

LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND
MINUTES

PLACE: Lincoln Administration Building
1624 Lonsdale Avenue
Lincoln, RI 02865
DATE: July 28, 2009
TIME: 5:45 PM

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

Others Present: Georgia Fortunato, Superintendent; Lori Miller, Melinda Smith,

I. Approval of Minutes

- a. June 8, 2009 Monthly Meeting
Motion to approve by Roll. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor. Motion carried 4-0.
- a. June 22, 2009 Executive Session
Motion to approve by Roll. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor. Motion carried 4-0.
- b. June 22, 2009 Special Meeting
Motion to approve by Roll. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor. Motion carried 4-0.

It was agreed to vote on the following minutes later in the agenda.

- c. June 29, 2009 Special Meeting
- d. July 9, 2009 Executive Session
- e. July 9, 2009 Special Meeting

I. Superintendent's Report

- a. Amendment 2008-2009 Budget
Lori Miller presented updates to balance the books. She explained there was some savings from contract negotiations; she used the fiscal impact statement and the numbers from '08-'09, increasing salaries and steps. There may be a little overage in medical so she used 10.5 this year. Adjustments needed to be made to salary and fringe benefits to match better. This will be given to the budget board with a narrative. The Superintendent explained she would forward to the town tomorrow. Varr stated she wanted to be able to explain what was being done. Miller explained they told the budget board what they would need and there were savings with the contract concessions. Motion to amend as Miller presented by Varr. Seconded by Roll and Battistoni. All in favor. Motion carried 4-0.
- b. Approval of 2009-2010 Budget
Lori Miller handed out the list of necessary cuts to get to a negative 2.4 million; adding money into revenues and medical insurance; an ELL teacher is being budgeted; and the pension is at 11.89. The Chair noted they couldn't be more transparent unless they added a publicity committee. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of such a subcommittee. The Chair suggested Varr could lead a subcommittee to get people more involved. Battistoni felt it would be a good idea to have a meeting at each school. Chairwoman Robson expressed concern with tuitions, home bound and ESY.

The Superintendent explained home bound isn't always special ed, but she felt the tuitions and purchased services are the budget busters. She noted they cannot compete with the Charter Schools. Nine students have been lost to the Mayoral Academy and five to the dual immersion at the International Charter School for a total of 26 students to Charter Schools. This is the year to look at full day K. Motion to approve the 2009-2010 budget by Varr. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 4-0.

- c. Approval of 2009-2010 School Committee meeting dates

The Superintendent requested approval of the following meeting dates:

September 14, October 19, November 9, December 14, 2009;
January 11, February 8, March 15, April 12, May 17, June 7, 2010

The Chair noted the location and time were subject to change. Roll suggested the facility at the middle school is comfortable and only the committee forum should be taken to the other schools. Battistoni noted only the community comment allows for discussion at committee meetings. Superintendent Fortunato asked if they could start at seven o'clock instead of seven-thirty. She felt they had more down time after the Executive Session. It was agreed to discuss the time with missing members. Motion to approve tabling by Battistoni. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 4-0.

- d. Charter School Tuition Report

Superintendent Fortunato reported approximately 26 students in Charter schools. The Mayoral Academy was a blow with nine students going to the full day K. She is recommending the school department explore the full day K and is implementing the Task Force, which will be convening tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. They will be looking at options for the 2010-2011 school year. Robson noted there is no formula but asked what the total cost would be and divide it by the number of students to get a base amount versus what they are paying for the Charter School. Roll asked if they could consider before/after day care as well. Varr suggested looking at the extended learning time plan the State of Massachusetts has been trying to fund and also it might be a good time to speak to providers to step up their programs. Superintendent Fortunato reported they are requesting hard numbers from the Charter Schools. She will have more information at the August meeting.

II. Civic Use of Buildings

- a. Northern Lincoln Elementary PTA Touch-A-Truck, September 27, 2009
Motion to approve use of the High School by Roll. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor. Motion carried 4-0.
- b. Lime Rock Fire District – Financial Meeting – October 5, 2009
Motion to approve by Roll. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 4-0.

III. Personnel Recommendations

Administrator Appointment

- a. Charlotte Tavares
137 Pinecrest Drive
Pawtucket, RI 02861
Motion to approve by Roll. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor. Motion carried 4-0.
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| To: | Administrative Liaison |
| Effective: | 2009-2010 School Year |
| Salary: | \$375/day (90 days) |

Teacher Literacy Appointments

- a. Yvette Coulombe
82 Plainfield Pike
Foster, RI 02825
To: Title 1 Summer Reading Teacher
Family Literacy Center
Effective: July 29, 2009 – August 18, 2009
- b. Jaclyn Mellen
10 Maybury Street
Cumberland, RI 02864
To: Title 1 Summer Spec. Ed. Teacher
Family Literacy Center
Effective: July 29, 2009 – August 18, 2009
- c. Susan Pepper
286 Huntinghouse Road
North Scituate, RI 02857
To: Title 1 Summer Librarian
Family Literacy Center
Effective: July 29, 2009 – August 20, 2009
- d. Debra Reddy
16 Stoney Drive
North Smithfield, RI 02896
To: Title 1 Summer Phys. Ed. Teacher
Family Literacy Center
Effective: July 29, 2009 – August 20, 2009
- e. Renee Moriarty
126 Farm Drive
Cumberland, RI 02864
To: Title 1 Summer Music Teacher
Family Literacy Center
Effective: July 29, 2009 – August 20, 2009
Motion to approve by Varr. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

Teacher Appointments

- a. Caroline Sparhawk
300 Tanglewood Drive
East Greenwich, RI 02818
To: Title 1 Parent Coordinator
Northern/NELC
Effective: 2009 – 2010 School Year
- b. Caroline Sparhawk
300 Tanglewood Drive
East Greenwich, RI 02818
To: Title 1 Literacy Coordinator
Northern Elementary
Effective: 2009 – 2010 School Year
- c. Caroline Sparhawk
300 Tanglewood Drive
East Greenwich, RI 02818
To: Title 1 Literacy Coordinator
NELC
Effective: 2009 – 2010 School Year
The Superintendent explained one person could do this job. Motion to approve by Varr. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

Teacher Appointment, Addendum

- a. Susan Kolenda
207 Tomahawk Trail
Cranston, RI 02921
To: 1.0 Art Teacher
Lincoln High School
Effective: August 26, 2009
Salary: B-4 \$47,405
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

Long-Term Sub Appointment

- a. Roseann Santopietro
128 Larchmont Road
Warwick, RI 02886
- To: 1.0 LTSTFamily/Consumer
Science – Lincoln High School
- Effective: August 26, 2009 – end of schl yr
- Salary: B -7 \$56,949
- Motion to approve by Roll. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

Information Only

- a. Teacher Job Fair Results (see attached)
Superintendent Fortunato reported they held a teacher assistant job fair and five teacher assistants were laid off. The total number of positions eliminated were 11.5. There were positions that needed to be filled due to leaves and dual certifications. Fortunato explained that is under contractual language of involuntary transfers. They have been extremely transparent and it is has never been the intent of the school department officials or the school committee to mislead anyone in any capacity. Countless hours were spent with the union making sure they followed the collective bargaining agreement where people were moved. Next year will be very different. Three teachers are collecting unemployment and 11.5 positions were reduced. The Superintendent reported Lincoln was selected to participate in a World of Work grant, to see how people get ready for the job force. That saved a teacher and a teacher assistant for 18 months. In addition, the stimulus money saved five teacher assistants and two special educators. She felt they were fiscally responsible and no one was misled.

IV. Awarding of Bids

- a. Athletic Supplies & Equipment
Miller recommended awarding the bid not to exceed the '09-'10 budget allocation to:
Grogan Marciano Sporting Goods
Elmwood Sports Center
Pyramid School Products
Riddell/All American
Motion to approve by Varr. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.
- b. Science Supplies & Equipment
Miller recommended awarding the bid not to exceed the '09-'10 budget allocation to:
Cynmar Corporation
Ward's Natural Science
Carolina Biological Supply Company
Flinn Scientific, Inc.
CPO Science
PASCO Scientific
Frey Scientific
Motion to approve by Varr. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.
- c. Industrial Technology Supplies & Equipment
Miller recommended awarding the bid not to exceed the '09-'10 budget allocation to:
SATCO Supply
Motion by Roll. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

V. Salary Warrants

- July 16, 2009 \$1,145,578.69
Motion to approve by Roll. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

VI. Expense Warrants

July 28, 2009 \$319,231.64

Motion to approve by Varr. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

July 28, 2009 for 2009-2010 fiscal year \$194,647.80

Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

July 29, 2009(a) for 2008-2009 fiscal year \$1,926.40

Motion to approve by Roll. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

Capital Reserve Fund for 2009-2010 fiscal year \$18,050

Motion to approve by Varr. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

VII. New Business

a. Approval of revised Computer and Internet Acceptable Usage Policy (2nd reading)
Motion to approve by Varr. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Home Schooling Requests

- Ms. Ross
- Mr. & Mrs. Shores
- Ms. Howard
- Mr. & Mrs. Scribner
- Mr. & Mrs. Gastel

Motion to approve by Roll. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

I. Approval of Minutes, Continued

d. June 29, 2009 Special Meeting

Motion to approve by Roll. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

e. July 9, 2009 Executive Session

Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

f. July 9, 2009 Special Meeting

Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Fortunato explained she was looking to change the time of the school committee meetings from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. It will be on the next agenda for discussion.

VIII. Old Business

a. Full Day K Task Force

Superintendent Fortunato reported the first meeting of the Task Force is tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. Melinda Smith is leading the meeting. Tracey Cavanaugh and Kristine Donabedian had asked to be on the Task Force and both are away. Roll volunteered to attend tomorrow in their absences. Robson suggested the Task Force look at regrouping and fit this into the space available. Then they can look at possible funding. Melinda Smith noted with the reduced enrollment they should be able to have the space.

IX. Community Comments – None.

X. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. by Varr. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

MARY VARR, CLERK

DATE

