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**LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND**

**DATE: November 19, 2007**

**PLACE: Lincoln Middle School**

**152 Jenckes Hill Road**

**Lincoln, RI 02865**

**7:30 p.m. Monthly Meeting (Open)**

**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, Mark Gadbois, Bruce Macksoud, Kevin McNamara, Lori Miller, Angelo Mencucci, Melinda Smith; Mary Carvalho, Margaret Knowlton, Constance O'Riley, Joyce Ruppell**

**Opening Ceremony**

**A moment of silence was observed for Carol Murgo.**

**Right To Be Heard – None.**

## **I. Approval of Minutes**

### **a. August 21, 2007 Executive Session Minutes**

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

### **b. October 1, 2007 Special Meeting Minutes**

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

### **c. October 15, 2007 Monthly Meeting Minutes**

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

### **d. October 15, 2007 Executive Session Minutes**

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

### **e. November 5, 2007 Executive Session Minutes**

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

## **II. Correspondence – None.**

## **III. Superintendent's Report**

### **a. Citations for LHS Girl's Varsity and JV Soccer Teams**

**The Chair reported Mr. and Mrs. Lorea were present. Their daughter Brianna would be accepting the certificate for her sister, Marissa. As Chairwoman Roll read the names of the team members Zito presented them with certificates.**

**The Chair declared a brief recess at 7:52 to allow the students to leave.**

**b. Lincoln High School Student Update**

**Mr. McNamara introduced Arielle and Arista Lee, President and Vice President of the Senior Class. They explained that most of the activities had been postponed, but next week some of the activities will include a hot dog roast and battle of the classes.**

**c. Citations for Health and Wellness**

**Superintendent Fortunato reported attending a State House reception recognizing Lincoln for health and wellness. She noted two moving forces were Melinda Smith and Debbie Malachowski. Fortunato noted she is looking forward to going back next year for the first place award. Roll thanked Smith and Malachowski for their work and Melinda Smith noted the assistance of the whole Wellness Committee.**

**d. Financial Report**

**Lori Miller reported she isn't projecting a deficit or a positive variance. She reported on the adjustments for salaries due to the number of teachers hired at top step and some illnesses. She noted page 7 for tuitions is for Charter Schools, not out of district placements. Miller reported there are ten students in Charter Schools, with a number of them in kindergarten because they offer**

full day kindergarten. Purchased services still has a positive variance.

The Chair declared a recess from 8:00 p.m. – 8:06 p.m.

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**e. Camp Bournedale**

Mr. Macksoud reported this is the 15th year for the camp for sixth graders that ran four days starting October 12th. It's an opportunity for team building for all sixth graders coming from all the elementary schools. He noted Mr. Cobain, Ms. Fortunato, Ms. Roll and Ms. Robson attended. Robson commented on it being an amazing experience and how hard everyone worked. They made sure students move from one activity to the next from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

**f. Request for Approval of out-of-state field trips**

1. Trip to New York City, to the United Nations, January 4-8.

Superintendent Fortunato noted if there is

inclement weather, the trip would be cancelled. Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Trip to New York City, Wall Street Tour, April 10-12. Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried.

**g. High School Curriculum – ELA and Math**

McNamara reported how hard Kathryn Williamson and Jay Schofield

worked to prepare the students for the NECAP testing in October. He explained how they are moving ahead on the School Improvement Plan and looking at problem solving in the mathematics area. Mr. Schofield reported they are putting the focus on professional development and in the English Language Arts to improve literacy. They will be sharing practices with other departments and will have a teacher's resource web site page. His wish list would be for a writing lab. Mrs. Williamson explained they are trying to implement the consultants' recommendations by changing the algebra classes and entry level math and having smaller class sizes. They are improving course placement from the middle school to high school. They now have short term goals and long term goals, including professional development, parent awareness and to improve NECAP results.

Mr. Battistoni's departure is noted at 9:05 p.m.

#### **h. I-Parent Update**

Mark Gadbois reported the program was adopted for the high school in October and the middle school recently became available. He explained it includes grade information, attendance, and current schedules. He receives approximately 30 pieces of mail a day. The Superintendent noted it fosters good home-school communication in moving the district forward.

#### **i. Middle School Sign**

The Chair noted this should have been removed from the agenda. Motion to remove by Zangari. Seconded by Zito. Voted 6-0. Motion

carried.

**j. Approval of Contract for Ice Time**

Superintendent Fortunato reported this is for the hockey team. Motion to approve the contract with RI Sport Center Inc. by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 6-0. Motion carried.

**I. Civic Use of Buildings**

**a. Talent America Dance Studio – LHS 2/10/08**

Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 6-0. Motion carried.

**b. SE Mass YMCA Child Care Symposium – LMS 1/16/08**

Motion to approve with the corrected date of 1/26/08 by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 6-0. Motion carried.

**V. Personnel Recommendations**

**Teacher Appointments**

**a. Kerri Salhany To: PT 25 hour Title 1 Parent Coordinator – Northern**

**76 Carriage Drive Effective: November 20, 2007 – June, 2008  
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$44 per hour**

**b. Susan Mischler To: PT 25 hour Title 1 Literacy Coordinator - NELC**

**25 Regis Street Effective: November 20, 2007 – June, 2008  
Coventry, RI 02816 Salary: \$44 per hour**

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**c. Linda Guarino To: PT 25 hour Title 1 Literacy Coordinator – Northern**

**1 Glenview Drive Effective: November 20, 2007 – June, 2008**

**Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$44 per hour**

**d. Mary Beauchemin To: PT 25 hour Title 1 Parent Coordinator – NELC**

**1074 Great Road Effective: November 20, 2007 – June, 2008**

**Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$44 per hour**

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 6-0.  
Motion carried.**

### **Team Leader Appointments**

**a. Richard Anterni To: Team 1 Leader Grade 6 – MS**

**5 Great Meadows Lane Effective: 2007-2008 School Year**

**Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$2,000.00**

**b. Michael Manzi To: Team 2 Leader Grade 6 – MS**

**3595 Post Road Effective: 2007-2008 School Year  
Apt. 21206 Salary: \$2,000.00  
Warwick, RI 02886**

**c. Matthew Barboza To: Team 3 Leader Grade 6 – MS  
265 Lippett Ave. Effective: 2007–2008 School Year  
Cumberland, RI 02864 Salary: \$2,000.00**

**d. Nicole Tetreault To: Team 4 Leader Grade 7 – MS  
9 Cecile Street Effective: 2007-2008 School Year  
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$2,000.00**

**e. Erika Doherty To: Team 5 Leader Grade 7 – MS  
31 Lynne Lane Effective: 2007-2008 School Year  
Mapleville, RI 02839 Salary: \$2,000.00**

**f. Wendy McPeak To: Team 6 Leader Grade 7 – MS  
1060 Great Road Effective: 2007-2008 School Year  
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$2,000.00**

**g. Elizabeth Ramsbey To: Team 7 Leader Grade 8 – MS  
31 Meadow View Blvd. Effective: 2007-2008 School Year  
North Providence, RI 02904 Salary: \$2,000.00**

**h. Barbara Marsden To: Team 8 Leader Grade 8 – MS  
48 Sherman Ave. Effective: 2007-2008 School Year**

**Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$2,000.00**

**i. Fred Hoppe To: Team 9 Leader Grade 8 – MS  
203 School St. Effective: 2007-2008 School Year  
Forestdale, RI 02824 Salary: \$2,000.00**

**j. Sandra O’Dell To: Physical Education – MS  
27 Oakwood Drive Effective: 2007-2008 School Year  
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$2,000.00**

**k. Theresa DeRiso To: Specialists – MS  
5 Colonial Ave. Effective: 2007-2008 School Year  
Barrington, RI 02806 Salary: \$2,000.00**

**Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Zangari. Voted 6-0. Motion carried.**

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### **Long-term Sub Appointments**

**a. Kathleen Busam To: LTS Grade 5 - Saylesville  
2 Karen Ann Drive Effective: September 4, 2007 – November 19,  
2007  
Smithfield, RI 02917 Salary: M-2 - \$12,742.13**

**b. Melissa Canis To: LTS Grade 1 - Fairlawn**

**59 Indian Run Trail Effective: August 29, 2007 – January 25, 2008**

**Smithfield, RI 02917 Salary: M-1 -- \$21,336.57**

**c. Kristen Plant To: LTS Grade 6 – Middle School**

**13 Hunt Street Effective: September 4, 2007 – January 25, 2008**

**Cumberland, RI 02864 Salary: B-2 - \$20,407.32**

**d. Lisa Simonelli To: LTS Grade 4 – Northern Elementary**

**75 West Main Street Effective: September 4, 2007 – January 25, 2008**

**Wickford, RI 02852 Salary: B-3 - \$21,857.58**

**e. Michaela Kenwood To: LTS – Middle School**

**8 Shelter Lane Effective: November 5, 2007 – February 29, 2008**

**Cumberland, RI 02864 Salary: B-1 - \$14,419.10**

**Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Zangari. Voted 6-0. Motion carried.**

### **Support Staff Appointments**

**a. Stacey Raheb To: PT 15 hour Teacher Assistant – FELC**

**12 Christopher Drive Effective: October 15, 2007 – June, 2008**

**Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$9.25 per hour**

**b. Damerkys Alberto To: PT 15 hour 1:1 Teacher Assistant – FELC  
87 Lonsdale Main St. # 2 Effective: October 29, 2007 – June, 2008  
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$9.75 per hour**

**d. Chrissyly Genesse To: 1:1 Teacher Assistant – FELC  
23 Pleasant View Ave. Effective: September 26, 2007  
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$18,615.52**

**e. Marlene Bettencourt To: 1:1 Teacher Assistant – Middle School  
3 Lladner Drive Effective: November 20, 2007  
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$14,596.26**

**f. Denise Berard To: Family Literacy Center Aide  
68 Lebrun Avenue Effective: September 4, 2007 – June, 2008  
Woonsocket, RI 02895 Salary: \$10.00 per hour (revised)  
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Zangari. Voted 6-0. Motion  
carried.**

### **Co-curricular Appointments**

**a. John Ryan To: Boy's Basketball Head Coach – Middle School  
12 Corrie Lane Effective: 2007-2008 Winter Sports Season  
Mapleville, RI 02839 Salary: \$1,398.00**

**b. Jon Bruckner To: Girl's Basketball Head Coach – Middle School  
PO Box 501 Effective: 2007-2008 Winter Sports Season**

**Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$1,398.00**

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**c. Josh Mendonca To: Boy's Wrestling Head Coach – Middle School**

**42 Smith Street Effective: 2007-2008 Winter Sports Season**

**Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$1,398.00**

**d. Michelle Botelho To: Cross Country Head Coach – Middle School**

**19 Westwood Road Effective: 2007-2008 Winter Sports Season**

**Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$1,398.00**

**e. Pat Wiley To: Wrestling Team Assistant Coach – HS**

**8 O'Shay Lane Effective: 2007-2008 Winter Sports Season**

**Woodriver Junction, RI 02894 Salary: \$2,912.00**

**f. Tom Dilorio To: Swimming Head Coach – HS**

**155 Mulberry St. Effective: Winter Sports Season, 2007-08 school year**

**Pawtucket, RI 02860 Salary: \$3,206.00**

**g. Tracey Pereira To: Swimming Assistant Coach – HS  
9 Ballou Street Effective: 2007-2008 Winter Sports Season  
Cumberland, RI 02864 Salary: \$2,420.00**

**Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Zangari. Voted 6-0. Motion carried.**

## **Retirements**

**a. Roberta DeAndrade Position: Kindergarten Teacher – Fairlawn  
101 Grandview Avenue Effective: June, 2008  
Lincoln, RI 02865**

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Zito. Voted 6-0. Motion Carried. Zito and Zangari thanked Ms. Andrade for her work.**

**b. Gail DeGuilio Position: Resource Teacher – Saylesville  
10 Willcroft Street Effective: June, 2008  
Cumberland, RI 02864**

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Zito. Voted 6-0. Motion carried.**

**c. Suzanne Goetz Position: Speech-Language Pathologist – NELC  
7 Ash Street Effective: June, 2008  
Manville, RI 02838**

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 6-0. Motion carried.**

## **Resignations**

**a. Susan Rose From: .6 Library Media Specialist – NELC**

**102 Park Avenue Effective: October 26, 2007**

**Cranston, RI 02905**

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Zito. Voted 6-0. Motion carried.**

## **Leave of Absence Requests**

**a. Tracy Hastings From: Grade 4 Teacher - Saylesville**

**4 Arnold Ave. Effective: 3/11/08 – 4/22/08**

**Lincoln, RI 02865 Maternity Leave 3/11/08 – 4/2/08 (paid)**

**Childrearing Leave 4/3/08 – 4/22/08 (unpaid)**

**b. Elizabeth Moore From: Social Worker – Northern/NELC**

**10 Briarwood Drive Effective: November 20, 2007 – February 20, 2008**

**Lincoln, RI 02865 Medical Leave (paid)**

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Zito. Voted 6-0. Motion carried.**

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## **VI. Awarding of Bids**

### **a. Electricity**

**Lori Miller explained they have the occasion to save on a daily variable rate. The price for the lines will remain the same. If the rate spikes they can give a 30 day notice and get back to the last resort rate. Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Zangari. Voted 6-0. Motion carried.**

## **VII. Salary Warrants**

**October 11, 2007 \$1,165,983.91**

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 6-0. Motion carried.**

**October 25, 2007 \$1,194,032.21**

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 6-0. Motion carried.**

## **VIII. Expense Warrants**

**Capital Reserve Fund \$337.05**

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 6-0. Motion carried.**

**Invoices \$2,038,851.93**

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 6-0.**

**Motion carried.**

**IX. Old Business – None.**

**X. New Business**

**a. Bullying Policy (second reading)**

**The chair noted there is a change from the first reading on page one, under F-4, that should read bullying that occurs electronically, rather than over the internet, by phone or in writing. She added an editorial comment that it should be bulleted. Motion to approve by Robson. Seconded by Zito. Voted 6-0. Motion carried.**

**b. Home Schooling Request**

**Ms. Murphy – Motion to approve by Robson. Seconded by Zangari. Voted 6-0. Motion carried.**

**XI. School Committee Reports**

**Roll reported on the RIASC meeting and the proposed changes to the regulation for special education. The final vote was going to be in December, but there are now two additional public hearings scheduled. She has given the Superintendent a copy of the power point presentation. She reported there was a conference on Tuesday that was multi-sponsored by RIPEC and the teachers' unions on the formula for funding public schools and on consolidation of school districts. There are only five districts that are under 1500 students and only nine under 2000. The message was there wasn't much to be saved by consolidation and there would be huge transportation**

**costs.**

## **XII. Community Comments**

**Cindy Mulvey asked about getting a copy of the bullying policy and was told to contact the Superintendent's office. She also commented on teen suicide and violence and she felt there is a lack of support at the high school. She asked if the committee would consider implementing TBIS. Mary Ann McComiskey commented that she had brought TBIS to the faculty and they felt they couldn't commit to a program that hadn't been developed.**

## **XIII. Move to Executive Session for Businesses Pertaining to Personnel to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a) 1 and 2**

**Executive Session was not needed.**

## **XIV. Adjourn**

**Motion to adjourn at 9:42 p.m. by Zangari. Seconded by Zito. Voted 6-0. Motion carried.**

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**JOHN ZANGARI, CLERK    DATE**