

LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

LINCOLN, RI 02865

DATE: November 20, 2006

TIME: 7:30pm – Monthly Meeting - Open

PLACE: Lincoln Town Hall

100 Old River Road, Lincoln, RI

School Committee Members Present: Jeffrey Weiss, Chair, MaryAnn Roll, Vice Chair, John Zangari, Clerk, Betty Robson, John Lefleur, Gerard St. Germain and Julie Zito.

Others Present: Joseph Nasif, Jr., Interim Superintendent, Georgia Fortunato, Lori Miller, Angelo Mencucci, Melinda Smith, Bob Martin, and Ben Scungio Esq.

Motion by St. Germain to open the meeting at 7:50pm. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried.

Opening Ceremony

Weiss reported out there were some discussions and two grievances were heard. One grievance is being taken under further consideration and the second grievance was upheld to support the Superintendent's recommendation.

Motion by St. Germain to seal the November 20, 2006 Executive Session minutes. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried.

Right To Be Heard - None

Approval of Minutes

St. Germain corrected himself from the last meeting. He motioned to seal the minutes from the October 16, 2006 Executive Session meeting. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor. Motion carried. Zangari amended to correct “akk” to read “all” in the October 16, 2006 Executive Session minutes. Motion by St. Germain to approve October 16, 2006 Monthly Meeting minutes. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried.

Superintendent’s Report

Review of AED Policy

Interim Superintendent Nasif introduced School-Nurse Teacher, Rhonda Sexton and Chief Roger Paquette. Sexton said revisions were made to the policy and they simplified it. Zangari asked how many AED’s the Lincoln School District has. Roger said there are currently 15 at the high school which were given through grants from the state. The Town purchased one for the auditorium. He has one for each elementary school and two at the middle school. Eight units were purchased with hard shell cases for transport out of the town and the other five units are marked in certain areas of the school. They

should be no more than three minutes away in any direction. If any unit was removed from the area of school, Sexton would leave a note as to where it is. Zangari asked the rotation of the AED's with the various sports. All coaches have one, so all teams are covered. Zangari asked if the AED's at the middle school were permanent. Paquette said the middle school does not have them yet. They have one on site for the nurse. The two that he purchased will be in fixed locations. Fortunato thanked Sexton and Paquette because they initiated this in June.

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NEASC Request

Interim Superintendent said the high school will have their NEASC evaluation in 2008. It is a very extension evaluation and it takes over one complete year of work. There is not enough time to complete the self-evaluation without granting the high school faculty and staff time to get together. This is a standard among high schools in which they request anywhere from one to three days of opportunities. They are requesting the Committee to authorize January 17, 2007 and February 28, 2007 as NEASC self-study days. He said half-days are not productive. Zito asked about the end of school year. Nasif said we have 182 school days on the calendar. Students will have 180 school

days. If we have snow days, the entire district will have to make up school. Motion by St. Germain to approve. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor. Motion carried.

Curriculum, Assessment, Instruction Update & PLPs

Melinda Smith introduced Bob Martin. Martin introduced Business Department Head, Linda Silva. They have requested, through the Curriculum Advisory Committee, two selective courses. They are ½ credit courses and they are Applied Communications and Multi Media Production. They are endorsed by both the Superintendent and the CAC. Weiss asked the budgetary impact. There is no significant cost. Silva said textbooks could be ordered. No additional staff is needed. Motion by St. Germain. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried.

Martin introduced George Kilsey, Social Studies Department Head. They are proposing a new course entitled Advanced Placement Psychology. This was endorsed by the Superintendent and CAC. It wishes to expand it's current ½ year course in Psychology, which is an elective, and in addition, offer a year-long AP Psychology course. No prerequisite is necessary. St. Germain asked about the lab. Kilsey said there are 14 content areas and a lab is one of them. Weiss asked if there was a financial impact. There is none. Motion by Zito. Seconded by St. Germain. All in favor. Motion carried.

Martin introduced Eileen Rapose, Math Department Head. They are proposing an Advanced Computer Programming program. This is a

year-long course for one (1) credit. This will replace C++ with a Java-based curriculum. Rapose handed out the rationale. Mrs. Hopkins will be teaching the course. Motion by St. Germain to approve. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Smith discussed her Personal Literacy Plan (PLP) presentation. She gave an overview of what they are about. It is a regular education intervention. It is a plan of action for a teacher to bring a student to reading proficiency. It begins with the classroom teacher. It is a problem-solving approach that includes students, teachers, parents, administrators, and support specialist and a document where intervention results are recorded.

Financial Report Update

Lori Miller reviewed three reports. We have a projected \$20K positive variance at this point for the 2006 – 2007 school year. Weiss questioned the Non-Instructional Services number – 76%. Miller said the bus contract is encumbered for the entire year. The Object Code report, line 101, shows a \$86K expenditure to date. This is not our busiest time of the year and expects this line to be overspent in the spring. Line 150, Accountants, shows a deficit of \$14K and there is no appropriation. The Business Office was realigned and this was done after the budget process. This line will break even. She is expecting Term Life to have a negative variance, a negative variance in the Long-Term Disability, and in Worker's Compensation. Line 324, Property Insurance, has a negative \$15K which is basically for the

**middle school. There is a \$57K negative variance for Line 397,
Purchased Services Special Education**

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but Line 370, Tuitions, has a \$130K positive variance. Fortunato is confident that she will provide outstanding services in district. Line 543, Office Equipment, is showing a negative \$7,600 variance but that is for the new radios that were purchased at the middle school.

Construction Update

Angelo Mencucci said in reviewing punch list items, they are reviewing renovations. There is still quite a bit of things to finish. Next month he would like to take before the Committee the entire expenditure and close out Fire Code Upgrades district wide.

Civic Use of Buildings

Motion by Roll to approve Fusionworks in the high school auditorium on June 23, 2007 and Ann Carr Dance Studio in the high school auditorium on February 4, 2007 and June 16, 2007. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resignation

a. Shannon Wellington From: 15 hr. Teacher Aide – FELC

64 Farm Drive Effective: November 10, 2006

Cumberland, RI 02864

Motion by St. Germain to approve. Seconded by Robson. All in favor.

Motion carried.

Leave of Absence Requests

a. Karen Crowell From: K teacher – NELC

22 Derby Avenue March 5 – April 13, 2007 Maternity (paid)

**Johnston, RI 02919 Effective: April 16 – June 8, 2007 Childrearing
(unpaid)**

b. Rebecca Deady From: K-1 Resource teacher – FELC

45 Belmont Street April 23 – May 25, 2007 Maternity (paid)

**Taunton, MA 02780 Effective: May 29 to end of s/y – Childrearing
(unpaid)**

c. Brian Dupont From: Custodian – FELC

P.O. Box 187 Medical (paid)

Albion, RI 02802 Effective: October 23, 2006 to December 1, 2006

d. Shelly Greco From: Grade 3 teacher – Lonsdale

1115 Woonsocket Hill Road Medical (paid)

**North Smithfield, RI 02896 Effective: November 28, 2006 to December
15, 2006**

Motion by St. Germain to approve. Seconded by Roll. All in favor.

Motion carried.

Administrator Appointment

a. Joe Lanni To: Energy Education Manager

61 Rollingwood Drive Effective: December 1, 2006

Johnston, RI 02919 Salary: \$19,500 (prorated)

Motion by St. Germain to approve. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor.

Motion carried.

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Co-Curricular Appointments

a. Graham Souness To: .1 Exhibition Facilitator – HS

5 Teakwood Court Effective: September 29, 2006 to end of s/y

East Greenwich, RI 02818 Salary: \$4,454.31 (D Step 3)

b. Ronny Almeida To: .1 Exhibition Facilitator – HS

32 Terry Street Effective: September 29, 2006 to end of s/y

North Providence, RI 02904 Salary: \$3,772.54 (BA Step 3)

c. Paul Ruhle To: .2 Capstone Facilitator – HS

4 Cortland Lane Effective: September 29, 2006 to end of s/y

Greenville, RI 02828 Salary: \$8,250.10 (BA+30 Step 4)

Motion by St. Germain to approve. Seconded by Zangari and Robson.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Teacher Assistant Appointment

**a. Denise Rousseau To: 15 hr. pt Teacher Assistant K – NELC
48 Harris Street Effective: November 21, 2006
Pawtucket, RI 02861 Salary: \$9.25/hr.**

**b. Jennifer Warren To: 15 hr. Grade 1 Teacher Assistant – FELC
23 Horace Street Effective: November 21, 2006
Providence, RI 02909 Salary: \$9.25/hr.**

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

Physician/Dentist Appointment

**a. Joseph Hallett, MD To: School Physician – District
Memorial Hospital Effective: 2006 – 2007 school year
111 Brewster Street Salary: \$5,713.15
Pawtucket, RI 02860**

**b. George Resnevic, DMD To: School Dentist – District
895 Putnam Pike (Rt. 44) Effective: 2006 – 2007 school year
Chepachet, RI 02814 Salary: \$4,316.00**

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

Long-Term Substitute Teacher Appointment

a. Kathleen Busam To: LTS Grade 6 – Middle School

2 Karen Ann Drive Effective: August 31, 2006

Smithfield, RI 02917 Salary: \$40,501.00 (MA Step 1)

b. Diane Egan To: LTS School Psychologist – NELC/Northern

13 Black Alder Trail Effective: January 29, 2007 to May 25, 2007

Saunderstown, RI 02874 Salary: \$19,314.00 (CAGS Step 3)

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c. Diane Littlehale To: LTS Music – Northern

126 Providence Street Effective: August 31, 2006

Rehoboth, MA 02769 Salary: \$47,172.00 (BA Step 5)

d. Lisa Simonelli To: LTS SPED – Northern

310 Harrison Street Effective: August 31, 2006

North Kingstown, RI 02852 Salary: \$39,488.00 (BA Step 2)

Motion by St. Germain to approve. Seconded by Robson. All in favor.

Motion carried.

Information Only

- a. Paul Genereux From: Grounds – 1st shift – HS
P.O. Box 1465 To: Custodian Floater – 1st shift – District
Pawtucket, RI 02862 Effective: October 23, 2006**
- b. Jose Camara From: Custodian – 2nd shift – MS
100 Elder Street To: Custodian – 2nd shift – HS
Lincoln, RI 02865 Effective: October 23, 2006**
- c. Robert Flaxington From: Custodian – 2nd shift – HS
1 Cobble Hill Road To: Custodian – 2nd shift – MS
Lincoln, RI 02865 Effective: October 23, 2006**
- d. Alcide Houle From: Custodian – 1st shift – Saylesville
92 Christopher Street To: Grounds – 1st shift – HS
Providence, RI Effective: October 23, 2006**
- e. Michael Alves From: Custodian Floater – 1st shift – District
249 Chapel Street To: Custodian – 1st shift – Saylesville
Lincoln, RI 02865 Effective: October 23, 2006**

Bids – None

Expense Warrants

October 12, 2006 Capital Reserve Fund

Invoices Paid in Advance \$0

Invoices for Payment General Fund \$114,833.00

Total 06-07 Invoices \$114,833.00

Grand Total \$114,833.00

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

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November 20, 2006 (A) Expense Warrants

Invoices for Payment

Operating Budget \$60,935.46

Professional Dev. \$ 455.00

Camp Bournedale \$ 1,360.00

Total 06-07 Invoices \$62,750.46

Grand Total \$62,750.46

Motion by St. Germain to approve. Seconded by Robson. Ziti recused herself from the vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Invoices Paid in Advance

Operating Budget \$118,209.82

Professional Dev. \$ 185.00

Camp Bournedale \$ 570.00

Total \$118,964.82

Invoices for Payment

Operating Budget \$1,198,837.87

Professional Dev. \$ 322.50

USF Grant \$ 75.33

SLC Grant \$ 6,161.66

Title II \$ 1,335.00

Perkins Grant \$ 10,374.68

Total 06-07 Invoices \$1,217,107.04

Grand Total \$1,336,071.86

Motion by St. Germain to approve. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor.

Motion carried.

Salary Warrant

October 12, 2006

School Payroll (local budget) \$1,052,228.70

Literacy \$ 6,324.95

Class Size Reduction \$ 5,820.62

Title I \$ 12,040.47
IDEA Part B \$ 26,560.05
High School Reform \$ 357.91
Preschool Sec. 619 \$ 970.49
Title V \$ 540.00
Grand Total \$1,104,843.19

Motion by St. Germain to approve. Seconded by Roll. All in favor.
Motion carried.

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October 26, 2006

School Payroll (local budget) \$1,047,955.49
Literacy \$ 6,324.95
Professional Development \$ 430.00
Athletics \$ 215.00
Class Size Reduction \$ 5,820.62
Title I \$ 40,623.04
High School Reform \$ 357.91
Preschool Sec. 619 \$ 970.49
Title V \$ 600.00

Grand Total \$1,103,297.50

**Motion by St. Germain to approve. Seconded by Zito. All in favor.
Motion carried.**

Old Business

Health & Wellness Policy Amendment

Mary Anne Roll thanked Smith for taking the administrative lead on the District Wellness Committee. There were various backgrounds on the committee. Andrew Vivieros was in attendance because there were some changes in state regulations that were passed by the RI General Assembly last June, they needed to go back and look at the policy that was approved and make some changes so they would be in compliance with state expectations. The changes are under Nutrition Standards, Snacks, and Beverages. The changes were required due to state law. She does expect there to be more changes. Vivieros said there will be more changes and more stricter. Roll said the FBLA store has come into compliance. Their revenue is down, however. Zangari thinks they should eliminate all food sales except at meal time. Motion to approve by St. Germain. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

Technology Plan

Motion by St. Germain to approve on the condition that the Superintendent meets with Mark Gadbois for a question and answer

session. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor. Motion carried.

Promotion/Retention Policy

Interim Superintendent Nasif said the grade 6 students have left their elementary environment and are now at the middle school. Macksoud has been very proactive with the Promotion/Retention. The original policy that was approved talked about intermediate grade levels being grades 4, 5 and 6. The new middle school is 6, 7 and 8. The paragraph that begins at “intermediate grade levels should read “grades 4 and 5” and 6 should be taken out of there. The next paragraph should read “grades 6, 7, and 8”. Macksoud explained to the 6th graders that they are under the new middle school policy. Notices have been sent out to parents. Fortunato said in paragraph two it should read “at the elementary level, grade K through 5, not K through 6. We no longer have CAP/CAST, we have TST/PST. Motion by St. Germain to approve. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Community Comments

Zito said that she and Smith were invited to Lincoln Park by the Greyhound Association. They had their charity day where the charity gave out over \$270K to local charities. Over \$23K was donated to the Town of Lincoln for different charities. The Literacy Center at Northern received a \$4,500 check. FELC was given a check for \$10K to help build the Therapy Room for PT/OT. That brings

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fundraising for that room to over \$33K. Their goal is to complete the financing at the Town Meeting and build the therapy room next summer. Weiss asked how much money was needed. Zito said a rough estimate would be about \$50K.

Motion to adjourn by St. Germain. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor.
Motion carried.

JOHN ZANGARI, CLERK DATE