

**OFFICIAL**

**February 9, 2009**

**LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND**

**DATE: January 12, 2009**

**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; Richard Battistoni, Kristine Donabedian, Mary Varr, Julie Zito**

**Others Present: Georgia Fortunato, Superintendent; Linda Cliffe, Mark Gadbois, Bruce Macksoud, Jeanine Magliocco, Kevin McNamara, Angelo Mencucci, Lori Miller, William Skitt, Melinda Smith, Maryann Struble, Joyce Ruppell**

**Opening Ceremony**

## **Reorganization/School Committee Appointments**

**Roll took nominations for the Chair. Donabedian nominated Robson. No second is required. There were no other nominations; nominations were closed. It was voted 6-0, with Robson recused. Motion carried.**

**Robson took nominations for Vice Chair. Battistoni nominated Donabedian. There were no other nominations; nominations were closed. It was Voted 6-1, with Zito voting against. Motion carried.**

**Robson took nominations for Clerk. Donabedian nominated Varr. There were no other nominations; nominations were closed. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Right To Be Heard – None.**

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

#### **a. December 8, 2008 Monthly Meeting**

**Motion to approve by Varr. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried.**

#### **b. December 8, 2008 Executive Session**

**Motion to approve by Varr. Seconded by Donabedian. All in favor. Motion carried.**

#### **c. December 11, 2008 Special Meeting**

**Motion to approve by Varr. Seconded by Donabedian. All in favor.**

**Motion carried.**

**Motion to seal the Executive Session minutes of December 8, 2008 by Battistoni. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried.**

## **II. Correspondence**

### **a. Letter from Rhode Island Stem Center Regarding Technology Enhanced Science Program**

**Superintendent Fortunato reported the school department was awarded a grant from RI College for the enhanced science program. She recognized Melinda Smith for her work in securing this grant. She also recognized Mr. McNamara, Mr. Macksoud and the science teachers at the high school and middle school.**

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

### **a. Town Administrator Presentation**

**Superintendent Fortunato requested this be tabled. Motion to table by Varr. Seconded by Donabedian. All in favor. Motion carried.**

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

**Mr. McNamara introduced Cameron Blais, President of the freshman class, stating he has already distinguished himself and that he is a very inclusive leader. Cameron reported on his involvement with**

**band, the variety show and Spirit Week. He also talked about being on the Executive Board and the upcoming freshman frolic.**

**c. Financial Report**

**Lori Miller reported she is still projecting a positive variance with the \$517,000 for year end. She noted she had added a column, “Budget Percent”. Unemployment is running a negative \$11,000 variance. Workers comp shows a positive \$125,000 variance which will offset some other variances, such as the negative \$48,000 in property insurance. The Charter School still shows a \$79,000 variance and may grow. Tuitions has a positive \$104,000 variance. There is a negative variance of \$233,000 in purchased services.**

**d. Presentation of 2009 – 2010 Budget**

**Superintendent Fortunato reported she was going to present the 2009-2010 budget, but needs to wait with the governor’s proposed cut in state aid. She has met with town administrators to review the impact on the budget. The Budget Board chair has invited them to this week’s meeting. She has met with all building administrators to inform them the 2008-2009 budget has been frozen, including materials, supplies, field trips and curriculum spending. Superintendent Fortunato also met with union leaders to advise them of the impact the governor’s proposed cuts will have on the budget and they are willing to continue working to minimize the effect on teaching and learning. Budget workshops are scheduled for January 20th and 26th .**

**e. Strategic Plan/Action Plan**

**Melinda Smith reported there was a district strategic plan in place**

that was to be revised next fall. An action planning team was put together with school improvement teams and members of the community. The document is aligned with the Superintendent's goals. As a result of the financial situation more help will be needed from the community. The assessment data is being looked at, as well as putting together a progression of instruction K-12 and common tasks. They are also looking at their vision K-8 and the graduation requirements.

**f. International Masonry Institute 2008 New England Golden Trowel Awards**

Superintendent Fortunato reported receiving an award from the International Masonry Institute for outstanding achievement in architectural design, construction and craftsmanship in masonry at Lincoln Middle School. Robson presented Angelo Mencucci with the award.

**g. Approval of Job Description - PBGR Coordinator**

Motion to approve by Varr. Seconded by Donabedian. All in favor.  
Motion carried.

**h. Approval of Out-of-State Field Trip**

Motion to approve the January 31, 2009 Ski Club field trip to Sunday River Ski Resort by Roll. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried.

**IV. Civic Use of Buildings**

**a. Fusionworks**

The request is for January 20, 2009. Motion to approve by Varr.

**Seconded by Donabedian. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**b. Kaplan Test Prep**

**The Superintendent reported the request is for several Saturdays in February for SAT preparation at Lincoln High School. Motion to approve by Varr. Seconded by Donabedian. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**V. Personnel Recommendations**

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**Resignations**

**a. Thomas Paolino From: PT 19  $\frac{3}{4}$  hr. 1:1 TA - LHS**

**24 Trenton St. #3 Effective: 12/13/08**

**Providence, RI 02906**

**Motion by Varr. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Leave of Absence Requests**

**a. Susan Pimentel From: Self-Contained – Northern**

**46 Heritage Drive Effective: May 26, 2009 – end of school year**

**Cumberland, RI 02864 Maternity Leave**

**Motion to approve by Varr. Seconded by Roll. All in favor.**

**Motion carried.**

**b. Marla Barrett From: Grade 3 – Lonsdale**

**1 Allan Drive Effective: January 27, 2009 – February 13, 2009**

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

**Motion to approve by Varr. Seconded by Donabedian. All in Favor.**

**Motion carried.**

**c. Linda Newbury From: Nurse Educator – Northern Elementary**

**60 Ridgewood Road Effective: January 29, 2009 – April 29, 2009**

**Attleboro, MA 02703**

**Motion to approve by Varr. Seconded by Donabedian. All in favor.**

**Motion carried.**

**d. Patricia Santaniello From: Grade 6 – Middle School**

**5 Cynthia Road Effective: January 27, 2009 – April 6, 2009**

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

**Motion to approve by Battistoni. Seconded by Donabedian. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Long-term Sub Appointments**

**a. Dana Skorupa To: 1.0 LTS Grade 3 – Lonsdale**

**161 Highland Ave. Effective: January 27, 2009 – February 13, 2009  
(extension)**

**Cumberland, RI 02864 Salary: \$2,955.15**

**Motion to approve by Battistoni. Seconded by Donabedian. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**b. Amy Dark To: 1.0 LTS Nurse Educator – Northern Elementary**

**4 Brushwood Drive Effective: January 29, 2009 – April 29, 2009**

**Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$11,409.90**

**Motion to approve by Donabedian. Seconded by Roll. All in favor.  
Motion carried.**

**c. Katherine Moriarty To: 1.0 LTS Resource – Northern**

**85 Waterman Ave. Effective: November 24, 2008 – end of school  
year**

**North Providence, RI 02911 Salary: \$26,807.47**

**Motion to approve by Varr. Seconded by Donabedian. All in favor.  
Motion carried.**

**d. Kristen Plant To: 1.0 LTS Grade 6 – Middle School**

**79 Maybury St. Apt. 1 Effective: January 27, 2009 – April 6, 2009  
(extension)**

**Cumberland, RI 02864 Salary: \$11,199.01**

**Motion to approve by Roll. Seconded by Donabedian. All in favor.  
Motion carried.**

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**Support Staff Appointments**

**a. Lisa Barone To: PT 15-hr TA – Fairlawn**

**6A Strawberry Lane Effective: 1/5/09 – end of school year**

**Johnston, RI 02919 Salary: \$9.25/hour**

**Motion to approve by Varr. Seconded by Donabedian. All in favor.**

**Motion carried.**

**VI. Awarding of Bids – None.**

**VII. Salary Warrants**

**December 4, 2008 \$1,142,789.94**

**Motion to approve by Battistoni. Seconded by Donabedian. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**December 18, 2008 \$1,165,705.41**

**Motion to approve by Varr. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor. Motion carried.**

## **VIII. Expense Warrants**

**January 12, 2009 \$933,042.89**

**Motion to approve by Donabedian. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor. Motion carried.**

## **IX. Old Business – None.**

## **X. New Business**

### **a. School Committee Bylaws (first reading)**

**Robson reported the Bylaws had been tabled and will stay tabled for another month.**

### **b. Special Education Staffing Policy (first reading)**

**Maryann Struble reported the policy is required by RIDE. They gathered input from the public prior to developing the policy. Individuals had the opportunity for input into the policy from November 5th through November 21, 2008. A copy was provided to all families receiving special education services in the district. A committee met to review the input and the policy includes goals to provide a high quality education for all in the least restrictive environment. The Superintendent explained the Board of Regents wanted this on the books by January and she expects it to be revised in the future. Motion to approve the policy by Varr. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor. Motion carried.**

### **c. Peanut and Tree Nut Allergy Policy (second reading)**

**Motion to approve by Roll. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor.**

**Motion carried.**

**XI. School Committee Reports – None.**

**XII. Community Comments**

**Mary Ann McComiskey congratulated Ms. Robson as Chair and is confident they will be able to work together. She also thanked Ms. Roll for her past leadership. Julie Zito spoke in support of the nomination for Robson but commented on the nomination of Donabedian.**

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

**Not needed.**

**XIV. Adjourn**

**Motion to adjourn by Varr at 8:25 p.m. Seconded by Battistoni. Voted 6-0 with Zito off the dias. Motion carried.**

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**MARY VARR, CLERK**

**DATE**