

**OFFICIAL**

**November 10, 2008**

**LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND**

**MINUTES**

**DATE: October 20, 2008**

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

**PLACE: Lincoln Middle School**

**152 Jenckes Hill Road**

**Lincoln, RI 02865**

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

**Absent: Julie Zito**

**Others Present: Georgia Fortunato, Superintendent; Linda Cliff, Mark Gadbois, Jeannine Magliocco, Kevin McNamara, Lori Miller, Melinda Smith, Maryann Struble, Joyce Ruppell; Attorney Benjamin Scungio**

## **Opening Ceremony**

### **Right To Be Heard**

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

##### **a. August 14, 2008 Special Meeting (amended)**

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

##### **b. September 8, 2008 Monthly Meeting**

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

##### **c. October 4, 2008 Special Emergency Meeting**

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 3-0, with  
Donabedian, Roll and Zangari recused. Motion carried.**

##### **d. October 4, 2008 Executive Session**

**Motion to approve by Robson. Seconded by Battistoni. Voted 3-0,  
with Donabedian, Roll and Zangari recused. Motion carried.**

**Motion to seal the October 4, 2008 Executive Session minutes by  
Zangari. Seconded by Battistoni. Voted 3-0, with Donabedian, Roll  
and Zangari recused. Motion carried.**

#### **II. Correspondence – None.**

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

##### **a. Citations**

**Macksoud introduced Karina Martinez and Marisa Medeiros, two students who had come to him as seventh graders and proved to him that things were not being properly recycled. They were presented citations by Donabedian and Zangari for their recycling efforts.**

**The following were recognized by Zangari and McNamara as recipients of the National Merit Scholarship Competition: Katherine Hopkins, Alison Moreau, Lauren Olean, Molly Savard, Tina Zhao; and Semifinalists Cara Gray and Julian Ead.**

**b. Lincoln High School Student Update**

**McNamara recognized Katherine Gannon, one of the high school newspaper editors, noting she is also a member of the field hockey team. She reported they are updating the web site and will be buying a new computer and she explained their participation in a ten week internship with Bryant University.**

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**The Chair declared a break at 7:50 p.m. so parents and students could depart. The meeting reconvened at 7:54 p.m.**

**c. Update on High School Incident**

**Superintendent Fortunato reported the October 3rd incident is still**

under police investigation. She thanked several people for their assistance. Due to the quick action of Principal McNamara and staff members the building was evacuated quickly, the building secured and counselors were available for crisis services. She reported they have been performing air quality tests. An emergency notification system will be recommended and they have retained a safety consultant. They will continue with fire drills. Representatives of the Trust were present and commented on the quick action by Lori Miller in contacting them and working with Angelo Mencucci. Mr. Godin reported repairs are under way and the roof is being inspected by the manufacturer as it is still under warranty.

#### **d. Financial Report**

Lori Miller reported the preliminary report for June 30, 2008 has not been audited. A positive variance of \$121,000 is projected with the bulk of the revenue from the Northern RI Collaborative. The variance in the salary line is due to illness and paying subs. The capital outlay is \$14,000. Miller noted in the October 15, 2008 report she is not projecting any variance as it is too early. There were two added assistants in the salary line due to IEPs and she hopes to absorb that in the regular salary lines. Benefits are on track. Unemployment closed today close to the \$45,000 amount. Miller reported they locked in rates for gas and have their energy manager. She reported there are ten students attending charter schools. The Superintendent commented there are two at Highlander and eight at Beacon.

#### **e. Curriculum Report**

Melinda Smith reported they are in year four of the five year

improvement plan. The four goals were student achievement, curriculum, home school communication and capital improvement. They will be meeting next week to review their action plans and invited anyone from the School Committee and the community to attend. She noted health and wellness will be added to their Strategic Plan. Smith introduced Mary McGuinn who spoke about the ELL program and the consortium under Title 3. McGinn reported the WIDA Consortium is in 19 states. This used to be a pull out program and now they work toward in class, mostly at the elementary level. The six levels are attained, bridging, expanding, developing, beginning and entering. Students need to be monitored for two years.

Melinda Smith reported the official first year of NECAP scores was this past spring in grades 4, 8, 11. This year they added a third science kit so that kits are used almost the whole year. At the middle school they will be implementing a science writing kit for grades six through eight. She stated she would like to see better scores at the high school and noted that many students had only had two years of science. The chair suggested video taping some of the students learning.

f. Strategic Plan – above.

g. Approval of Out-of-State Field Trips

Presidential Inauguration, Washington D.C.; January 18-21, 2009.

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

Motion carried.

**High School Band and Jazz Band to Williamsburg; April 23-26, 2009. Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 6-0. Motion carried.**

**FBLA to Washington, D.C.; November 13-16, 2008. Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 6-0. Motion carried.**

**h. Boys & Girls Club Pool Rental Agreement**

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

**i. Request for Approval of Amended Human Resources Coordinator Job Description**

**Superintendent Fortunato reported this is a change in the job title. Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 6-0. Motion carried.**

**j. Disposal of Obsolete Equipment**

**Superintendent Fortunato reported this is for computer equipment at no cost for disposal. Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 6-0. Motion carried.**

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**IV. Civic Use of Buildings**

**a. St. Jude's Parish**

The Superintendent reported this request is for the gym at the Middle School on Sundays,

November 8, 2008 to March 2009. Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 6-0. Motion carried.

**B. Lincoln Youth Soccer for the Lincoln Middle School cafeteria.**

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

**V. Personnel Recommendations**

**Retirements**

**a. Richard E. Botelho From: Custodian (2nd shift) – Central**

**6 Applewood Lane Effective: October 31, 2008**

**Lincoln, RI 02865**

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

**Resignations**

**a. Denise Rousseau From: PT 15 hour Teacher Assist. – Northern ELC 48 Harris Ave. Effective: October 10, 2008**

**Pawtucket, RI 02861**

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

## **Leave of Absence Requests**

**a. Beth Halliwell From: Grade 3 – Central**

**84 Buxton St. Effective: March 16, 2009 – May 8, 2009**

**North Smithfield, RI 02896 Maternity Leave**

**b. Karen Costa From: Grade 4 – Central**

**64 Schooner Drive Effective: December 1, 2008 – February 13, 2009**

**Portsmouth, RI 02871 Maternity Leave**

**c. Stephanie Laplante From: SLP – NELC/FELC/Lonsdale/System wide**

**34 Crestwood Drive Effective: September 22, 2008 – October 3, 2008**

**Narragansett, RI 02882 Maternity Leave (extension)**

**d. Kim Maratto From: Reading Specialist – Northern**

**96 Brookfield Road Effective: September 30, 2008 – April 6, 2009**

**Riverside, RI 02915 Maternity Leave**

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

**Motion carried.**

## **Teacher Appointments**

**a. Linda Guarino To: PT 30 hr Title 1 Literacy Coord. – Northern**

**1 Glenview Drive Effective: 2008-09 school year**

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

**b. John Bellantoni To: .6 Science – High School**

**612 Ministerial Road Effective: September 17, 2008 – February 9, 2009**

**Wakefield, RI 02879 Salary: \$22,577.64**

**The Superintendent explained that they may have to hire another 90 day retiree. Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 6-0. Motion carried.**

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### **Long-Term Substitute Appointments**

**a. Melissa Canis To: 1.0 LTS Grade 1 – Fairlawn**

**59 Indian Run Trail Effective: December 1, 2008 – June 2009**

**Smithfield, RI 02917 Salary: \$30,112.92**

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

### **Support Staff Appointments**

**a. Denise Berard To: PT 19 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> hr. Family Literacy Center Aide**

**(amended)**

**68 Lebrun Ave. Effective: September 2, 2008 - June 2009**

**Woonsocket, RI 02895 Salary: \$9.75/hour**

**b. Judy Bazzle To: PT 12 hour 1:1 TA – NELC**

**11 Elmcrest Ave. Effective: September 8, 2008 – June 2009**

**Providence, RI 02908 Salary: \$10.25/hour**

**c. Shelley Furtado To: PT 19 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> hour Library Clerk – Northern**

**235 Old Oxford Road Effective: September 2, 2008 – June 2009**

**North Smithfield, RI 02896 Salary: \$9.75/hour**

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

**Motion carried.**

### **Coaching Appointments**

**a. Kent Crooks To: Boys Basketball Head Coach – High School**

**135 Boardman Ave. Effective: 2008-09 Winter Sports Season**

**Cumberland, RI 02864 Salary: Per contract**

**b. Arthur Kelley, Jr. To: Boys Basketball Assist. Coach – High School**

**16 Pine St. Effective: 2008-09 Winter Sports Season**

**Rehoboth, MA 02769 Salary: Per contract**

**c. Michael Bedrossian To: Girls Basketball Head Coach – High**

**School**

**56 Lindy Ave. Effective: 2008-09 Winter Sports Season  
Providence, RI 02908 Salary: Per contract**

**d. John Aurecchia To: Girls Basketball Assist. Coach – High School  
28 Sandy Way Effective: 2008-09 Winter Sports Season  
Cumberland, RI 02864 Salary: Per contract**

**e. Matthew Barboza To: Freshman Basketball Head Coach – High  
School  
56 Maplecrest Drive Effective: 2008-09 Winter Sports Season  
Pawtucket, RI 02861 Salary: Per contract**

**f. Toni Autiello To: Basketball Cheerleading Coach – High School  
7 Stagecoach Drive Effective: 2008-09 Winter Sports Season  
Johnston, RI 02919 Salary: Per contract**

**g. Denis Riel To: Hockey Assistant Coach – High School  
355 Camp Dixie Road Effective: 2008-09 Winter Sports Season  
Pascoag, RI 02859 Salary: Per contract**

**h. Teddie Polak To: Hockey Head Coach – High School  
150 Old River Road Effective: 2008-09 Winter Sports Season  
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: Per contract**

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- i. John Menna To: Boys Indoor Track Head Coach – High School  
160 Natick Ave. Effective: 2008-09 Winter Sports Season  
Cranston, RI 02921 Salary: Per contract**
- j. Michael Orsini To: Boys Indoor Track Assist. Coach – High School  
386 River Ave. Effective: 2008-09 Winter Sports Season  
Providence, RI 02908 Salary: Per contract**
- k. Susan Carlson To: Girls Indoor Track Head Coach – High School  
2 Beverly Drive Effective: 2008-09 Winter Sports Season  
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: Per contract**
- l. Marina Tsonis To: Girls Indoor Track Assist. Coach – High School  
15 Highview Drive Effective: 2008-09 Winter Sports Season  
Smithfield, RI 02917 Salary: Per contract**
- m. Eliseo Noguerras To: Wrestling Head Coach – High School  
125 Freight St. #15 Effective: 2008-09 Winter Sports Season  
Pawtucket, RI 02860 Salary: Per contract**
- n. Christopher Vachon To: Wrestling Assistant Coach – High School  
9 Kirkbrae Drive Effective: 2008-09 Winter Sports Season  
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: Per contract**

**o. Thomas Dilorio To: Swimming Head Coach – High School  
2 Peckham St. Effective: 2008-09 Winter Sports Season  
Attleboro, MA 02703 Salary: Per contract**

**p. Liz Carlson To: Swimming Assist. Coach – High School  
2 Beverly Drive Effective: 2008-09 Winter Sports Season  
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: Per contract  
Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 6-0.  
Motion carried.**

### **Co-Curricular Appointments**

**a. Thomas Casale To: Elementary Chorus – Saylesville  
90 Crescent View Ave. Effective: 2008-09 school year  
Riverside, RI 02915 Salary: Per contract  
Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 6-0.  
Motion carried.**

### **Physician Appointment**

**a. Joseph Hallett, M.D. To: School Physician – District  
Memorial Hospital Effective: 2008 – 2009 School Year  
111 Brewster Street Salary: \$5,998.80  
Pawtucket, RI 02860  
Motion to approve Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 6-0.**

**Motion carried.**

## **Dentist Appointment**

**a. George Resnevic, D.M.D. To: School Dentist – District  
895 Putnam Pike (Rte. 44) Effective: 2008 – 2009 School Year  
Chepachet, RI 02814 Salary: \$4,575.00**

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 5-0,  
with Zangari recused. Motion carried.**

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## **Information Only**

**a. Custodian Job Fair Results**

**b. Teacher Assistant Job Fair Results**

## **VI. Awarding of Bids**

**a. Classroom Document Cameras**

**CDW Government Inc. \$5,760.00**

**Mark Gadbois explained these are going to the Middle School. They  
plug into a laptop for presentation. Motion to approve by Zangari.  
Seconded by Robson. Voted 6-0. Motion carried.**

**b. Athletic Training Services**

**Miller explained there was no response so this will be re-advertised.**

### **c. Emergency Call Notification Service**

**Miller reported this was a collaborative bid with North Providence and Johnson. There were five bidders:**

**Blackboard Connect, MIS Corp, Global Connect, Alert Now, Swift Reach. Miller explained the differences in bids and recommended Global Connect as the cost will be \$2.00/student with the first 6 months free. This would be a one year contract with 30 days notice to cancel. She contacted one of their customers for a reference and got a positive response. Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Johnson. Voted 6-0. Motion carried. The Chair asked if they could have a demonstration at a future meeting.**

### **VII. Salary Warrants**

**September 4, 2008 \$127,910.66**

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

**September 11, 2008 \$1,186,250.23**

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

**September 25, 2008 \$1,133,819.71**

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

### **VIII. Expense Warrants**

**Capital Reserve \$17,996.58**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Invoices \$1,796,756.67**

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

**Motion carried.**

**October 20, 2008 \$49,140.64**

**Miller explained this is for WB Mason and life insurance for an employee's family. Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 6-0. Motion carried.**

**IX. Old Business – None.**

**X. New Business**

**a. Home Schooling Requests**

- Mr. & Mrs. Howard**
- Ms. Asquith**
- Mr. & Mrs. Amaral**

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

**Motion carried.**

**XI. School Committee Reports**

**Mary Varr reported attending the Budget Board meeting last week because the School Committee was on the agenda. There were**

questions about the Trust and the incident at the High School and the amount of the deductible. Miller answered the deductible is \$1,000. Varr stated they are also looking for a five year summary

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Kristine Donabedian reported the Policy Subcommittee is meeting and they are updating the school committee by-laws. The Chair explained the option of using by-laws for the school committee and this will be a different document so they can make sure what is in writing is what they are doing. Mary Anne Roll reported she and Superintendent Fortunato met with PTO groups on the policies that may have been confusing them regarding fund raising. She also noted they are encouraging students to pick Lincoln as their school of choice. Betty Robson commented on an opportunity to showcase the High School as a flagship in the town on December 7th with students and some teachers present.

## **XII. Community Comments**

Lori, a teacher at Lincoln Central Elementary, wished Richard Botelho, the custodian, a long and successful retirement.

## **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 approve by Zangari at 9:29 p.m. Seconded by Robson.**

**Voted 6-0. Motion carried.**

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**JOHN ZANGARI, CLERK      DATE**