

OFFICIAL

LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

LINCOLN, RI 02865

DATE: April 4, 2005

TIME: 7:02pm – Special Meeting - Open

PLACE: Administration Building

135 Lonsdale Avenue, Lincoln, RI 02865

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeffrey Weiss, Chair; MaryAnn Roll, Vice Chair; John Zangari, Clerk; Elizabeth Robson, Julie Zito, and Mary Ann Roll. Sue McClain absent.

ADMINISTRATORS IN ATTENDANCE: John Tindall-Gibson, Superintendent; Georgia Fortunato, Lori Miller, and Angelo Mencucci. Linda Newman was absent with cause.

OPENING CEREMONY

The subject of the meeting is the Renovations Priority List.

Scott Dunlap from AI3 and Angelo Mencucci reviewed the list with the School Committee. Dunlap said there is no particular priority to the list but this is everything that fell within the available money (approximately \$5.9 million that was approved in 2003).

It is broken out by school. In some cases, the focus veered from school-to-school. They did not necessarily try to solve physical plant needs, educational needs, and additional space needs at every school.

Weiss opened the meeting up to questions.

St. Germain questioned the line Lonsdale Elementary School – construct 4,000 sq. ft. addition including two (2) conference rooms and sub dividable multipurpose space. The ADA says structural changes in a building will require ADA upgrades to the rest rooms. Lonsdale is currently non-compliant. Zangari asked if it was subject to the cost of the major renovations. St. Germain said any structuring renovations kills the grandfathering of restrooms. Dunlap said St. Germain is right. As part of this money, they would have to make some ADA upgrades. Weiss asked if there was enough money to do that. Dunlap said the assumption would come out of the \$780,000.

Zangari questioned the partial renovations in science rooms ('63 building). Dunlap said it is all the science labs in the original high school building. Zangari asked if the lighting has been picked. Dunlap said no. Zangari suggested not to use the lights that point towards the ceiling with mirrors because they will not be cleaned.

Zangari asked if we were keeping the Administration Building. Weiss said yes. Weiss said there was an overwhelming desire to create

space to integrate special education students into the curriculum.

Fortunato said she will never be able to return all special education students to the district. She is currently trying to develop a 2 – 12 model that builds upon what she does at Fairlawn with the autism. Robson said it's about \$640,000 to bring half of those kids back. St. Germain also said once we are set up, we can take in children from other districts and charge tuition.

Zito asked if Lonsdale needs two more classrooms if their sixes are going up to the middle school? They are basically special education classrooms. Lonsdale and Saylesville are the two sights. She is meeting with Melinda Smith and Mary Carvalho because in the next few years she will be looking to house her preschoolers.

Weiss asked the Committee, the allocation of space that was recommended by the third previous Superintendent, does any one disagree with the recommendation and therefore should we make this a meeting agenda item for a subsequent meeting? St. Germain suggested to Weiss that he put it on the agenda and we formalize it rather than making it look like something being done behind the wall. Tindall-Gibson said we might consider putting the Administration or classes in portables instead of the Administration Building. Weiss would

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like the discussion/presentation during the April 11th School Committee meeting because the subject will come up at the Town Financial Meeting.

The Committee discussed the Administration renovations.

Robson asked if the middle school entrance was going to be painted. Yes, it will be.

Dunlap said it is very important that the message be out there publicly that this is not a comprehensive renovation to all the school buildings. This is dealing with the biggest priorities within the money that was appropriated.

The Budget Board is trying to get the tennis courts under the Town Budget because it's not only the schools that use them.

Weiss recommended the School Committee approved the renovation list as presented. Motion by St. Germain to approve list as presented. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor. Motion carried.

Tindall-Gibson anticipates the Town Council will approve the same list tomorrow night, 4/5/05. The architect is prepared to start working on construction drawings immediately and we want to get out to bid as soon as we can. Northern and Saylesville will be done first.

Motion to adjourn opening meeting at 7:55 by St. Germain. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried.

JOHN ZANGARI, CLERK DATE