

LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

LINCOLN, RI 02865

DATE: December 11, 2006

TIME: 7:30pm – Monthly Meeting - Open

PLACE: Lincoln Town Hall

100 Old River Road, Lincoln, RI

School Committee Members Present: Jeffrey Weiss, Chair, Mary Anne 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, and Ben Scungio Esq.

Motion by St. Germain to open the meeting at 7:30pm. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried.

Opening Ceremony

Weiss reported out there were no votes. Motion by St. Germain to seal the minutes. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor. Motion carried.

Weiss requested a moment of silence in honor of Susan Flynn who was a teacher at Saylesville Elementary School who had recently

passed away.

Comments from Town Administrator

Weiss introduced Town Administrator, Sue Sheppard. She thanked the School Committee for making her tenure with the Town of Lincoln a cooperative venture.

Right To Be Heard - None

Approval of Minutes

Motion by St. Germain to approve November 20, 2006 Executive Session Minutes. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by St. Germain to approve November 20, 2006 Monthly Minutes. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

Division III Girls' Soccer Recognition has been postponed until the January 8, 2007 meeting.

Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Presentation to Middle School from Lions Club

Interim Superintendent Nasif introduced Ron Noble, Jim Hutchin, and Bob Fredette who presented Principal Bruce Macksoud with the AED.

Curriculum, Assessment, Instruction Update – none

Financial Report Update

Lori Miller reviewed three reports. She presented this month a \$10K positive variance. The substitute line is pretty good. There is 28% of it spent and we are almost at the end of the second quarter. Page 5, Object Code 230, Non-Certified Retirement, there is a large negative variance of \$97K. \$58K will be reversed because it was expended in the prior year. She will be about \$40K in the whole for that line. \$50K will be needed for the Municipal Pension line next year. Page 7, Tuitions and Purchased

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Services are still offsetting themselves. We are showing a \$130K positive variance in the tuitions even though we are showing a \$93K negative variance in Purchased Services. It is to early to tell what is going to happen with electricity and fuel. Zito said last month Melinda requested textbooks. Miller said it was funded or we found a way to fund it.

Construction Update

Mencucci said a Transition Team Meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2007 to bring the new Administrative team up to speed on where we stand with punch list items.

Change Orders/Fire Code Upgrades

Mencucci discussed the Change Order memo along with the Compliance Letters from all five districts. Lincoln is now in compliance with all state fire codes. Motion by St. Germain to approve change orders. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried.

Civic Use of Buildings

Lincoln Police Active Shooter Training at Lincoln Middle School from December 12, 2006 to December 16, 2006. This request came from Chief Kells. Motion by St. Germain to approve. Seconded by Robson.

Personnel

Resignations

**a. Joseph Lanni From: Energy Education Manager – District
61 Rollingwood Drive Effective: November 28, 2006
Johnston, RI 02919**

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

**b. Darlene Morris From: Confidential Secretary
482 Black Plain Road Effective: December 15, 2006
North Smithfield, RI 02896**

**Motion by St. Germain with deep regret. Seconded by Zangari
with regret. All in favor. Motion**

carried.

Retirements

a. Susan Ayotte From: Grade 5 – Northern

**4 Mulberry Lane Effective: June 20, 2007 or end of s/y
Lincoln, RI 02865**

b. Helen Boyd From: Grade 2 – Lonsdale

**196 Old River Road, Apt. 613 Effective: June 20, 2007 or end of s/y
Lincoln, RI 02865**

c. Joanne Caranci From: Grade 4 – Central

**15 Kendall Drive Effective: June 20, 2007 or end of s/y
Lincoln, RI 02865**

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d. Elinor DeOrsey From: Music – Northern

**35 Jeannine Road Effective: June 20, 2007 or end of s/y
Bellingham, MA 02019**

e. Louis DiNobile From: Physical Education – Central

**P.O. Box 693 Effective: June 20, 2007 or end of s/y
Greenville, RI 02828**

f. Lynne Kania From: Grade 2 – Saylesville

**5 Wake Robin Road, Unit 2905 Effective: June 20, 2007 or end of s/y
Lincoln, RI 02865**

g. Eileen Rapose From: Math – HS

**52 Malden Street Effective: June 20, 2007 or end of s/y
Cranston, RI 02910**

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

Leave of Absence Requests

a. Karen Costa From: Grade 4 – Central

59 Belvedere Drive Maternity (paid) Childrearing (unpaid)

Bristol, RI 02809 Effective: January 16, 2007 to March 20, 2007

March 21, 2007 to April 5, 2007

b. Elinor DeOrsey From: Music – Northern

35 Jeannine Road Medical (unpaid)

Bellingham, MA 02019

Effective: Earlier of receipt of

disability benefits or end of fiscal year

c. Brian DuPont From: Custodian – FELC

P.O. Box 187 Medical (paid) (extended)

Albion, RI 02802 Effective: December 4, 2006 to January 2, 2007

d. John Fitzgerald From: Custodian – MS

117 John Street, B-119, Apt. 14 Medical (paid)

Lincoln, RI 02865 Effective: December 1, 2006 to January 12, 2007

e. Erin Metivier From: Self-contained – Central

1 Louise Ann Drive childrearing (unpaid)

Smithfield, RI 02917 Effective: January 29, 2007 to April 5, 2007

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

Motion carried.

Administrator Appointment

a. Louis Fusco To: Energy Education Manager

85 Plainfield Pike Effective: December 12, 2006

Foster, RI 02825 Salary: \$19,500 (prorated)

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

Motion carried.

Teacher Assistant Appointment

**a. Sue Canavan To: 12 hr. Teacher Assistant – FELC
60 Newell Drive Effective: December 11, 2006
Cumberland, RI 02864 Salary: \$9.25/hr.**

**b. Kerri Duquette To: 19 ¾ hr. pt Library Aide – Saylesville
315 New River Road Effective: December 11, 2006
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$9.25/hr.**

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

Long-Term Substitute Teacher Appointment

**a. Stephanie Ganim To: LTS Grade 5 – Saylesville
43 Oak Hill Drive Effective: November 27, 2006 to end of s/y
Johnston, RI 02919 Salary: \$29,795.87 (MA Step 2)**

**b. Alison Mills To: LTS 1.0 Self-Contained gr. 4/5 – Central
16 Westwood Road Effective: January 29, 2007 to April 5, 2007
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$9,694.75 (MA Step 1)**

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

Bids

Audio Visual Supplies & Equipment

Miller read the bid. Specifications were given to four vendors and

responses were received from two vendors. She recommends Long's Electronics in the amount of \$2,854.18 and J.E. Foss Company, Inc., in the amount of \$4,546.96. Motion by St. Germain to approve. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Expense Warrants

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Invoices Paid in Advance \$0

Invoices for Payment General Fund \$130,046.70

Total 06-07 Invoices \$130,046.70

Grand Total \$130,046.70

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

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Invoices for Payment

Operating Budget	\$482,692.75
Professional Dev. \$	5,516.00
Title V \$	31.33
SLC Grant \$	1,013.40
Title II \$	5,484.00
Perkins Grant \$	1,145.00
Janci \$	350.00
Total 06-07 Invoices	\$496,232.48
Grand Total	\$496,232.48

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

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Invoices for Payment

Operating Budget	\$359,173.48
Title I \$	3,272.03
E-Portfolio Grant \$	16,440.00
Total	\$378,885.51

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

Salary Warrant

November 9, 2006

School Payroll (local budget)	\$1,055,494.39
Literacy \$ 6,324.95	
Professional Development \$ 215.00	
Athletics \$ 215.00	
Class Size Reduction \$ 5,820.62	
Title I \$ 10,792.28	
IDEA Part B \$ 28,148.70	
High School Reform \$ 357.91	
Preschool Sec. 619 \$ 970.49	
Title V \$ 580.00	
Grand Total	\$1,108,919.34

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

November 21, 2006

School Payroll (local budget)	\$1,215,752.57
Literacy \$ 6,324.95	
Professional Development \$ 172.00	
Class Size Reduction \$ 5,820.62	

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Title I	\$	11,652.28
IDEA Part B	\$	28,969.76
High School Reform	\$	357.91
Preschool Sec. 619	\$	970.49
Title V	\$	600.00
Grand Total		\$1,270,620.58

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

Old Business

Second reading of the Technology Plan. Motion by St. Germain to approve. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Second reading of Promotion/Retention Policy. Motion by St. Germain to approve. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Second reading of Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Motion by St. Germain to approve. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

Truancy Court

Interim Nasif said this is informational for the Committee. Each year

the Chief Judge provides the district with a report of statistics and truancy. The program is highly successful at Lincoln Middle School. Besides a decline in absentee rates, there has been in improvement in the academics of those students. Court is held once a week, in the morning. There seems to be an interest to expand Truancy Court to Lincoln High School to improve attendance at the high school.

Consideration of Extension of Legal Counsel for Two Years

St. Germain said the Committee has decided to go three years instead of two because of the timing of contracts and the timing of elections. Two years would put a situation where they could be coming up with a new counsel in the middle of negotiations which would be unfair. Motion by St. Germain to approve. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor. Motion carried.

Community Comments

McComiskey extended her thanks to the departing board members. She thanked Darlene Morris for her assistance to the Lincoln School District and Sue Sheppard for her support as Town Clerk and Town Administrator.

Roll gave public recognition and presented Weiss, LaFleur, and St. Germain with citations for all their many hours on the Lincoln School Committee.

Zangari displayed a plaque of 100+ years of School Committee

services in the Town of Lincoln, beginning in 1895. Shallcross and Lussier have taken on the crusade to keep this plaque updated.

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Robson openly expressed her appreciation of Weiss' leadership.

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

Motion carried.

JOHN ZANGARI, CLERK DATE