
- Board of Education Workshop Meeting on Thursday, March 4
- Tentative Budget Hearing to be held on Thursday, April 1
- Board of Education/Budget elections to be held on Tuesday, April 20

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Shared services
2. Pre-K bathroom

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Negotiation Committee Meeting will be held on March 25 at 4 pm
- Meeting with the Mayor and Council is tentatively set for April 3

OPEN CITIZENS HEARING

Motion by Trustee Anthony DiBlasio

Seconded by Trustee Suzanne Ferrante

BE IT RESOLVED, that the meeting is now open to the Citizens' Hearing of the Regular Public Session at 8:12 p.m.

Donna Doran asked the percentage of salary increase was for towns surrounding Little Ferry. That information was not available.

CLOSE CITIZENS HEARING

Motion by Trustee Deanna Wallace

Seconded by Trustee Suzanne Ferrante

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Citizens' Hearing of the Regular Public Meeting is hereby closed at 8:13 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

Block Vote: R:231 to R:239

Motion by Trustee Jody Pasqua

Seconded by Trustee Suzanne Ferrante

Roll Call: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

R: 231 02/18/10 APPROVE BILLS LIST

Motion by Trustee

Seconded by Trustee

BE IT RESOLVED, that the properly certified and approved bills in the amount of \$738,150.25 for the month of February 2010, which shall be made part of this resolution, are hereby approved for payment.

R: 232 02/18/10 APPROVE PAYROLL – JANUARY 2010

Motion by Trustee

Seconded by Trustee

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Little Ferry Board of Education approves the payroll for the month of January 2010 in the amount of \$867,912.47.

R: 233 02/18/10 RATIFY HAND CHECKS

Motion by Trustee

Seconded by Trustee

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Little Ferry Board of Education ratifies the issuance of the "hand" checks listed below:

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
305	Carlstadt-E Rutherford BOE	\$11,961.95	- December lunch
306	Kayser's Dairy	\$2,293.55	- January milk
307	MySchoolMeals.com	\$1,650.00	- Subscription - Sept 09-Feb 10
308	Restaurant Depot	\$8,483.00	- Traulsen Refrigerator
961122	Bank of NY	\$3,170.09	- Debt service
961123	Bank of NY	\$226.97	- Debt service
960210	NJ Division Pensions & Benefits	\$109,626.88	- Health Benefits
960219	NJ Division Pensions & Benefits	\$718.09	- Health Benefits

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R: 234 02/18/10 APPROVE USE OF FACILITIES

Motion by Trustee

Seconded by Trustee

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Little Ferry Board of Education approves the following use of facilities requests:

<u>Name of Organization</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Time & Location Req.</u>
LF PTA	March 2 – 3	Book Fair	8:30 am – Wash gym hallway
LF PTA	March 12	Family Night- Gr 2-4	6:30 pm – Wash gym
LF PTA	March 19	Family Night- Gr PreK-1	7:00 pm – Wash gym

R: 235 02/18/10 APPROVE TEACHER/MENTOR POOL – 2009-2010

Motion by Trustee

Seconded by Trustee

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Little Ferry Board of Education hereby approves the following individuals be placed on the Teacher/Mentor Pool List for the 2009-2010 school year.

Christina Maieran

R: 236 02/18/10 APPROVE STIPEND POSITIONS – 2009-2010

Motion by Trustee

Seconded by Trustee

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Little Ferry Board of Education hereby approves the following individuals to serve in stipend positions for the 2009-2010 school year:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
I & RS Member (Intervention & Referral Services)	Amal Azzara	\$1,061.00

R: 237 02/18/10 ACCEPT DONATION –DONGSAN ALLIANCE CHURCH

Motion by Trustee

Seconded by Trustee

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Little Ferry Board of Education hereby accepts a donation of \$500.00 from the Dongsan Alliance Church.

R: 238 02/18/10 APPROVE FIELD TRIPS – 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by Trustee

Seconded by Trustee

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and in accordance with Board Policy, the Little Ferry Board of Education hereby approves the following Field Trip(s) for the 2009-2010 school year:

Museum of Natural History - Grade 2 Classes - May 27, 2010

R: 239 02/18/10 APPROVE SPENDING FREEZE

Motion by Trustee

Seconded by Trustee

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Little Ferry Board of Education approves a freeze on all but necessary contractual expenditures for the remainder of this fiscal year. On February 11, 2010 Governor Christie issued an Executive Order #14 which declares a fiscal emergency in the State of New Jersey. As a result the Little Ferry School District has been notified by the State of New Jersey that State Aide payments will be withheld.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Jill Ann Pasechnik

Seconded by Trustee Anthony DiBlasio

BE IT RESOLVED, that with no further business to come before the Little Ferry Board of Education, the meeting is adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. Paul Vizzuso

Board Secretary/Business Administrator