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LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

LINCOLN, RI 02865

DATE: March 13, 2006

TIME: 7:00pm – Monthly Meeting - Open

PLACE: Lincoln Town Hall

100 River Road, Lincoln, RI

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Jeffrey Weiss, Chair; Mary Ann Roll, Vice Chair; John Zangari, Clerk, John Lafleur, and Betty Robson. Gerard St. Germain and Julie Zito were absent.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: John Tindall-Gibson, Superintendent, Lori Miller, Georgia Fortunato, Angelo Mencucci, Melinda Smith, Margaret Lemay, and Ben Scungio.

Motion by Robson to open meeting. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor. Motion carried.

Weiss said there was nothing to report out from Executive Session. Motion by Zangari to seal March 13, 2006 Executive Session minutes. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Right to be Heard

Tindall-Gibson called MaryAnn McComiskey, President of LTA, to speak. She is concerned the budget cuts will interfere with students' needs.

Barbara Holt, grade 4 teacher from Lonsdale, said the library is an essential component in her curriculum. It would be a shame for her to have to wait for a day when the librarian is there for her to get help with a lesson.

Deb Lyons, Reading Specialist from Lonsdale, said she is there to ask that the Committee consider not only the dollars and cents but the program itself.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Roll to approve January 23, 2006 minutes as amended. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Roll to defer January 30, 2006 minutes to April 10, 2006 meeting. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Zangari to approve February 13, 2006 minutes. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

National School Accreditation

Tindall-Gibson said he is very pleased to recognize the staff of

Fairlawn Early Learning Center for receiving a special accreditation. Melinda Smith announced that they have earned NAEYC accreditation, National Association for the Education of Young Children for the preschool program. They began with a grant for Keys to Quality which was done by Lori DeSimone. They received that funding. She thanked all involved. Roberta DeAndrade read aloud a commendation from the Commission in Washington. Lori DeSimone presented citations to Kathy McDonald, Sue Caswell, Leslie Catalozzi, and Denise Corrente. She presented Weiss with the accreditation award. The accreditation is good through 2011. Weiss presented citations also.

EdNets

Tindall-Gibson said one of our desires is to have a fully functional web site that allows maximum access to all members of our educational community. He introduced Richard Trembowitz, Chief Executive Officer of EdNets. The program has two key elements to it. One is web plat form which has a unique design for district, high school, middle school, and elementary schools built around the teaching process and information sets. And, it has a registered card royalty program. Anybody can register a credit or debit card. When you buy from any participating sponsor or buy on-line through the school web site, you can generate a rebate for the benefit of the school district. EdNets is taking the collective purchasing power of everybody who supports local schools, aggregating that purchasing power, and converting it to money for the benefit of the school

district. He believes schools do not have good content management systems on their web sites. He estimates that in Lincoln, they could generate about \$500,000 a year. EdNets gets paid a web site subscription fee and are paid only through the rebates generated through the program. There is no cost upfront for a school district. They rely on consumer spending. Sponsor information is blocked to individuals under the age of 18. You only register once. There is no fee to join and you don't have to buy anything you don't want to buy. Weiss asked if he could provide the Committee with access or some web sites that they can look at and familiarize

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themselves with. Weiss would also like to see a sample contract. Roll asked if we have any control over the sponsorships that are on the site. Trembowitz said we do have control over local sponsors. EdNets has their own guidelines as to what sponsors put on their sites.

Update on Assistant Business Manager Interviews

Tindall-Gibson said we have advertised in large newspapers in three states, we have taken a number of applications, and we have a committee that has interviewed candidates. They are continuing to place ads in specialized journals and expect to receive a few more applications. Tindall-Gibson also requested from the Committee an authorization to form a small advisory committee to further study the

Business Office and come up with more recommendations. And the amount is not to exceed \$6,000. Motion by Zangari to approve. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Rescission of Early Admissions Policy

Tindall-Gibson said the state changed the entry age for children entering kindergarten. A number of school districts have either rescinded or changed their policy to comply the new law. Zangari said the state really didn't change the age of entrance into kindergarten. They changed the date that the child had to be that age by, from December 31st to September 1st. The policy we have allows for exceptional children to enter school in that year that they would turn five years old. Zangari believes that removing this policy is a bad move because in the past we have had it and it doesn't say in the law that there are no exceptions allowed. We do not do much for children who are exceptional. We are doing nothing until the third grade where Gifted & Talented kicks in. He suggests that we keep this policy. Robson asked the rationale for taking it away. Fortunato she had spoken with subcommittee members from 2004 and they indicated it was supposed to be for only one year. With the turnover in Administration, the policy didn't not come back to the School Committee for revision to have it rescinded. Many districts followed the state law. Weiss said to take this in two steps. Roll believes we should be consistent with state law. We could look at moving the date up six months and we could accept the recommendation of Georgia. The third option would be to do nothing and vote against both

motions. Weiss asked for a motion to move the date up six months but keep the current policy and see if there is support for that. That would change the date for having to be five years old at the end of the school year; it would be five years old at the end of the calendar year. Robson said that would be for the exception and the child would still need to meet all of the requirements. Weiss asked Tindall-Gibson his thoughts. He made the recommendation to move in alignment with state law and the other school districts. Weiss asked if there was a motion to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent relative to changing the age. Motion by Roll to make the change in our policy. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Nay by Zangari and Lafleur. Motion by Robson to change the age 5 by six months to the end of the calendar year, December 31st, in which the student is applying for the exception and age 6 for first grade. Seconded by LaFleur. All in favor. Nay by Zangari. Motion carried.

Approval of SPED Coordinator/Department Head Job Description

Tindall-Gibson said we made the change to reflect the changes occurring in the middle school right now. This addresses the 6th grade moving into the middle school. See change in line 19 of job description. Motion by Zangari to approve. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Director of Guidance Job Description

Tindall-Gibson said it is changing from a K – 12 to a 9 – 12 responsibility because we are separating the middle school from the

high school. Part of the rationale of this is that we are separating the middle school from the high school; they will be two separate facilities. The responsibility for a guidance counselor in the middle school will be with the principal at the middle school. Weiss said McComiskey had a concern on the individual who would be doing this. Tindall-Gibson said the caseload is determined by the assignments that are made and the supervision that occurs at the facility. It is not directly related to the job description. If the person is overloaded, we could find someone else to facilitate State testing or take responsibility for developing a master schedule. Robson asked if there was a Director of Guidance for grades 7 – 12 or is this a totally new position. The position was K – 12. Motion by Roll to approve. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor. Motion carried.

2006 – 2007 School Calendar

Motion by Roll to approve. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Full-Day K Program, Presentation of Proposed Budget

Deferred to April 10th meeting. Roll said we had said parents registering K children would have information in the month of March. Are we now saying it will be April before we take a vote. Weiss believes we should have a public hearing

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because there is a lot of controversy over whether people want to go to early learning centers versus community-based schools. Roll asked, if our message to the community, at this time, given the logistics involved and the need to communicate with the community, that we would not be looking at a full-day program in September. Weiss said yes. Robson said we are fully in support of full-day K; it is just not feasible to implement it for this September.

Business Manager Report

Miller is still projecting a positive \$10 K variance. Line 101 Substitute teachers is still showing a positive variance of \$47K. She expects by the end of March that we will start running a deficit in this line item. This will be between \$100 to \$125K. Teacher coverages is running a \$23K positive variance. There will be a small deficit in the Health Option account but the deficit is off set a little bit in the Health Insurance line. Line 370 Special Education tuition is showing a \$34K negative variance in that line. Line 397 Purchased Services is showing a \$144 deficit because we have returned some kids from outplacement. We are asking for \$450K in the 06-07 budget. We are still showing \$171K in electric and a positive variance. Robson asked why the Textbook line, 419, has such a huge positive variance. Miller said we haven't ordered any books this year. We may have some textbook orders in the spring, science curriculum.

Civic Use of Buildings

- a. The Dance Factory, June 17 – 18, 2006, HS Auditorium**
- b. Lincoln Sports Camps, (Camp Fastball) June 21 – 23, 2006, HS – the Pit**
- c. Lincoln Sports Camps, (Camp Stixx) June 27 – 29, 2006, HS – The Pit/Hockey Field**
- d. Lincoln Sports Camps, (HoopAdemics) August 8 – 11, 2006, HS – Gym/Cafeteria/Classroom**
- e. Lincoln Sports Camps, (HoopAdemics) August 14 – 16, 2006, HS Gym/Cafeteria/Classroom**
- f. Lincoln Sports Camps, (HoopAdemics) August 17 – 18, 2006, HS Gym/Cafeteria/Classroom**

Mencucci said we do not charge Lincoln-based groups (students). Motion by Robson to approve. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor. Motion carried.

Leave of Absence Requests

- a. Amy DeFarno From: Resource teacher – MS
10 Bel Air Drive Childrearing (unpaid)
Glocester, RI 02814 Effective: 2006 – 2007 school year**

Motion to approve by Roll. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Teacher Appointment

**a. MaryAnn Struble To: ESY Coordinator – District
42 Barway Lane Effective: 2005 – 2006 school year
Cumberland, RI 02864 Salary: \$4,800**

Motion to approve by Roll. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Teacher Appointments - Addendum

**a. Yolanda Nazario To: .2 Tasks Facilitator – HS
189 A Glenbridge Avenue Effective: 2005 – 2006 school year
Providence, RI 02909 Salary: \$4,409.43**

**b. James Frost To: PE Department Head – HS
45 Grace Street Effective: 2005 – 2006 school year
Cranston, RI 02910 Salary: \$1,541.07**

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor.
Motion carried.**

Coaching Appointments

**a. Jon Bruckner To: Assistant Softball Coach – HS
7 Avenue D Effective: 2005 – 2006 school year
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$2,719**

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b. Edward Hunt To: Head Baseball Coach – HS

304 Prospect Street Effective: 2005 – 2006 school year

Woonsocket, RI 02895 Salary: \$4,427

c. Sean Cavanaugh To: Assistant Baseball Coach – HS

4 Ashley Drive Effective: 2005 – 2006 school year

Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$2,912

d. John Ryan To: Assistant Volleyball Coach – HS

12 Corrie Lane Effective: 2005 – 2006 school year

Maplesville, RI 02839 Salary: \$2,012

e. John Menna To: Boys' Outdoor Track Coach – HS

160 Natick Avenue Effective: 2005 – 2006 school year

Cranston, RI 02921 Salary: \$2,993

f. Michael Orsini To: Assistant Boys' Outdoor Track Coach – HS

34 Milo Street Effective: 2005 – 2006 school year

Providence, RI 02908 Salary: \$2,315

g. Walter Drapala To: Golf Coach – HS

**250 Prospect Avenue Effective: 2005 – 2006 school year
North Kingston, RI 02852 Salary: 2,284**

h. Brenda King To: Track Coach – MS

**5 Michael Drive Effective: 2005 – 2006 school year
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$1,398**

i. Joseph Conti To: Baseball Coach – MS

**3 Great Meadows Lane Effective: 2005 – 2006 school year
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$1,398**

j. Frank Kelly To: Softball Coach - MS

**92 Parker Street Effective: 2005 – 2006 school year
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$1,398**

k. Sue Renzi To: Head Girls' Lacrosse – HS

**160 Sea View Drive Effective: 2005 – 2006 school year
Warwick, RI 02886 Salary: \$4,104.52 (pending)**

l. Timothy Fox To: Co-Head Boys' Lacrosse – HS

**36 Bainbridge Avenue Effective: 2005 – 2006 school year
Providence, RI 02909 Salary: \$2,052.26 (pending)**

m. David Enos To: Head Softball Coach – HS

**18 Sprague Avenue Effective: 2005 – 2006 school year
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$4,132**

**n. Susan Carlson To: Girls' Outdoor Track Coach – HS
2 Beverly Drive Effective: 2005 – 2006 school year
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$2,993**

**o. Peter Prendergast To: Boys' Tennis Coach – HS
91 Sage Drive Effective: 2005 – 2006 school year
Warwick, RI 02886 Salary: \$2,501 (pending)**

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**p Maria Ruzzano To: Assistant Boys' Tennis Coach – HS
17 Foxwood Drive Effective: 2005 – 2006 school year
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: 2,012 (pending)**

**q. Marina Tsonis To: Co-Track Coach – MS
15 Highview Drive Effective: 2005 – 2006 school year
Smithfield, RI 02917 Salary: \$1,398 (pending)**

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**Motion by Zangari to approve. Seconded by Robson. All in favor.
Motion carried.**

Long-Term Teacher Appointment

a. Meghan Reynolds To: LTS Self-contained Teacher – Saylesville

199 Old Jenckes Road Effective: March 16, 2006 to end of s/y

Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$12,340.73 (BA Step 1)

**Motion by Roll to approve. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor. Motion
carried.**

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Long-Term Substitute Teacher Assistant

a. Anne Alessi To: LTS Teacher Assistant - Lonsdale

**167 Old Jenckes Hill Road Effective: February 27, 2006 to end of s/y
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$14.11/hr.**

b. Natalie Pearson To: LTS Teacher Assistant - HS

**49 Progress Street Effective: February 13, 2006 to end of s/y
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$14.11/hr.**

c. Joyce Hollinghurst To: LTS Teacher Assistant – MS

**55 Oakwood Avenue Effective: January 23, 2006 to end of s/y
Cumberland, RI 02864 Salary: \$13.56/hr.**

**Motion by Zangari to approve. Seconded by Robson. All in favor.
Motion carried.**

Awarding of Bids

**Miller deferred the Substitute Tracking Bid until the April 10, 2006
meeting.**

**Miller read out loud the Systemwide Computer Backup Bid. CDW-G is
the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. She recommended
CDW-G in the amount of \$9,637.00. Motion to approve by Roll.
Seconded by Zangari. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Salary Warrants

Salary/Expense Warrants

School Payroll (Local Budget) 2/2/06	\$1,001,516.54	School Payroll (Local Budget) 2/16/06	\$ 1,027,802.77
Perkins Grant (867,868)	\$	Perkins Grant	\$
Literacy	\$ 8,837.91	Literacy	\$ 8,837.94
Professional Development	\$ 134.31	Professional Development	\$
Athletics	\$	SALT Regents Fellow	\$
Class Size Reduction 815	\$ 6,865.19	Athletics	\$ 984.00
Title I 825	\$ 10,574.18	Class Size Reduction	\$ 6,865.19
Title II 866	\$	Title I	\$ 10,287.18
IDEA Part B	\$ 30,506.79	Title II	\$ 125.00
Tuitions-ELC Preschool	\$ 125.00	IDEA Part B	\$ 30,136.62
Preschool Sec. 619	\$ 1,068.04	High School Reform	\$
Title V	\$ 1,120.00	Preschool Sec. 619	\$ 1,068.04
Title III	\$ 205.55	Title V	\$ 800.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,060,818.65	TOTAL	\$ 1,087,041.05

Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor.

Motion carried.

Motion to approve by Roll. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor. Motion carried.

890 JANCI	\$	59,895.00
868 Perkins Grant	\$	505.88
879 Title III	\$	53.00
878 Title IV – Drug Free Sch.	\$	1,450.00
TOTAL	\$	958,581.64

Grand Total Invoices \$ 958,581.64

**Motion by Zangari to approve. Seconded by Lafleur. All in favor.
Motion carried.**

Old Business

Budget – Lonsdale Librarian Position

Tindall-Gibson reiterated what was said by the Right To Be Heard speakers. By not having a librarian throughout the entire day, affects other programs this person is involved in. Zangari made a motion to reallocate a half-time librarian to Lonsdale Elementary School from the middle school. (The middle school would only get one librarian.) Seconded by Robson with discussion. She thought we were already asking for a librarian and a secretary at the middle school. Weiss said we are. There was a desire to put a 1.5 librarians at the middle school due to a large number of students that use that library. Macksoud said the library secretary has no rights to oversee children and the library. Cutting the .5 librarian will close the library 2 to 2.5 periods per day unless teachers come in and cover their students. Roll said we can restore this in our budget but there is no guarantee that we

can fund it. Lafleur asked what is the actual job description of the library secretary at the middle school. Macksoud will have to review it. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mary Carvalho discussed the class sizes in her school. Angela Thompson, LPT President at Lonsdale, did a factual analysis. She presented Weiss with a signed petition from 127 Lonsdale parents.

New Business

Optional Enhancements for New Middle School

Weiss said when we did the analysis of the new middle school, in order to come up with a school that was in budget, we had to do some value engineering so not every feature is there. Outside corporate sponsorship is required to do this. There is a need for lighting at the outside fields (\$125K estimate) and enhanced stage lighting and an acoustics system (\$100K estimate). Weiss would like to know the Committee's thoughts in regards to naming the auditorium after a corporate sponsor if one came forward or naming a field after a corporate sponsor if one came forward. Zangari clarified that it was something needed that was not in the bond. Roll said her concern is we don't have a policy that addresses the commercial piece in our school. Robson thinks we will need to explore other options as well.

School Committee Reports

Roll said with the assistance of Margaret Lemay a group of them have

been meeting to do some work on a health & wellness policy which will address both nutrition and physical activity. This is also to be addressed in the Strategic Plan.

Community Comments

Lori DeSimone thanked Melinda Smith for the NAYEC accreditation.

Amy Shores is glad the Committee restored the librarian at Lonsdale.

Carol McCourt discussed the elimination of the first grade teacher at Northern. She is asking that the Committee be fair and equitable.

Sandra Laverdiere expressed her disappointment with the comments from the Valley Breeze.

MaryAnn McComiskey congratulated the Fairlawn faculty and staff. As a follow up to the wellness committee, she suggested we involve some of the health educators in the district.

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Motion by Zangari to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried.

JOHN ZANGARI, CLERK DATE