

**OFFICIAL**

**LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**LINCOLN, RI 02865**

**DATE: May 21, 2007**

**TIME: 7:35 p.m. - Monthly Meeting - Open**

**PLACE: Lincoln Town Hall**

**100 Old River Road, Lincoln RI**

**School Committee Members Present: Mary Ann Roll, Chair, Betty Robson, Vice Chair, John Zangari, Clerk, Richard Battistoni, Kristine Donabedian, Julie Zito**

**Absent: Mary Varr**

**Others Present: Joseph Nasif, Jr., Interim Superintendent, Georgia Fortunato, Margaret Knowleton, Lori Miller, Angelo Mencucci, Melinda Smith, Bruce Macksoud, Robert Martin and Ben Scungio, Esq.**

**Opening Ceremony**

**Roll reported two issues regarding personnel matters were discussed in Executive Session. Motion to seal the Executive Session minutes by Zangari. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Motion to seal the May 10, 2007 Executive Session minutes.  
Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.**

### **Volunteer Recognition**

**Roll explained they wanted to recognize people who are critical to the success of the schools and asked principals to invite up to ten volunteers from each school. See attached lists.**

### **Right To Be Heard**

**Paul Silvestri asked to speak about the condition of the sports fields and tennis courts. He noted the track at the high school is in the worst shape in the state and the high school football field is a problem with the hill eroding. He wasn't sure how improvements would be funded but suggested 50-50 grants and he is intending to approach the town as well. Roll noted there is a joint committee for the Town and School Committee to look at the facilities, including the fields.**

### **Approval of Minutes**

#### **April 2, 2007 Monthly Meeting Minutes**

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

#### **April 2, 2007 Executive Session Minutes**

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

## **Correspondence**

**Interim Superintendent Nasif reported receiving a letter from a group of parents at the high school regarding bullying and the points will be addressed. The committee will be addressing those issues with revisions to the policy. He noted he may ask the parents who wrote to help formulate the policy.**

## **Superintendent's Report**

### **RI Elementary School National Distinguished Principal of the Year**

**Interim Superintendent Nasif commented on the number of administrators in the 36 cities and towns of Rhode Island, and Margaret Knowlton of Lincoln was selected RI Elementary Principal of the Year. Nasif read the letter that had been addressed to Mrs. Knowlton and he and Fortunato presented Knowlton with flowers.**

**May 21, 2007      OFFICIAL**

**Page 2**

## **LHS Student Report**

**Christina Drusik reported on the many activities at the High School, including FBLA members attending the Spring Leadership Conference and will be attending the National Leadership Conference this summer in Chicago. She congratulated all the seniors. Student**

**Council held elections and class elections will be held next week.**

### **Staff/Student Recognition**

**Mr. Martin and Mr. Zangari recognized students and staff members. See attached list.**

### **Nurses Presentation**

**MaryAnn Menaca introduced the nurses who were present and made a short power point presentation showing workshops in the schools and community at large, flu clinics and their support of professional development and fund raising efforts for diabetes. She reported kindergarten enrollment at Fairlawn is at 98 with new Grade 1 students at 13 and NELC is at 59 for kindergarten and 6 for new Grade 1 students.**

### **Monthly Financial Report**

**Miller projected a positive variance of \$5,000. There is a high positive amount of \$7,300 that won't be in the budget next year. The \$72,000 negative variance is due to a difference in configuration of the business office. That negative will be balanced out. Property insurance had an increase of \$11,000 due to the new middle school. Advertising will fluctuate due to hiring. Miller reported receiving a letter from one of the charter schools that six students will be attending next year, but that could change over the summer. The purchased services is \$242,000 overspent but is offset by \$95,000 in tuitions. Heating fuel is still at a healthy balance of \$178,000, but**

**there were some unplanned illnesses that may offset that.**

### **Approval of 2007-2008 Budget**

**Interim Superintendent Nasif reported this will be informational and there will be a vote taken on Thursday. The initial figure was \$46,627,649. There are some additions such as sabbaticals and teacher assistant positions that are no longer covered by grants. The substitute line item was cut. And benefits need to be added and supplies and materials. Additions were approximately \$383,000. There were budget board reductions to the Superintendent's salary, line items, retirements and benefits. There was a transfer of \$195,000 out of \$235,000 to the capital reserve. The total budget board reduction was \$474,854. There may be additional tweaking needed.**

**Recission of Non-Renewal Letters - See attached list.**

**Motion to approved by Robson. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor.**

**Motion carried.**

### **Civic Use of Buildings**

**Kids Klub, Inc. - Summer Day Care**

**Lincoln Sports Camps - Summer**

**The Dance Factory - Theatre Performance**

**Zangari noted there is no charge for the summer camp and in the past 70% has been reserved for Lincoln residents. Mencucci explained the brochure isn't sent out until there is school committee approval.**

**There have been no complaints in the past so it was agreed to**

**proceed as in the past.**

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

**Motion carried.**

## **Personnel Recommendations**

### **Sabbaticals**

**George Kilsey Position: HS - Social Studies**

**Effective: 2007-2008 school year**

**Denise O'Leary Position: HS - Social Studies**

**May 21, 2007 OFFICIAL**

**Page 3**

**Diane Silva-Pimentel Position: HS - Biology**

**Effective 2007-2008 school year**

**Edward Hunt Position: HS - Guidance Counselor**

**Effective: 8/29/07 - 01/02/08**

**Bethany Bedrossian Position: HS - Health/PE**

**Effective: 2007-2008 school year**

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

## **Appointments/Extensions**

**Jennifer Hindley To: FELC PT 15 hr. 1.1 TA**

**44 Great View Avenue Effective 6/1/07**

**Smithfield, RI 02917 Salary: \$9.25 per hour**

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

**Motion carried.**

## **Extensions of LTS**

**Anna Maria Abrams To: MS Math Gr. 8**

**17 Secluded Court Effective: 5/7/07 - 5/29/07**

**Cumberland, RI 02864 For: Kristen Lowe**

**Kristen Plant To: Central - Gr. 4**

**76 Boulder Dr. Effective: 4/6/07 - 6/20/07**

**Barrington, NH 03825 For: Karen Costa**

**Alison Mills To: FELC K-1 Sped Resource**

**16 Westwood Road Effective: 5/29/07 - 6/20/07**

**Lincoln, RI 02865 For: Rebecca Deady**

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

## **Spring Coach Appointments**

**Patrick Hanley Position: Boys Lacrosse Asst. Coach**

**6 Scott Drive Effective: 3/26/07**

**Riverside RI 02915 Salary: \$2,480**

**Timothy Carpentier Position: MS Girls Softball Coach**

**150 Rushmore Avenue Effective: 3/12/07**

**Providence, RI 02909 Salary: \$1,398**

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

### **Leave of Absence**

**Linda Graf Position: MS English**

**78 Old Quarry Road For: Medical Leave Extension**

**No. Scituate, RI 02857 Effective: 5/2/07 - 6/20/07**

**Beth Halliwell Position: Central - Gr. 3**

**84 Buxton Street For: Maternity Leave**

**No. Smithfield, RI 02896 Effective: 10/02/07 - 11/11/07 (unpaid)**

**May 21, 2007**

**OFFICIAL**

**Page 4**

**Kristen Lowe Position: MS Math - Gr. 8**

**5 Sutcliffe Avenue For: FMLA**

**Lincoln, RI 02865 Effective: 5/7/07 - 5/29/07 (unpaid)**

**Miranda Russell Position: HS Art**

**4 Theresa Court For: Medical Leave**

**Providence, RI 02909 Effective: 5/1/07 - 6/20/07 (paid)**

**Jayne Cahill Position: Saylesville - Gr. 2**

**139 Hillside Avenue For: Medical Leave**

**Providence, RI 02906 Effective: 5/21/07 - 6/20/07 (paid)**

**Rita McCann Position: MS Gr. 6**

**650 East Greenwich Avenue For: Medical Leave**

**West Warwick, RI 02893 Effective: 5/25/07 - 6/20/07 (paid)**

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

**Motion carried.**

## **Resignations**

**Beth Machado Position: Northern Elementary - Gr. 2**

**4 Mallard Cove Way Effective: 6/20/07**

**Barrington, RI 02806**

**Hilda Potrzeba Position: Fairlawn - Gr. 1**

**15 Davis Street Effective: 6/20/07**

**Cumberland, RI 02864**

**Jennifer M. Belvin Position: HS - .6 English**

**115 Sprague Hill Road Effective: 6/20/07**

**Chepachet, RI 02814**

**Catherine Alber Position: NELC - Pre-K**

**18 Ridge Road Effective: 6/20/07**

**Smithfield, RI 02917**

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

**Motion carried**

### **Informational Only**

**Rebecca Coia To: Secretary I, Director Student Services**

**44 Great View Avenue Effective: 6/1/07**

**No. Providence, RI 02904**

**Roll thanked Interim Superintendent Nasif for coming across the river for almost the full year. This will be his last meeting and Fortunato will begin on June 1st. Nasif thanked everyone and wished Fortunato well.**

**Awarding of Bids - None.**

**Salary Warrants - None.**

**Expense Warrants**

**Roll explained she was recusing herself from voting on an expense reimbursement to herself for the volunteers' celebration.**

**May 21, 2007 \$450,940.36**

**Motion to approve b Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Capital Reserve Invoices \$3,356.81**

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

**Motion carried.**

### **Old Business**

**Interim Superintendent Nasif reported sending a letter to the Hon. Judge Jeremiah regarding expanding the truancy court and expressed the desire to keep the Magistrate Paulus in Lincoln.**

### **New Business**

#### **Graduation Requirements - 1st Reading**

**Battistoni reported a committee of administrations, school committee members, teachers and parents have been meeting since March to come up with a new graduation policy consistent with the Department of Education requirements. There is some new information to be considered and he hopes to come back at the June meeting. Motion to table by Battistoni. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Claims -None.**

### **School Committee Reports**

**Roll reported attending the annual RIASC meeting. There was an interesting discussion on energy conservation. The final meeting of the district Wellness Committee is scheduled for Thursday at 8:00 p.m. She noted they are always looking to hear from the members of the community who are interested in nutrition, physical activity or wellness. Roll noted the letter regarding the bullying issue and said the Wellness Committee has emphasized each school had its own needs and they do see the connection on wellness to bullying. Roll thanked the budget subcommittee for their hard work.**

### **Community Comments**

**McComiskey stated she enjoyed working with Interim Superintendent Nasif and thanked him for his work.**

**Move to Executive Session for Businesses Pertaining to Personnel to RIGL 42-46-5(a) 1 and 2 - None.**

### **Adjourn**

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

---

**JOHN ZANGARI, CLERK**

**DATE**