

LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND  
MINUTES

DATE: September 14, 2009  
PLACE: Lincoln Middle School  
152 Jenckes Hill Road  
Lincoln, RI 02865  
TIME: 7:00 PM

School Committee Members Present: Elizabeth 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, Jeannine Magliocco, Kevin McNamara, Angelo Mencucci, Lori Miller, William Skitt, Melinda Smith, Maryann Struble, Joyce Ruppell; Attorney Benjamin Scungio

Opening Ceremony

The Chair reported there were no motions in Executive Session. Motion to seal the Executive Session minutes by Donabedian. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

Right to be Heard – None.

I. Approval of Minutes

- a. July 28, 2009 Special Meeting  
Motion to approve by Roll. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- b. August 11, 2009 Special Meeting  
Motion to approve by Roll. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0, with Battistoni abstaining.
- c. August 31, 2009 Special Meeting  
Motion to approve by Donabedian. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

II. Correspondence

Superintendent Fortunato read a letter from Donna M. Christie about the positive outcome of transferring her two children from a parochial school environment to public schools. She offered kudos to teachers, Principal Skitt, Principal Macksoud and guidance.

III. Superintendent's Report

- a. Lincoln High School Student Update  
Mr. McNamara introduced William Nesbitt, Junior Class President. Nesbitt reported they are preparing for the NECAP Assessment and working on Portfolio. The Junior Prom will be at the Marriott in Providence. Spirit week will be November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- b. Lincoln High School Update  
Mr. McNamara reported in addition to the NECAP testing, they have been selected to present at the NEASC showcase in model programs. They will present on Exhibition and assessment practices. McNamara reviewed the AP scores and gave credit to Mrs. Tavares for teacher training and Mrs. Smith's office, as well as the AP teachers. The Principal reported he has contacted CCRI for graduation on June 11, 2010 and commented the bridge will travel. Battistoni asked about the drop in numbers in AP and McNamara explained it was the number of students taking the class, not due to the numbers taking the exam.
- c. School Opening Update  
Superintendent Fortunato reported the 2009-2010 school year started well and she thanked the administrators, teachers, assistants, secretaries, custodians and maintenance for creating a wonderful learning environment for students. There are some new initiatives such as the Dana Center, RITES science grant and the new World of Work grant. The science kits at the elementary level will continue as well as the special education program for inclusion and PBIS continues to be an important goal district wide.

- d. Enrollment Report  
The Superintendent reported the following enrollment: Lonsdale 152; Central 273; Fairlawn ELC 242; Saylesville 247; Northern Elementary 259; Northern ELC 222, Lincoln Middle 891; Lincoln High School 1,033, for a total of 3,319.
- e. Approval of Out-of-State Field Trips  
The Superintendent requested approval for November 27-29, 2009 for the Cross Country Team. Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

The Superintendent requested approval of the field trip for the Lincoln High School Band to Cleveland, Ohio Music Festival May 20-23, 2010. Motion to approve by Varr. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

- f. Approval of Disposition of Obsolete Band Uniforms – High School  
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- g. ESY Update  
Mary Ann Struble introduced Barbara Maher, Extended School Year Coordinator. Maher explained the school year is extended by six weeks and students are eligible by their IEP, slow rate of learning or because they have learned skills that disappear over vacation or due to the nature of their disability. There were 74 students last year. This summer they concentrated on technology by using smart boards, the CLAN system, therapy activities and transition work sites.
- h. Special Education Visit (Mary Ann Struble)  
Mary Ann Struble reported on the visit from RIDE in which there were five meetings. The LEA visit included teachers, students and parents. The four areas of focus were school improvement and family engagement, school improvement, instruction strategy, professional development. They are leading in the state in RTI. Struble noted mandatory time lines are at 100%.
- i. Curriculum Update (Melinda Smith)  
Melinda Smith reported on the district Initiatives in revising teacher evaluations, the Dana Center project with Woonsocket and Cumberland, RITES Project for science at the middle and high school levels, Steps Project, I Can Learn Program with the math lab at the high school, ACE, Title 1 ARRA, and professional development,
- j. Human Resource Update (Eric Banville)  
Eric Banville reported on the use of School Spring for online recruiting. There was a significant cost savings in its fee structure. It has an exclusive focus on educational jobs and has beneficial features. They have had a presence at job fairs and run ads in the Providence Journal.
- k. Capital Improvement Update (Angelo Mencucci)  
Angelo Mencucci had a power point presentation with before and after photos of projects at all the schools. He noted it was a collaborative effort with Lori Miller and the Town Administrator's office on the roof and music room at the High School.
- l. Financial Report/Charter Schools Update (Lori Miller)  
Lori Miller reported on how busy the Business Office was over the summer and they went from 14 to 32 accounts with UCOA. Payroll went well. She reported they will be \$155,000 over spent in the Charter School line, due to the new Charter School's opening. Miller explained they may need to make adjustments in some of the UCOA numbers as the new lines need to be broken down more.
- m. Website Update (Mark Gadbois)  
Mark Gadbois demonstrated the old website and showed the new website and that it is more picture based on communication with parents and the community. He asked if there was anything someone would like added to the website to contact him.

#### IV. Civic Use of Buildings

- a. Lincoln Youth Football and Cheerleading Homecoming Dance  
This is for Lincoln Middle School, October 2, 2009. Motion to approve by Donabedian. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- b. St. Jude Parish Basketball  
This is for Lincoln Middle School gym, November through March on Sundays 12:00-6:00. Motion to approve by Donabedian. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0. Battistoni noted it should carry one million dollars in liability insurance.

V. Personnel Recommendations

**Leave of Absence Requests**

- a. Jennifer Boudreault  
35 Olney Avenue  
North Providence, RI 02911  
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Donabedian. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- From: Self-Contained – NELC  
Effective: November 12, 2009 – December 23, 2009  
Maternity Leave
- b. Linda Cliff  
20 Cold Spring Drive  
West Warwick, RI 02893  
Motion to approve by Donabedian. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- From: Principal – Northern Elementary  
Effective: October 27, 2009 – January 4, 2010  
Medical Leave

**Teacher Appointments**

- a. Allison Baker  
22 Audubon Lane  
Hope, RI 02831  
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Donabedian. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- To: Speech/Language  
NELC/FELC/Lonsdale/Systemwide  
Effective: September 14, 2009  
Salary: \$45,498.29

**Long-Term Sub Appointments**

- a. Samantha Medeiros  
146 Dorr Avenue  
Riverside, RI 02915  
Motion to approve by Donabedian. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- To: LTS – Social Studies – Middle School  
Effective: September 1, 2009 – November 6, 2009  
Salary: \$10,121.27

**Support Staff Appointments**

- a. Kathleen Heal  
11 Hickory Lane  
Lincoln, RI 02865  
Motion to approve by Donabedian. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- To: PT 15 Hour TA – NELC  
Effective: September 1, 2009 – end of school year  
Salary: \$9.25/hour

**Team Leader Appointments**

- a. Susan Johnson  
17 DiFazio Drive  
Johnston, RI 02919  
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Donabedian. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- To: Middle School Technology/Art/Languages  
Effective: 2009-2010 school year  
Salary: \$1,800
- b. Krisann Paradis  
36 Evergreen Avenue  
Tiverton, RI 02878  
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Donabedian. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- To: Middle School Physical Ed./Music/Reading  
Effective: 2009-2010 school year  
Salary: \$1,800

VI. Awarding of Bids – None.

VII. Salary Warrants  
August 27, 2009 \$1,148,447.35  
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Donabedian. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

VIII. Expense Warrants  
September 14, 2009 (yellow) \$81,588.12  
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Donabedian. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

Invoices

September 14, 2009 for the 2009-2010 FY \$652,300.86

Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Donabedian. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

Capital Reserve

September 14, 2009 \$188,227.38

Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

September 14, 2009 (a) \$3,375.75

September 14, 2009 (Blue) \$652,300.86

Motion to approve by Donabedian. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

The Superintendent clarified there should be two blue and two yellow with one labeled 1A.

IX. Old Business – None.

X. New Business

a. High School Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements Policy – Second Reading

Motion to approve by Battistoni. Seconded by Donabedian. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

b. Rescission of Home School Request

This is for Emily and Elizabeth Amaral. Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

XI. School Committee Reports

Varr reported attending the Eagle Court of Honor and that it was one of the best she had seen.

XII. Community Comments – None.

XIII. Adjourn

Motion to approve adjourning at 8:39 p.m. by Zito. Seconded by Donabedian. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

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MARY VARR, CLERK

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