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LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND

DATE: October 15, 2007

TIME: 7:47 pm

PLACE: Lincoln Middle School

152 Jenckes Hill Road, Lincoln, RI

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

Others Present: Georgia Fortunato, Superintendent, Eric Banville, Lori Miller, Angelo Mencucci, Melinda Smith; Mark Gadbois, Bruce Macksoud, Kevin McNamara, Linda Cliff, Sarah Rawlinson

Opening Ceremony

The Chair announced a student from Lincoln High School had been killed on her way home from school today and asked for a moment of silence for Marissa Lorea.

Right To Be Heard

Alice Duarte spoke about her son, Alex, who is a 5th grade student at Central Elementary. She has requested he be moved across the hall to a different classroom and she believes he is not moved due to his friendship with another child. Alex Duarte also asked to be moved. Mr. Duarte spoke about attending the open house. The Chair explained that Right To Be Heard is for items on the agenda and the School Committee doesn't have to respond.

Approval of Minutes

July 9, 2007 Executive Session Minutes (amended)

Motion to approve the minutes as amended by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

August 21, 2007 Monthly Meeting Minutes

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

September 11, 2007 Monthly Meeting Minutes

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

September 11, 2007 School Committee Workshop Open Session

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

September 11, 2007 School Committee Executive Session Minutes

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

Motion to approve sealing the Executive Session minutes of October

15, 2007 by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence – None.

Superintendent's Report

Student Update – Lincoln High School

Mr. McNamara noted the professional staff will be available to the students tomorrow for the loss of Marisa Lorea. He introduced Mary Milner, sophomore and President of Best Buddies. Mary explained they try to enhance the lives of students with intellectual disabilities by being friends for the year. They are in contact with each other once a week and get together outside of school once a month. She reported going to Indiana University for a three day conference in July. There was an organizational meeting on September 12th. There are 13 pairs and some additional members who couldn't make the time commitment to be a full time buddy.

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Stipends for Crossing Guards

Lori Miller recommended the crossing guards salary of \$10.25/hour

for each guard. There is a guard at Saylesville and Lonsdale Elementary. Motion by Battistoni to approve. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Request for Approval – out-of-state field trips

The Superintendent recommended approval for the field to Epcot by the Business Department at the high school, May 17-20, 2008. Motion by Battistoni. Seconded by Zito for discussion. Mr. Zangari requested that all chaperones' cell phone numbers and the hotel room numbers be transferred up here. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Superintendent recommended approval of the journalism field trip to New York City December 7th requested by Doreen Picozzi. Mr. Zangari repeated his telephone number request. Mr. McNamara explained there would be as much help financially as possible for students who might not be able to afford the trip and there would be fund raising events. Motion to approve by Battistoni. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Lori Miller reported she isn't reporting a deficit or a surplus at this point. She noted most of the appointments have been at top step. The variance will go down in the term life line. In the supply area there is a variance for the science kits that will be offset the curriculum text books.

Curriculum Report – Physics First

Melinda Smith introduced Tom Reed who made a power point presentation on the revamping of the science curriculum K-12. Mr. Reed explained that the East Bay Collaborative was the driving force behind Physics First and there is a new grant for biology for the 11th grade. There is a new sequence for science beginning with physics at the 9th grade. The 9th and 10th grades are following the new sequence and the 11th and 12th grades are following the old sequence. There will be new electives, such as forensic science, marine biology and environmental science. Future plans are to purchase general level and biology texts and to plan for a possible increase in staffing, which will meet the new state regulations. There are also the upcoming NECAP assessments to be considered. The Chair asked about a tool to evaluate this change and Mr. Reed explained they will be coming up with an evaluation.

Approval of Title I Job Descriptions

Superintendent Fortunato explained that Melinda Smith had requested approval of two job descriptions, Title I Parent Coordinator and Title I Literacy Coordinator. Mrs. Smith explained they are a targeted assisted program and there is over \$300,000 in literacy grant money to be coordinated. She noted she had had to attend clinics and there are a lot of parent workshops and a lot of communication involved. This is part of the team approach to the program. Motion to approve the Title I Parent Coordinator job description by Zito.

Seconded by Zangari. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Battistoni asked if the goals were the same and Mrs. Smith noted they have to work together, but the Literacy Coordinator is responsible for data from PLPs and reading assessments in a report. It was agreed to make an editorial change to the job descriptions. Motion by Zito to approve the Title I Literacy Coordinator job description. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor. Motion carried.

Civic Use of Buildings

**Dance Arts Studio Dance Rehearsal/Recital – LHS Auditorium
11/16/07 & 11/17/07**

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

St. Jude's Parish Basketball Games – LMS 11/07 – 3/08 Dates TBD

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

Blue Moon Orchestra – Memorial Concert – LMS 11/3/07

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

**Fusionworks Dance Rehearsal and Performance – LHS
Auditorium/classroom 6/21/08**

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

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Personnel Recommendations

Teacher Appointments

John Whitford To: ALP Special Education – HS

919 Matunuck School House Road Effective: September 27, 2007

Wakefield, RI 02879 Salary: M+30-10 -- \$66,967.34

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

Motion carried.

Robert Yates To: .8 Technology Education – HS

273 Ronald Ave. Effective: January 28, 2008- June, 2008

Cumberland, RI 02864 Salary: M-10 -- \$35,529.23

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

carried.

Lise Robidoux To: .4 Portfolio Facilitator – HS

295 Maple St. Effective: October 1, 2007 – June, 2008

Woonsocket, RI 02895 Salary: -0-

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

Motion carried.

Jeffrey Bitton To: .2 Exhibition Teacher – HS

73 Beckwith St. Effective: October 1, 2007 – June 2008

Cranston, RI 02910 Salary: M+60-10 \$13,519.15

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

Motion carried.

Andrew Hallam To: .4 English/.1 Capstone/.1 Exhibition Teacher - HS

302 Algonquin Drive Effective: October 1, 2007 – June 2008

Warwick, RI 02888 Salary: \$20,437.51

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

Motion carried.

Schedule Augmentations

Robert Svitil To: .4 Technology Education – HS

211 Angell Rd. Effective: September 19, 2007 – January 25, 2008

Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: M-10 -- \$13,157.25

Roy Boudreau To: .4 Technology Education – HS

11 Ducarl Drive Effective: September 19, 2007 – January 25, 2008

Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: BA-6 -- \$9,079.83

Alana Schneider To: . 2 LTS Mathematics – HS

4 Tucker Road Effective: September 19, 2007 – June, 2008

Greenville, RI 02828 Salary: MA+45-10 -- \$14,117.46

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

carried.

Long-term Sub Appointments

Kurt Barbuscio To: LTS Science – HS

439 North Broadway Effective: September 17, 2007 – June, 2008

East Providence, RI 02914 Salary: CAGS-10 -- \$71,147.68

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Jeanne Velardo To: LTS Family & Consumer Science – HS

162 Hebron Ave. Effective: September 26, 2007 – June, 2008

Seekonk, MA 02771 Salary: BA-10 -- \$62,444.27

Alicia Bell To: LTS Art – High School

65 Third Street Effective: September 17, 2007 – January 25, 2008

Providence, RI 02906 Salary: M+30-10 \$33,686.60

Maria Kishfy To: .3 LTS PE/Health/APE – FELC/Lonsdale/MS

44 Mark Drive Effective: September 14, 2007 – June, 2008

Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: B-1 -- \$10,281.45

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

Motion carried.

Support Staff Appointments

**Leslie Garabedian To: PT 15 hour Teacher Assistant – FELC
17 Hazel St. Effective: September 14, 2007 – June, 2008
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$9.25 per hour**

**Mary Jean McHugh To: PT 15 hour Behavioral Specialist – HS
61 Swan St. Effective: September 5, 2007 – June, 2008
North Providence, RI 02911 Salary: \$15.00 per hour**

**Bonnie-Lynn Drezek To: PT 19 ³/₄ TA/Library Assistant – Saylesville
34 Waumsett Ave. Effective: October 1, 2007 – June, 2008
Cumberland, RI 02864 Salary: \$9.25 per hour**

**Kellie Alves To: PT 19 ³/₄ Teacher Assistant – Central
20 Highland Ave. Effective: October 3, 2007 – June, 2008
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$9.25 per hour**

**Shelley Furtado To: PT 19 ³/₄ Library Clerk
235 Old Oxford Road Effective: October 16, 2007 – June, 2008
N. Smithfield, RI 02896 Salary: \$9.25 per hour**

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

Dentist Appointment

**George A. Resnevic, D.M.D. To: School Dentist – District
895 Putnam Pike (Rte. 44) Effective: 2007 – 2008 School year
Chepachet, RI 02814 Salary: \$4,316.00**

**Motion to approve by Robson. Seconded by Zito. Motion carried on
a vote of 6-0, with Zangari recused.**

Physician Appointment

**Joseph Hallett, M.D. To: School Physician - District
Memorial Hospital Effective 2007 – 2008 School year
111 Brewster Street Salary: \$5,713.15
Pawtucket, RI 02860**

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

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Co-curricular Appointments

**Aubrie Wilson To: Girl's Soccer Assistant Coach – HS
141 Morton Ave. Effective: Fall Sports Season, 2007-08 school year
Woonsocket, RI 02895 Salary: \$2,913.00**

Kent Crooks To: Boy's Basketball Head Coach - HS
135 Boardman Ave. Effective: 2007-2008 Winter Sports Season
Cumberland, RI 02864 Salary: \$4,427.00

Arthur Kelley, Jr. To: Boy's Basketball Assistant Coach – HS
16 Pine St. Effective: 2007-2008 Winter Sports Season
Rehoboth, MA 02769 Salary: \$2,964.00

Michael Bedrosian To: Girl's Basketball Head Coach – HS
56 Lindy Ave. Effective: 2007-2008 Winter Sports Season
Providence, RI 02908 Salary: \$4,427.00

John Aurecchia To: Girl's Basketball Assistant Coach – HS
28 Sandy Way Effective: 2007-2008 Winter Sports Season
Cumberland, RI 02864 Salary: \$2,912.00

Matt Barboza To: Freshman Basketball Coach – HS
265 Lippett Ave. Effective: 2007-2008 Winter Sports Season
Cumberland, RI 02864 Salary: \$2,155.00

Toni Autiello To: Basketball Cheerleading Coach – HS
7 Stage Coach Drive Effective: 2007-2008 Winter Sports Season
Johnston, RI 02919 Salary: \$699.00

Denis Riel To: Hockey Head Coach – HS
335 Camp Dixie Rd. Effective: 2007-2008 Winter Sports Season

Pascoag, RI 02859 Salary: \$4,426.00

**Theodore Polak To: Hockey Assistant Coach – HS
190 Old River Rd. Effective: 2007-2008 Winter Sports Season
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$2,913.00**

**John Menna To: Boy's Indoor Track Head Coach – HS
160 Natick Ave. Effective: 2007-2008 Winter Sports Season
Cranston, RI 02921 Salary: \$3,206.00**

**Michael Orsini To: Boy's Indoor Track Assistant Coach – HS
34 Milo St. Effective: 2007-2008 Winter Sports Season
Providence, RI 02908 Salary: \$2,480.00**

**Susan Carlson To: Girl's Indoor Track Head Coach – HS
2 Beverly Drive Effective: 2007-2008 Winter Sports Season
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$3,206.00**

**Marina Tsonis To: Girl's Indoor Track Assistant Coach – HS
15 Highview Drive Effective: 2007-2008 Winter Sports Season
Smithfield, RI 02917 Salary: \$2,480.00**

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Eliseo Noguerras, Jr. To: Wrestling Head Coach – HS

**125 Freight St. Effective: 2007-2008 Winter Sports Season
Pawtucket, RI 02860 Salary: \$4,426.00**

**Richard Deutsch To: Yearbook Advisor – HS
4 Hagerstown Rd. Effective: 2007-2008 School Year
Warwick, RI 02886 Salary: \$2,330.00**

**Andrew Hallam To: Freshman Class Co-Advisor – HS
302 Algonquin Drive Effective: 2007-2008 School Year
Warwick, RI 02888 Salary: \$445.00**

**Susan Labossiere To: Freshman Class Co-Advisor – HS
76 Smith St. Effective: 2007-2008 School Year
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$445.00**

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

Leave of Absence Requests

**Tracy Pereira Maternity Leave 3/18/08 – 5/2/08 (paid)
9 Ballou St. From: Resource Teacher – Saylesville
Cumberland, RI 02864 Effective: March 18, 2008 – May 2, 2008**

**Beth Halliwell Maternity
Leave 9/21-10/19/07(paid);10/22-11/16/07(unpaid)
84 Buxton Street From: Job Share Grade 3 Central**

North Smithfield, RI 02896 Effective: 9/21/07-11/16/07

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

Motion carried.

Information Only

Jacquelyn Dionne To: PT 12 hour 1:1 Teacher Assistant - FELC

13 Sherman Ave. From: PT 19 ³/₄ Library Aide - NELC

Lincoln, RI 02865 Effective: September 17, 2007 – June, 2008

Teacher Assistant Job Fair Results 9/25/07

Susan Caswell To: Integrated K Classroom Assistant – NELC

57 Riverside Drive From: Pre-School Special Ed – Fairlawn

Lincoln, RI 02865 Effective: September 26, 2007

Kimberly Murray To: Pre-School Special Ed – Fairlawn

8 Arlington Drive From: 1:1 TA FELC – Grade 1

Lincoln, RI 02865 Effective: September 26, 2007

Rose-Marie Durant To: Classroom Assist. – Middle School - Gr. 6

7 Chestnut Ave. From: Classroom Assist. - Middle School – Gr. 7

Lincoln, RI 02865 Effective: September 26, 2007

Open Positions: 1:1 Teacher Assistant at FELC, Grade 1

1:1 Teacher Assistant at the Middle School, Grade 8

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Awarding of Bids

Mimio Presentation

Lori Miller reported bids were opened October 9th with one vendor responding.:

Silver Lining Technologies

\$9,778.50

Miller noted the money is from a grant that Mr. Gadbois secured from the Department of Education. Mr. Gadbois explained these are mobile smart boards. Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Natural Gas Bid

Lori Miller explained all the schools are heated with gas. Lincoln is part of an energy consortium with Middletown, Central Falls and Cumberland. There is a manager, Santa Buckley Energy, who recommends purchasing gas from a source other than National Grid. Ms. Miller asked the committee to give the Superintendent the authority to contract with Santa Buckley Energy based on the recommendation from the consultant to lock into a price tomorrow for the period of November 1st to March 2008. She explained the cost is

based on the CPS price. National Grid owns the pipes so the cost remains the same for the pipes. Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor. Motion approved.

Salary Warrants

September 6, 2007 \$162,455.95

Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion approved.

September 13, 2007 \$1,149,587.85

Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion approved.

September 27, 2007 \$1,152,550.95

Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Donabedian. All in favor. Motion approved.

Expense Warrants

Capital Expense Reserve Invoice \$12,078.00

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

Invoices October 15, 2007 \$2,371,865.64

Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Motion carried on a vote of 6-0, with Zito recused.

Old Business - None.

New Business

Home Schooling Request

- Mr. & Mrs. Martin

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

Motion carried.

Bullying Policy Revision

The Chair noted this is the first reading of the policy. The first policy was approved in 2004 at the direction of the Department of Education.

There is now the issue of cyber bullying or bullying by phone or technology and this is an attempt to address that and be consistent with the high school handbook. It should read bullying that occurs electronically over the internet, by phone or in writing will also be subject to disciplinary action.

Motion to approve by Donabedian. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor. Motion carried. It was noted the policy would be read for a second time at the November meeting.

School Committee Goals

The Chair reported the committee met in workshop sessions to set goals for themselves for the rest of their term through December 2008. They are: 1. Communication – The committee will communicate effectively with each other, the Superintendent and its constituents. The three action steps are to have agendas and minutes of all subcommittee meeting posted and in the committee's packets in a timely manner; members will notify the Superintendent

and/or the Chair of items to be on the agendas; members will contact the Superintendent prior to meetings when there are questions regarding agenda items.

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2. Community Relations – Provide frequent two way communication between parents/families, students and members of the community.

Action Steps: The committee will work with the District Technology staff to develop web-based communication tools; meet at least once during the year with constituents at the school/community level; review and monitor policies and procedures that relate to family/community engagement, civic use of facilities and other polices that impact relationship with constituents.

3. Planning – Take an active role in development and monitoring of the Strategic Plan. Action Steps: Work with the Superintendent and Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment and Professional Development to review data relevant to the achievement of the district’s goals as outlined in the current Strategic Plan; review annually progress of the district; review its policy manual; develop a procedure manual that will be provided to all new members of the committee at the beginning of their term. Consensus was to consider these as goals for the end of their term.

Stipend for Assistant Principal – High School

Superintendent Fortunato recommended a stipend for Mr. McNamara for the two weeks Mr. Martin is participating in the Army National Guard command school. The Chair explained there no policy and this is an area they should have something in writing. If they don't do this, a teacher would move into an administrative position at \$125/day. Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

School Committee Reports

Chairman Roll reported on the District Wellness Committee noting that Donabedian joined them. The Superintendent offered kudos to the Wellness Committee as they will receive an honorable mention by the Governor October 30th at the State House.

Community Comments

Mrs. Azar spoke about some of her son's problems. Ms. DeSimone extended deepest sympathy to the Lorea family on behalf of the LTA.

Move to Executive Session for Businesses Pertaining to Personnel to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a) 1 and 2 – Not needed.

Adjourn

Motion by Zangari to adjourn Open Session at 9:50 p.m. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried.

JOHN ZANGARI, CLERK

DATE