

**OFFICIAL**

**LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND  
MINUTES**

**DATE: April 21, 2008**

**PLACE: Lincoln Middle School**

**152 Jenckes Hill Road**

**Lincoln, RI 02865**

**7:40 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, Elizabeth Marquis, Kevin McNamara, Angelo Mencucci, Lori Miller, Maryann Struble, Constance O'Riley, Joyce Ruppell**

## **Opening Ceremony**

**Right To Be Heard – None.**

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

#### **a. March 10, 2008 Monthly Meeting**

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

#### **b. March 10, 2008 Executive Session**

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

#### **c. April 1, 2008 Special Meeting**

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

#### **d. April 1, 2008 Executive Session**

**Motion to approve and seal 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 Stephanie Cole, a senior at LHS who has completed her portfolio and is helping other students. Stephanie**

**explained how she came to Lincoln from Mississippi as a troubled student. She spoke about spending time at the training school and in a group home before realizing her potential. She is now achieving all A's and participating in activities at the high school. She plans to attend a junior college next year.**

#### **b. Financial Report**

**Miller reported she is projecting a zero variance. She will be meeting with the budget subcommittee to talk about where they will be at the end of the year. The overtime account and substitute custodial lines have good balances. The health options is in the positive and they will be a little over in the health insurance. Tuitions has about \$128,000, but that will come down when bills catch up. The Superintendent explained they will have legal representation at a hearing on May 2nd because there are issues in understanding what their obligation is. The Chair stated that it would be a courtesy for parents to advise them when students are going to attend a Charter school. Miller reported a negative balance in purchased services. The textbook line will be offset by the science line.**

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#### **c. Approval of Calendar for 2008 – 2009 School Year**

**Superintendent Fortunato reported school will begin the day after Labor day. There will be professional development August 27 and**

**28th.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**d. Review and Discuss Proposed Fund Raising Policy**

**Miller explained they completed the annual audit and one of the comments was there were a lot of funds in cash accounts and who has control. She noted the PTO's and booster organizations should not supplant the budget. This lays out the roll of a parent/teacher organization and they should have their own federal id number and should be subject to an audit to avoid malfeasance.**

**e. Review and Discuss Proposed Miscellaneous Revenue Policy**

**These are different and the money goes into the principals' accounts. These funds will be deposited at the end of the year and they will start fresh each year. The only other recommendation is that current employees cannot be paid from these funds. The Chair explained this is for discussion, there will be no vote. She felt they need to convey to the parents through the principal. The treasurers should be bonded and the group should have their own liability insurance and a letter from the IRS. Superintendent Fortunato will get copies of the policy to the principals. Zito noted that every PTO should have by-laws, insurance and non-profit status. They need to know funds they raise will not be taken from them. Roll commented that PTO's believe they are covered by the school department insurance, but they need their own as their exposure is separate should something happen at a function. Zito felt there should be a treasurer's report from the PTO. Battistoni wanted to make sure the policy doesn't**

violate what the boosters are doing. Zangari asked about the Wellness Policy. Roll explained that parent groups are encouraged to look at options to conform to the policy. She also stated they need to insure equity as far as what is available at each school. The first reading of the policy will be at the May 19th meeting.

**f. Approval of Out-of-State Field Trips**

Superintendent Fortunato recommended approval of the May 25th trip to the Fashion Institute of Technology, New York City, for fashion merchandising. Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson and Battistoni. All in favor. Motion carried. Zangari noted they should have all cell numbers for all adults.

Superintendent Fortunato recommended approval of the April 24th – 27th Chorus trip to Virginia. Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried.

**IV. Civic Use of Buildings – None.**

**V. Personnel Recommendations**

**Administrative Appointments**

**a. Kevin McNamara To: Principal – High School**

**Effective: July 1, 2008**

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

**McNamara was congratulated. Superintendent Fortunato commented on how much they are looking forward to McNamara's tenure.**

**b. Jeannine Magliocco To: Principal – Lonsdale Elementary**

**Effective: July 1, 2008**

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

**Motion carried. Magliocco was introduced.**

### **Teacher Appointments**

**a. Barbara Maher To: ESY Coordinator**

**32 Kirkbrae Drive Effective: 2007-08 school year**

**Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$5,280.00**

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

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

**a. Alicia Bell To: LTS Art – High School**

**65 Third Street Effective: 4/7/08 – end of school year (extension)**

**Providence, RI 02906 Salary: M+30, 10th \$19,075.54**

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

**79 Maybury St. Effective: 4/7/08 – end of school year (extension)**

**Cumberland, RI 02864 Salary: B2, \$10,425.48**

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

**Motion carried.**

## **Retirements**

**a. Marilyn Mollo From: World Language – High School**

**34 Pleasant Street Effective: June, 2008**

**Seekonk, MA 02771**

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

**Motion carried.**

## **Leave of Absence Requests**

**a. Staci Rapko From: Self-Contained – Middle School**

**14 Lamoureux Blvd. Effective: 6/11/08 – end of school year (paid)**

**N. Smithfield, RI 02896 Maternity Leave**

**b. Sarah Rawlinson From: Assistant Principal – High School**

**3 Windy Hill Lane Effective: 3/21/08-5/6/08 (am) (paid)**

**Coventry, RI 02893 5/6/08 (pm) – 5/9/08 (unpaid)**

**Maternity Leave (revised)**

**c. Miranda Russell From: Art – High School**

**4 Theresa Court Effective: 4/7/08 – end of school year (paid)**

**Providence, RI 02909 Medical (extension)**

**d. Amy Shunney From: Resource – Lonsdale Elementary**

**29 Colonial Drive Effective: 3/31/08 – 5/7/08 (paid)**

**Lincoln, RI 02865 5/8/08 – end of school year (unpaid)**

**Maternity Leave (extension)**

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

**Motion carried.**

**VI. Awarding of Bids – None.**

**VII. Salary Warrants**

**March 6, 2008 \$171,461.37**

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

**Motion carried.**

**March 13, 2008 \$1,173,579.29**

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

**Motion carried**

**March 27, 2008 \$1,155,036.91**

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

**Motion carried.**

**VIII. Expense Warrants**

**Miller explained \$40,588 had been paid in advance to avoid interest**

**charges.**

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**April 21, 2008 \$2,035,106.33**

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 6-0 to approve, with Zito abstaining. Motion carried.**

**IX. Old Business – None.**

**X. New Business**

**a. Approval of Revised Promotion/Retention Policy (first reading)**

**Superintendent Fortunato explained legal counsel had made a recommendation adding some language. Motion to approve by Robson. Seconded by Battistoni.**

**Zangari questioned the situation when a student needed only one credit to graduate, but was required to take English and PE. Roll pointed out the separate graduation policy. McNamara noted some schools are looking at a required number of credits as well as required courses. Most students have more than enough credits, but there are some that are in need of credits. All in favor of the first reading. Motion carried.**

**b. Home Schooling Request – Ms. Ross**

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

**XI. School Committee Reports**

**Zangari reported attending the Stone Soup play and dinner and that it was a very nice evening. Superintendent Fortunato also complimented Ms. Ruppell. Roll reported they are entering a busy time of year and will be meeting on the budget.**

**XII. Community Comments**

**Mary Ann McComiskey congratulated McNamara and Magliocco. She also commented on the amount of funds raised by PTO's and boosters for field trips, equipment, etc., stating the committee has to be careful about the perception of taking control of their funds. Roll noted the situation of a parent group raising funds to build a playground with the expectation the school department will maintain and/or replace. McComiskey suggested an oversight committee. Mrs. DeSimone congratulated McNamara and Magliocco. Mr. Svitil wanted to voice his disagreement on the use of the downstairs of the junior high school and spoke about the programs being offered. He also congratulated McNamara.**

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

**XIV. Adjourn**

**Motion to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. by Robson. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor. Motion carried.**

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**JOHN ZANGARI, CLERK      DATE**