

LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND

DATE: May 19, 2008
PLACE: Lincoln Middle School
152 Jenckes Hill Road
Lincoln, RI 02865
TIME: 7:43 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, Angelo Mencucci, Lori Miller, Maryann Struble, Jeannine Magliocco; Linda Cliff, Bruce Macksoud, Elizabeth Marquis, Kevin McNamara

Opening Ceremony

Right To Be Heard – None.

- I. Approval of Minutes
 - a. April 21, 2008 Monthly Meeting
Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Donabedian. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. April 21, 2008 Executive Session
Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Zito. Motion by Battistoni to amend the two sentences that begin “the committee discussed” by striking the word “and” until the end of the two sentences. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried.
Motion to approve the amended minutes by Zangari. Seconded by Donabedian. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - c. April 26, 2008 School Committee Retreat
Motion to approve 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 Alyssa Musket, co-editor of the Lion’s Roar. She reported there are 80 students enrolled in journalism. They just entered into a partnership with Bryant College and will be working in their broadcast studio. Musket also reported working with columnist Patinkin.
 - b. Citations for Lion’s Roar
Superintendent Fortunato introduced adviser, Doreen Picozzi, to read the names receiving a citation for the Lion’s Roar. Varr handed out certificates.
 - c. Citation for Quill and Scroll Contest Winner
McNamara introduced Max Henault, winner of the Quill and Scroll contest.
 - d. Volunteer Recognition
Mary Anne Roll stated they are grateful for parent volunteers. She asked the principals to come forward to accept the citations and deliver them to the volunteers in their schools.
 - e. Financial Report
Miller reported she is still reporting a zero variance and will have a better handle in the next week or two. The school committee line is over-expended by \$6,200. The substitute line is still showing a \$60,000 positive balance although there is an over expended projection. The custodial line is still showing a positive variance. All the health bills have not been paid. Unemployment is over expended and will be increased to \$45,000 for next year. Battistoni requested a percentage be shown and Miller agreed to bring that to the finance committee for review.

- f. **Vote to Adopt 2008 – 2009 Budget**
Miller explained they showed the budget board the differences from 7.54% to 5% and then the 2-2.5 % and 3%. She showed taking out the \$920,000 capital budget, the savings of \$496,000 for a \$196,000 savings. She explained using the surplus to fund the capital and then money from the track for the 3%. The 2% was reached by reducing athletics (a 15% reduction, plus cutting middle school sports and enrichment at the elementary level). McNamara reported the State Department of Education knew teachers would be monitoring exhibitions and portfolio. It was noted this got started with grant funding but will be a part of the budget. Miller explained a budget of 48.9 million dollars was recommended by the administration and requested, with 48.3 million dollars approved. This required a cut of \$659,000. Miller reviewed those cuts in tuitions, insurance, salaries, athletic trips and special education reserve. Miller also reviewed the additional allocation of \$517,248. Roll asked Miller how to proceed regarding the special education reserve and she responded a letter should be sent requesting they be put on the town council agenda and they will have to draft a resolution for the next fiscal year. Motion by Zito to direct the Superintendent and Finance Director to develop a special education contingency fund. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor. Motion carried.

Roll referenced Monday's finance meeting and hoped it was clear that they had a plan and had to make cuts and next year will not be better than this year. They have pulled together and the addition of \$517,000 makes their job a little easier this year. Miller noted there was \$137,000 now available to allocate for capital expenditures. She reviewed what work would be done at each school. The board appropriated \$197,000 from the energy fund that will be used for some of the lighting projects. Roll noted it would be prudent to sustain the capital plan that has been worked on over the years. The Superintendent requested approval of the budget in the amount of \$48,300,000. Battistoni clarified this was approved according to plan. Varr requested an update on line items and how they are being spent. Motion to approve the '08-'09 budget of \$48,300,000 by Zangari. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried.

- g. **Approval of Revised Special Education Department Head Job Description**
Superintendent Fortunato explained the major change is now grades 9-12 instead of 6-12. Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.
- h. **Approval of Revised Coach of Interscholastic Sports Job Description**
The Superintendent explained there was just some housekeeping. Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.
- i. **Rescission of Non-renewal Letters**
See attached list for 2008-2009. Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.
- j. **Approval of Contract - Delta Dental 2008 – 2012**
This is budgeted per Miller. Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.
- k. **Approval of Contract - Atria Lincoln Place May 2008 – April 2009**
This is for the school year and the extended school year for special education. Motion to approve By Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

IV. **Civic Use of Buildings**

- a. **Lincoln Sports Camps**
Mencucci explained the cafeteria is used, but campers bring their own lunches. They have their own insurance. Motion to approve as presented by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

V. **Personnel Recommendations**

Literacy Appointments

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| a. | Jennifer Boudreault
35 Olney Ave.
North Providence, RI 02911 | To:
Effective:
Salary: | Kindergarten Teacher – Fairlawn
6/24/2008 – 7/25/2008
\$44.00 Per hour |
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- b. Brenda LeClerc
286 Old Oxford Road
North Smithfield, RI 02896
Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried.
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| To: | Grade 1 Teacher – Fairlawn |
| Effective: | 6/24/2008 – 7/25/2008 |
| Salary: | \$44.00 Per hour |

SNAP Appointments

- a. Patricia McKay
52 Smith St.
Lincoln, RI 02865
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| To: | Teacher – NELC |
| Effective: | 6/24/08 – 7/24/08 |
| Salary: | \$44.00 Per hour |
- b. Margaret Schick
4 Christopher Drive
Greenville, RI 02828
- | | |
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| To: | Teacher – NELC |
| Effective: | 6/24/08 – 7/24/08 |
| Salary: | \$44.00 Per hour |
- c. Janet Malenfant
6 Birchwood Drive
Manville, RI 02838
- | | |
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| To: | Teacher – NELC |
| Effective: | 6/24/08 – 7/24/08 |
| Salary: | \$44.00 Per hour |
- d. Virginia St. Germain
27 Pearl St.
Manville, RI 02838
- | | |
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| To: | Teacher – NELC |
| Effective: | 6/24/08 – 7/24/08 |
| Salary: | \$44.00 Per hour |
- e. Susan Rodrigues
9 Brunswick Ave.
Lincoln, RI 02865
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| To: | Teacher – NELC |
| Effective: | 6/24/08 – 7/24/08 |
| Salary: | \$44.00 Per hour |
- f. Mary McGuinn
33 Connors Farm Drive
Smithfield, RI 02917
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| To: | Teacher – NELC |
| Effective: | 6/24/08 – 7/24/08 |
| Salary: | \$44.00 Per hour |
- g. Jessica Spizziri
336 Gilbert Stuart Drive
East Greenwich, RI 02818
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| To: | Teacher – NELC |
| Effective: | 6/24/08 – 7/24/08 |
| Salary: | \$44.00 Per hour |
- h. Linda Varone
200 Heroux Blvd. #1803
Cumberland, RI 02864
Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.
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| To: | Teacher Assistant – NELC |
| Effective: | 6/24/08 – 7/24/08 |
| Salary: | Per contract |

Long-term Sub Appointments

- a. Dana Skorupa
161 Highland Ave.
Cumberland, RI 02864
Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.
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| To: | 1.0 LTS Resource – Lonsdale |
| Effective: | 4/1/08 – end of school year |
| Salary: | B1 \$10,657.60 |

Retirements

- a. Constance O’Riley
143 Brookdale Blvd.
Pawtucket, RI 02861
Superintendent presented the recommendation with regret, noting O’Riley will be missed.
Motion to approve with regret. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried. Robson also commented on O’Riley being missed.
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| From: | Principal, Central Elementary School |
| Effective: | July 1, 2008 |

Leave of Absence Requests

- a. Susan Cawley
20 Spencers Grant Drive
East Greenwich, RI 02818
Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.
From: Family & Consumer Science – MS
Effective: 3/3/08 – 5/30/08
Medical Leave (paid)
- b. Susan Cawley
20 Spencers Grant Drive
East Greenwich, RI 02818
Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.
From: Family and Consumer Science – MS
Effective: 2008-09 school year
Personal Leave (unpaid)
- c. Tracy Pereira
9 Ballou St.
Cumberland, RI 02864
Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.
From: Resource – Saylesville
Effective: 5/4/2008 – 6/2/2008
Maternity Leave Extension (paid)
- d. Susan Belshe
317 Jastram St.
Providence, RI 02908
Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.
From: Grade 1 – Fairlawn
Effective: 2008-09 school year
Personal Leave (unpaid)
- e. Rosemary Burns
142 Beacon Ave.
Jamestown, RI 02835
Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.
From: Art – High School
Effective: 2008-09 school year
RIDE Fellowship (paid)

VI. Awarding of Bids

- a. Audio-Visual Mounted Display
Miller reported the bids were sealed until April 16, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. Two vendors attended the pre-bid conference. The bids were by Uncle Sound System for PV at \$8,724 and Bose \$9,475. Motion to approve \$8,724 for speakers for the library by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

VII. Salary Warrants

April 10, 2008 \$1,171,731.12
Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

April 24, 2008 \$1,132,400.25
Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried.

VIII. Expense Warrants

Capital Reserve Energy Fund \$11,694,000
Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Regular Invoices - May 19, 2008 \$1,373,577.91
Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Motion carried 6-0, with Zito recused.

IX. Old Business

Motion by Zangari to seal the Executive Session minutes of April 21, 2008, as amended. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

X. New Business

- a. Revised Promotion/Retention Policy (second reading)
Motion to approve waiving the reading of the revised policy by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion to approve the amended Promotion/Retention Policy 1KEC. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

- b. Fund Raising Policy (first reading)
Roll explained she had asked the principals to circulate the policy. There were no objections to not reading the policy as it is lengthy. Motion to approve the Fund Raising Policy by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.
- c. Miscellaneous Revenue Policy (first reading)
Superintendent Fortunato reported this was reviewed with the principals and thanked Roberta Gosselin for her input. She explained the principals would start the year with \$1,000. Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Donabedian. All in favor. Motion carried.
- d. Home Schooling Request – Ms. Botelho
Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Donabedian. All in favor. Motion carried.
- e. Non-renewal of Teacher Hearings – None.

XI. School Committee Reports
Zangari reported attending the dedication of the Middle School Turner Athletic Complex. He explained how Mr. Turner held out selling the land to developers. He encouraged everyone to attend the 50th Anniversary celebration at Lonsdale School tomorrow. Roll reported attending the annual RIASC meeting and commented on the report by Auditor General Almonte, as well as accessing data that makes a difference in student learning. She noted there is a pilot program to see how different size schools could use the data.

XII. Community Comments
Mrs. DeSimmons extended best wishes to Principal O'Riley on behalf of the LTA.

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 by Zito to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor. Motion carried.

JOHN ZANGARI, CLERK

DATE