

**OFFICIAL**

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**LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND**

**DATE: December 10, 2007**

**PLACE: Lincoln Middle School**

**152 Jenckes Hill Road**

**Lincoln, RI 02865**

**8:02 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: Attorney Benjamin Scungio.**

**Opening Ceremony**

**The Chair reported the committee met regarding a non-certified staff**

**grievance and voted to support the Superintendent's recommendation to deny the grievance.**

**Right To Be Heard – None.**

### **I. Approval of Minutes**

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

#### **a. November 19, 2007 Monthly Meeting**

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

#### **b. November 19, 2007 Executive Session**

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

#### **c. November 29, 2007 Executive Session**

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

### **II. Correspondence – None.**

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

#### **a. Lincoln High School Student Update**

**McNamara introduced Matt Fornier, a senior at Lincoln High School. He noted Matt is a leader in the building, a Captain on the football**

team and a leader in the Technology Education Department. Matt talked about some of the courses he has taken and how the students finished a green house this year. His plans are to go to New England Tech to become an electrician. McNamara noted almost every student in the Industrial Technology program takes every class and 20-25% go onto another school.

**b. Financial Report**

Lori Miller reported she is still projecting a zero variance. Variables would be tuitions, purchased services, heat, overtime. Heavy expenditures are coming for substitutes in the spring with professional development or illnesses in February and March. Purchased services should get smaller. Charter schools tuition is still an unknown.

**c. Boys and Girls Club Contract Robson.** The Superintendent reported this is for use of the pool. Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

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**d. Middle School Cheerleading Proposal**

Stacey Keys and Sharon Lee made a presentation to start a feeder system for the high school. They will allow girls or boys to cheer for

the boys' basketball team. Stacey owns the All Star Gym in North Smithfield and has been coaching for 14 years and Sharon has been coaching for seven or eight years. There would be no cost to the town. They plan to have sponsors and have fund raisers. The only cost to the student would be for sneakers and a hair bow. It was suggested cheering for the girls' team as well. Stacey explained they planned one practice a week at the school and second on Sunday at the All Star Gym. Discussion ensued regarding insurance as Lori Miller explained the Interlocal Trust would require a million dollar certificate since is not an interscholastic sport. This isn't a club, it would be an activity. Attorney Scungio recommended researching whether this would be a school sponsored activity or a civic use of the building. Motion by Zangari to approve the proposal for Lincoln Lions Middle School activity pending resolution of civic use of building demonstrating adequate insurance to be worked out with the Superintendent. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

**e. Request for Approval of Unbudgeted Elementary 1:1 Teacher Assistant**

This was requested by the Director of Human Services. Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

**f. Request for Early Release Day at LHS January 18, 2008**

The Superintendent explained this is for Lincoln High School for January 18, 2008 for an exposition. Varr requested this be put on the schedule for next year and the Superintendent stated it would be and there would be a second day in May to be added. Fortunato also

**noted in the future the high school principal will have to make the request in advance. Motion to approve by Robson. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor. Motion carried.**

#### **IV. Civic Use of Buildings**

**a. The Fancie Dancer School of Dance**

**This is for the high school. Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.**

#### **V. Personnel Recommendations**

##### **Support Staff Appointments**

**a. Heidi Loiselle To: PT 15 hour Teacher Assistant – FELC  
10 Barn Drive Effective: December 3, 2007 – June, 2008  
Cumberland, RI 02864 Salary: \$9.25/hour**

**b. Chrisily Genesse To: 1:1 Teacher Assistant – FELC  
23 Pleasant View Ave. Effective: November 20, 2007 (revised)  
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$14,596.26 (revised)  
Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor.  
Motion carried.**

##### **Resignations**

**a. Robert Martin Position: High School Principal**

**196 Old River Road Effective: June 30, 2008**

**Lincoln, RI 02865**

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

**Motion carried.**

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### **Retirements**

**a. Eileen Mandeville Position: Grade 3 Teacher – Northern  
9 Jason’s Grant Drive Effective: June, 2008  
Cumberland, RI 02864**

**b. Caroline Ricci Position: Social Studies – High School  
121 Farnum Ave. Effective: June, 2008  
North Providence, RI 02911**

**c. Nancy Gallagher Position: Grade 5 Teacher – Central  
33 Murphy Drive Effective: June, 2008  
Cumberland, RI 02864**

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

**Motion carried.**

## **Leave of Absence Requests**

**a. Melanie Mellen From: Phys. Ed./Health – Middle School  
66 Cozy Lane Effective: 2/4/08 – 4/1/08  
Cumberland, RI 02864 Maternity Leave (unpaid) (extension)**

**b. Rachel Kay From: Secretary I – High School  
7 Andrews Drive Effective: 11/17/07 – 12/27/07  
Lincoln, RI 02865 Medical Leave (extension) (unpaid)**

**c. Jessica Fetters From: Resource Teacher – Saylesville  
14 Williams St. Effective: 6/2/08 – end of school year 2008  
Lincoln, RI 02865 Maternity Leave (paid)**

**d. Ann Whitelaw From: Grade 5 - Saylesville  
270 Woodward Ave. Effective: 9/4/07 – 1/10/08  
Seekonk, MA 02771 Medical Leave (paid)**

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

**Motion carried.**

## **VI. Salary Warrants**

**November 8, 2007 \$1,160,598.98**

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

**Motion carried.**

**November 21, 2007 \$1,224,337.19**

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

**Motion carried.**

**VII. Expense Warrants**

**November 29, 2007 \$178,799.55**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Capital Reserve – Lori Miller explained this is for items that Mencucci bid during the summer and the energy conservation money**

**\$42,678.76**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Invoices**

**December 10, 2007 \$488,092.74**

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

**Motion carried**

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**VIII. Old Business – None.**

**IX. New Business – None.**

**X. School Committee Reports**

**Mary Anne Roll reported the district Wellness Committee met last Thursday and discussed the harvest luncheon and met with representatives from Shape Up Lincoln**

**XI. Community Comments**

**Mary Ann McComiskey commented on the retirements and she was saddened students won't be getting to share in their experiences. She wished them well. She pledged to work with the Superintendent and the administration to move Lincoln High School forward.**

**XII. Move to Executive Session for Businesses Pertaining to Personnel to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a) 1 and 2 – None.**

**XIII. Adjourn**

**Motion to adjourn by Zangari at 8:47 p.m. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried.**

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**JOHN ZANGARI, CLERK    DATE**