

OFFICIAL

March 9, 2009

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

DATE: February 9, 2009

PLACE: Lincoln Middle School

152 Jenckes Hill Road

Lincoln, RI 02865

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

School Committee Members Present: Betty Robson, Chair; Kristine Donabedian, Vice Chair; Mary Varr, Clerk; Richard Battistoni, Tracey Cavanaugh, Mary Anne Roll, Julie Zito

Others Present: Georgia Fortunato, Superintendent; Eric Banville, Linda Cliff, Mark Gadbois, Margaret Knowlton, Monique Latessa, Bruce Macksoud, Jeanine Magliocco, Kevin McNamara, Angelo Mencucci, Lori Miller, William Skitt, Melinda Smith, Maryann Struble, Joyce Ruppell; Attorney Benjamin Scungio

Opening Ceremony

Chair to report out any votes taken in Executive Session, receive motion by committee member to seal Executive Session Minutes pursuant to applicable provisions of RIGL 42-46-(4) & (5).

Chairwoman Robson reported there were no votes taken in Executive Session.

Right To Be Heard – None.

I. Approval of Minutes

a. January 12, 2009 Monthly Meeting

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

Motion carried.

b. January 20, 2009 Special Meeting

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

Motion carried.

c. January 26, 2009 Special Meeting

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

Motion carried.

II. Correspondence – None.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. Citation for Geography Bee – Principal Magliocco introduced Morgan Gabriele-Bucki, a fifth grade student at Lonsdale, who won

the Geography Bee. She was the first female winner of the geography bee. Superintendent Fortunato asked Morgan the winning question, “Reno, who’s economy depends on skiing and outdoor activities, located approximately 20 miles north of Lake Tahoe, is located in what state?” Morgan answered Nevada. Ms. Cavanaugh presented Morgan with a citation.

b. Lincoln High School Student Update

Principal McNamara introduced Thomas Ricci and Mickayla Titus to speak about the Connections Program. Jasmine McKay was present for support. Mickayla talked about the positive relationship between home, school and community. Their goal is to be capable, connected and contributing. Thomas stated the program has been more effective this year with an opportunity to work in the community. Roll commented she was impressed with the family presence at the cookout in October.

c. Financial Report

Lori Miller reported they have paid out \$129,000 to Charter Schools. There is \$50,000 in the budget and that doesn’t include the \$90,000 case with RIDE; they may need a resolution to carry the encumbrance. Enrollment in Charter Schools has not changed. There is still a positive variance of \$517,000. Teacher coverage spent to date is \$144,000, which may not grow since conferences have stopped. There is a \$100,000 positive variance in special education. Donabedian noted the full amount in curriculum texts wasn’t frozen with \$90,000. Miller explained they anticipated spending \$40-\$50,000 by the end of the year. Mary Varr stated she would like to see what

lines are frozen. It was agreed to highlight those lines.

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d. NECAP Results

Melinda Smith reported they made some nice gains in grades 3 to 12. She noted some variables that can impact scores are teacher change, changes in programs, professional development, testing organization and student motivation. An increase of 3% or more is significant. They have made some changes in reading programs and at the high school continue with the consultant. There was a 22% gain in the 8th grade in writing. The writing period will help numbers go up. They are overall proficient in mathematics. Plans are to implement a mathematic measure at the end of the 9th grade, continue the Iowa testing in the 8th grade and use the computer lab to improve the trend.

e. Layoff notices

Superintendent Fortunato reported meeting with the Union regarding the economic times. She recommended List 1, termination or non-renewal of limited contract employees or long term substitute, 1-16. Motion to approve by Donabedian. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion approved

Superintendent Fortunato recommended List 2, non tenured for non

renewal due to budgetary and financial constraints in this grade or area of certification and these are among the least senior teachers in this grade, 1-44. Motion to approve by Donabedian. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion approved.

Superintendent Fortunato recommended List 3, lay offs due to budgetary and financial constraints in anticipation there will be fewer teacher positions in the area or grade and these are the least senior teachers in this grade or area of certification. Superintendent Fortunato reiterated these are lay offs.

Motion to approve by Varr. Seconded by Donabedian. Voted 6-0, with Cavanaugh recused. Motion carried.

f. Approval of Out-of-State Field Trip

Superintendent Fortunato requested approval of the Jazz and Advanced Band field trip to the East Festival at Six Flags, May 29th. It was noted there are provisions for students with financial hardships.

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

IV. Civic Use of Buildings

a. RIADK – Alpha Chapter

This is for a blood drive at Lonsdale, April 23, 2009. Motion to approve by Varr. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried.

V. Personnel Recommendations

Resignations

**a. Damerkys Alberto From: PT 15 hr/week TA – Fairlawn
87 Lonsdale Main St. # 2 Effective: November 7, 2008
Lincoln, RI 02865**

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

**b. Sharon Lima From: PT 15hr/week TA – NELC
78 Prospect St. Effective: January 21, 2009
Manville, RI 02838**

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

**c. Cheryl Fote From: Secretary I – Student Services
PO Box 22004 Effective: March 13, 2009
Lincoln, RI 02865**

**Superintendent Fortunato noted she has been a teacher assistant and
secretary for the last ten years.**

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

**d. Dana Skorupa From: LTS Grade 3 - Lonsdale
161 Highland Ave. Effective: 2/9/09
Cumberland, RI 02864**

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

Motion carried.

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f. Sarah Rawlinson From: Assistant Principal – Lincoln High School

Effective: June 30, 2009

Superintendent Fortunato wished Sarah well in her future endeavors.

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

Motion carried.

Leave of Absence Requests

a. Beth Halliwell From: Grade 3 – Central Elementary

84 Buxton St. Effective: 2009-2010 school year

North Smithfield, RI 02896 Childrearing Leave

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

Motion carried.

Teacher Appointments

a. Jeremy Eichhorn To: .2 Science – High School

95 Wheeler Ave. Effective: 2/10/09 – end of the school year

Cranston, RI 02905 Salary: \$4,031.63

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

carried.

Long-term Sub Appointments

a. Jeremy Eichhorn To: .4 LTS Science – High School

95 Wheeler Ave. Effective: 2/10/09 – end of the school year

Cranston, RI 02905 Salary: \$8,063.26

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

Motion carried.

Coaching Appointments

a. Susan Renzi To: Girls' Lacrosse Head Coach – High School

160 Sea View Drive Effective: 2008-09 Spring Sports Season

Warwick, RI 02889 Salary: Per contract

b. Jenna Brocking To: Girls' Lacrosse Assistant Coach – High School

100 Elena St. #517 Effective: 2008-09 Spring Sports Season

Cranston, RI 02920 Salary: Per contract

c. Timothy Fox To: Boys' Lacrosse Head Coach – High School

165 Federal St. Effective: 2008-09 Spring Sports Season – High School

Providence, RI 02903 Salary: Per contract

d. Patrick Hanley To: Boys' Lacrosse Assistant Coach – High School

**6 Scott Drive Effective: 2008-09 Spring Sports Season
Riverside, RI 02915 Salary: Per contract**

e. Jon Bruckner To: Softball Head Coach – High School

**PO Box 501 Effective: 2008-09 Spring Sports Season
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: Per contract**

f. Frank Kelly To: Softball Assistant Coach – High School 000000000

**92 Parker St. Effective: 2008-09 Spring Sports Season
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: Per contract**

g. Edward Hunt To: Baseball Head Coach – High School

**304 Prospect St. Effective: 2008-09 Spring Sports Season
Woonsocket, RI 02895 Salary: Per contract**

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h. Sean Cavanaugh To: Baseball Assistant Coach – High School

**4 Ashley Drive Effective: 2008-09 Spring Sports Season
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: Per contract**

- i. Christopher Jones To: Boys' Volleyball Head Coach – High School
152 Vincent Ave. Effective: 2008-09 Spring Sports Season
North Providence, RI 02904 Salary: Per contract**
- j. Paul Ruhle To: Boys' Volleyball Assistant Coach – High School
46 Round Farm Road Effective: 2008-09 Spring Sports Season
Rehoboth, MA 02769 Salary: Per contract**
- k. Susan Carlson To: Girls' Outdoor Track Head Coach – High School
2 Beverly Drive Effective: 2008-09 Spring Sports Season
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: Per contract**
- l. Elizabeth Carlson To: Girls' Outdoor Track Assistant Coach – High School
2 Beverly Drive Effective: 2008-09 Spring Sports Season
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: Per contract**
- m. John Menna To: Boys' Outdoor Track Head Coach – High School
160 Natick Ave. Effective: 2008-09 Spring Sports Season
Cranston, RI 02921 Salary: Per contract**
- n. Michael Orsini To: Boys' Outdoor Track Assistant Coach – High School
386 River Ave. Effective: 2008-09 Spring Sports Season
Providence, RI 02908 Salary: Per contract**

**o. Peter Prendergast To: Boys' Tennis Head Coach – High School
91 Sage Drive Effective: 2008-09 Spring Sports Season
Warwick, RI 02886 Salary: Per contract**

**p. Maria Ruzzano To: Boys' Tennis Assistant Coach – High School
PO Box 157 Effective: 2008-09 Spring Sports Season
Albion, RI 02802 Salary: Per contract**

**q. Nicholas Maresca To: Golf Head Coach – High School
7 Lladnar Drive Effective: 2008-09 Spring Sports Season
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: Per contract**

**r. Toni Autiello To: Competitive Cheerleading Head Coach – High School
7 Stagecoach Drive Effective: 2008-09 Spring Sports Season
Johnston, RI 02919 Salary: Per contract**

**Motion to approve by Donabedian. Seconded by Varr and Battistoni.
All in favor, with Cavanagh recusing herself on letter “h”. Motion
carried.**

VI. Awarding of Bids

a. Graduation Supplies

**Miller reported one bid was returned as it was received late and
Herff-Jones was very high. Mill recommended the following:**

Year 1 Year 2 Year 3

Diplomas & Cords Balfour \$2,946.80 \$2,946.80 \$2,946.80

Caps & Gowns Rose Therese

Cap & Gown 5,010.00 5,150.00 5,150.00

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

Motion carried.

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b. Cafeteria Tables

There was one bid for cafeteria tables:

Virco Inc. \$1,048.11 each

1,048.11 10

967.48 15

Miller recommended Viro Inc. in the amount of \$19,349.60. She noted they are expecting \$29,000 in reimbursements from a class action law suit and won't order until the money is received. These tables open and close easily and will cause less injury to custodians. They also will standardize the tables in the district. Motion to approve by Donabedian. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried.

VII. Salary Warrants

January 2, 2009 \$1,125,447.75

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

Motion carried.

January 15, 2009 \$1,122,554.28

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

Motion carried.

January 29, 2009 \$1,138,024.44

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

VIII. Expense Warrants

February 9, 2009 \$1,711,394.62

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

Motion carried.

February 9, 2009 (a) \$28,676.87

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

IX. Old Business – None.

X. New Business

a. K/Grade 1 Admission Policy – first reading

Mary Ann Struble reported they had received a letter from the Commission of Education to consider children who turned five in

September. They looked at research in reading, math, social, writing and emotional. They found most students entering first grade had attended a state recognized kindergarten.

Motion to suspend the first reading by Battistoni. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the policy by Donabedian. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. School Committee Bylaws – first reading

Donabedian explained the concepts were same with some differences with school committee insurance difference and compensation which should be stand alone policies. They updated ethical standards and added a provision for new member orientation and that the bylaws be adopted at each organization meeting.

Motion by Donabedian to suspend the first reading. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion to accept the policy by Donabedian. Seconded by Varr.

c. Tenure Policy – first reading

Motion by Donabedian to suspend the first reading. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion to accept the policy by Donabedian. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried.

d. Special Education Staffing Policy - second reading and opportunity for public comment

Motion by Donabedian to suspend the first reading. Seconded by Battistoni. The Chair asked if there was any public comment and there was none. Motion to accept the policy by Donabedian. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor. Motion carried.

e. Home Schooling Request

- Mr. & Mrs. Hulbert

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

Motion carried.

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XI. School Committee Reports

Donabedian reported attending a presentation by Gary Sassi on the economic forecast at the state level.

Roll reported the District Wellness Committee met and they are involved in Shape Up America.

XII. Community Comments – None.

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

None needed.

XIV. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. by Donabedian. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor. Motion carried.

MARY VARR, CLERK

DATE