

LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND
NOTICE OF MEETING
MINUTES

DATE: October 18, 2010
PLACE: Lincoln Middle School
152 Jenckes Hill Road
Lincoln, RI 02865
TIME: 7:00 PM – Open Session

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, Mark Gadbois, Monique Latessa, Jeannine Magliocco, Kevin McNamara, Angelo Mencucci, Lori Miller, William Skitt, Melinda Smith, Maryann Struble, Mark Thompson; 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)

The Chair reported there were no votes taken in Executive Session. Motion to seal the Executive Session minutes by Zito. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

Right to be Heard – None.

I. Approval of Minutes

- a. September 13, 2010 Executive Session
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion approved 6-0, with Battistoni abstaining.
- b. September 13, 2010 Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion approved 6-0, with Battistoni abstaining.
- c. September 20, 2010 Special Meeting Executive Session
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

II. Correspondence – None.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. Citations

Superintendent Fortunato introduced the following:

Yolanda Nazaro who was recognized as an Outstanding Leader in the Latino Community by the Youth Institute of Empowerment Leadership Development. Fortunato reported she is a teacher in the World Language Department at the High School and now is serving as Chair. Donabedian presented Nazaro with a citation.

Sarah Mahler, educator at the elementary level, for the Artsonia's Annual Leadership Award. Zito presented Mahler with a citation.

Track stars for the 2010 Downtown CVS Run. Robson presented citations to:

- 7th Grade Boys - 1st Place – Michael McCourt
- 7th Grade Girls - 4th Place – Elise Pappazian
- 7th Grade Boys - 5th Place – James Heineman
- 7th Grade Boys – 7th Place - Ethan Robson

The Superintendent talked about some of the initiatives and the Confucius Classroom dedication. She stated she appreciated the liaisons and the PTO groups for their assistance, as well as Mr. McNamara and Mrs. Knowlton and their staffs. She offered congratulations to Principal Thompson and the middle school staff for the 6th Grade orientation. Fortunato recognized teachers Melissa Smith, Regina Ferreira, Theresa Hopkins, Paul Ruhle and Yvette Mongeon for spending a Saturday helping students in math at the High School.

Fortunato reported tomorrow Craig Scott will be speaking about Rachel's Challenge at CCRI and tomorrow evening at 6:30 PM at the High School. It is open to the community.

- b. Lincoln High School Student Update
Principal McNamara introduced Senior, Aaron Brunelle to speak on his experience with the Exhibition Program. Aaron explained because of an injury he had, he came up with a question, how regenerative medicine could be used to reduce recovery time for injuries. He had a stress fracture in his foot and it affected his sophomore year in cross country track. In his research he found the use of a protein would help heal the fracture. He sent his information to Geisinger Health Center in Danville PA. The heads of research and orthopedic surgery contacted Aaron and he and his family traveled to Pennsylvania.
- c. Superintendent's Goals 2010-2011
Superintendent Fortunato reported her goals will be aligned with the Strategic Plan and tied them to the six RI Leadership Standards. Fortunato listed objectives under each standard related to the Lincoln Strategic Plan and each objective tied to improving student achievement and enhancing home/school communication. These goals are posted on the District's web site.
- d. RTTT Update
Superintendent Fortunato recognized Melinda Smith for her work on Race To The Top. Fortunato explained that the Race To The Top requires a fundamental shift from steady continuous improvement of transformative action that yields substantial improvements in student achievement. The first Support Systems involves standards and curriculum, where by the year 2015 RI educators will be ready to implement instruction and assessments that are aligned with the common core. Support System 2: Instructional Improvement; Support System 3: Educator Effectiveness; Support System 4: Human Capital Development; Support System 5: School Transformation and Innovation. Melinda Smith reported on the Study of Standards – four teachers from each school for a day of professional development. Those 24 teachers will come back and train everyone else. The administrators will also be trained. The data analysis teams will again have 24 teachers and administrators trained over three days in the summer and three days in the school year over years two through four. Smith noted they have joined the Northwest Consortium to pool resources for new teacher training and mentor professional development. The total Race To The Top budget for four years is \$62,100. Superintendent Fortunato reported this is being submitted to RIDE on the 22nd. Everything will be sent to Washington in December. She noted half of the 75 million will be for RIDE's own initiatives. Fortunato stated public education will be changing for the good in the next four years.
- e. NECAP Science Update
Melinda Smith reported the four areas are Physical Science, Earth Space Science, Life Science and Inquiry. She noted Lonsdale and Saylesville had significant increases. Title 1 students and economically disadvantaged students aren't doing as well. There was a two percent change at the Middle School and a five percent increase at the High School. They will begin a study of the standards in January 2011 and work with the Dana Center and Cranston teachers to develop a new curriculum and units of study K-12.
- f. Civic Responsibility Update
Mr. Brooder reported over 125 students have attended the civic courses. The revision process has been in keeping with the High School mission statement. Mrs. Small reported they study all the changes in the world with the names of the countries, different governing systems, economic systems and political systems. They encourage students to create their own community service program; they come to understand their rights and responsibilities.
- g. School Vaccination Clinics
Superintendent Fortunato reported the clinics will be held as follows:

Lincoln High School	October 28	at LHS during the school day
Central Elementary	November 3	at LHS, 4-8 PM
Lonsdale Elementary	November 3	at LHS, 4-8 PM

- Northern Elementary December 15 at LHS, 4-8 PM
Saylesville Elementary December 15 at LHS, 4-8 PM
Lincoln Middle School December 16 at LHS, 4-8 PM
- h. Approval of CCRI Rental Agreement
For graduation exercises June 2011
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- i. Approval of Boys & Girls Club Pool Rental Agreement
Motion to approve by Roll. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- j. Approval of Atria Pool Agreement
Motion to approve Zito. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- k. Out of State Field Trip Requests
October 29, 2010; Johnson & Wales, Seekonk, FBLA
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
November 26, 2010; New England Cross Country Championships, Wappinger Falls
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
December 10, 2010; United Nations, Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Hanley, International Business Class
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
January 9, 10, 2011; Dartmouth College, Boys & Girls Indoor Track
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
May 27, 2011; Great East Festival, Six Flags
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Battistoni. All in Favor. Motion carried 7-0.
May 27, 2011; Jazz & 8th Grade Jazz Band, Six Flags
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- l. Financial Report/Charter Schools Update/Edu-Jobs
Lori Miller reported she has projected a zero balance for the end of this year. She is projecting a \$50,000 deficit balance in salaries and \$250,000 deficit in purchased services. Tuition to private sources is over-spent by \$700,000 right now. There was some savings in Charter Schools, but they haven't received any bills yet. Miller also stated she is concerned about plowing. She is projecting two teachers on the ARRA grant. Next year's cut may be 11%-15%. Superintendent Fortunato announced as of this date the budget will be frozen for all non-essential spending.
- m. 09-10 Audit Update
Lori Miller reported they have been working diligently, noting a change in atmosphere in the auditor process and it will be finished on time for the budget. The auditor has agreed to keep the Superintendent informed.
- IV. Civic Use of Buildings
a. Miss Teen Rhode Island World Pageant – LHS 4/2/11
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- V. Personnel Recommendations

Retirements

- a. Robert Pearson
29 Northup Plat Road
Coventry, RI 02816
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
Superintendent Fortunato noted Pearson's 12 years of service and that all retirees will be recognized at the June School Committee meeting.
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| From: | Resource - LHS |
| Effective: | June 2011 |

Leave of Absence Requests

- a. Maryann DiBattista
139 Eastwick Road
North Kingstown, RI 02852
Motion to approve by Roll. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
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| From: | Self Contained - LMS |
| Effective: | 11/9/10 – end of school year |
- Personal Leave

Teacher Appointments

- a. Cynthia Skelton
8 Appleby St.
Newport, RI 02840
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- To: .4 Library Media Specialist - High School
Effective: October 19, 2010
Salary: M+60 (9) \$22,849.45

Long-Term Substitute Appointments

- a. Samantha Medeiros
146 Dorr Ave.
Riverside, RI 02915
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- To: LTS Social Studies – Middle School
Effective: August 25, 2010 – November 30, 2010
Salary: B-2 \$13,658.10

Support Staff Appointments

- a. Kristen Berthelette
85 Linden St.
Pawtucket, RI 02861
- b. Andrea Mainella
64 Moorland Ave.
Cranston, RI 02905
- c. Lisa Harrington
949 Greenville Ave.
Smithfield, RI 02828
- d. Paula O'Neill
16 Womantam Lane
Cumberland, RI 02864
- e. Jan Maziarz
626 Smithfield Road #504
No. Providence, RI 02904
- f. Nancy Ann Mercier
22 Jennifer Lane
No. Smithfield, RI 02896
- g. Cynthia Mardo
34 Greenwood Lane
Lincoln, RI 02865
- h. Kathleen Heal
11 Hickory Lane
Lincoln, RI 02865
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- To: 15 hr/week Part-time TA – Central
Effective: September 16, 2010 – end of school year
Salary: \$9.25/hour
- To: 15 hr/week Part-time TA – Central
Effective: September 17, 2010 – end of school year
Salary: \$9.25/hour
- To: 15 hr/week Part-time TA – Lonsdale
Effective: September 20, 2010 – end of school year
Salary: \$9.25/hour
- To: 12 hr/week Part-time TA – Lonsdale
Effective: September 20, 2010 – end of school year
Salary: \$9.25/hour
- To: 15 hr/week Part-time TA – Lonsdale
Effective: September 20, 2010 – end of school year
Salary: \$9.25/hour
- To: 15 hr/week Part-time TA – Northern
Effective: September 17, 2010 – end of school year
Salary: \$9.25/hour
- To: 15 hr/week Part-time TA – Central
Effective: September 1, 2010 – end of school year
Salary: \$9.25/hour
- To: 19 ¾ hr/week Part-time TA – Northern
Effective: October 1, 2010 – end of school year
Salary: \$9.75/hour

Co-Curricular Appointments

- a. Dave Baumgarten
39 Ring St.
Providence, RI 02908
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- b. Michael Miele
156 Dellwood Road
Cranston, RI 02920
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- To: Assistant Wrestling Coach – High School
Effective: 2010-11 Winter Sports Season
Salary: \$3,136.00
- To: Drama Advisor – Middle School
Effective: 2010 – 2011 school year
Salary: \$1,254.00

Information Only

a. Custodian Job Fair Results

VI. Salary Warrants

September 2, 2010 \$105,858.42

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

September 9, 2010 \$1,118,452.06

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

September 23, 2010 \$1,127,283.53

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

VII. Expense Warrants

Capital Reserve

October 18, 2010 \$8,360.68

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

Invoices

2010-2011 FY \$1,240,231.18

Motion to approve by Roll. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

VIII. Old Business – None.

IX. New Business

a. Use of Facilities Policy Amendment – Second Reading

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

b. Home School Request

- Mr. and Mrs. Manual Amaral

Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Cavanaugh. Motion carried 6-1, with Battistoni voting against.

X. School Committee Reports

Roll reported attending the RIASC meeting on September 25th. Gary Sass made a presentation on the recovery of RI and is was not optimistic with long term problems. They discussed opportunity for school committees in RI to purchase goods through the state of Texas. She noted there is a School Committee 101 session in November which provides a lot of information. Zito reported she will be bringing to Capital Development a request to study fields on and off school property. The School Health Walk is Friday.

XI. Community Comments

Carol McCourt commented on concerns about the teaching of math. Jacques Benun asked for an explanation of the anagrams, AYP, RTTT AND RIASC. He also asked about the curriculum for economically disadvantaged.

XII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 PM by Zito. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

MARY VARR, CLERK

DATE