

LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND
MINUTES

DATE: December 13, 2010
PLACE: Lincoln Middle School
152 Jenckes Hill Road
Lincoln, RI 02865
TIME: 6:15 PM

II. Move into executive session pursuant to R.I. General Laws Section 42-46-5(a)

1. Legal Advice Regarding Collective Bargaining 42-46-5(a)(2)
2. Convene into Open Session

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, Jeannine Magliocco, Kevin McNamara, Angelo Mencucci, Lori Miller, William Skitt, Melinda Smith, Maryann Struble, Mark Thompson; Attorney Benjamin Scungio

III. Reconvene into open session

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.

Right to be Heard – None.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- a. November 8, 2010 Meeting
Motion to approve by Varr. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- b. November 29, 2010 Executive Session
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- c. November 29, 2010 Meeting
Motion to approve by Varr. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

V. Correspondence – None.

VI. Superintendent's Report

a. Citations

The Superintendent reported the Lincoln High School Girls' Soccer team was Division II North Champions and they were finalists in the Metlife State Tournament. Battistoni read the names and presented each team member and the coaches with certificates.

Battistoni also recognized Jillian DeSimone for being named 2nd in the Team All-State Girls' Soccer.

The chair recognized Richard Battistoni for his four years of service on the Lincoln School Committee and presented him with a certificate and a gift. The Superintendent presented him with a gift from the Leadership Team. Battistoni thanked the citizens in his district and talked about what the committee should be proud of accomplishing.

Chairwoman Robson honored Bruce Macksoud, stating he has always had a love of children and learning and that made him do what was right for children. Superintendent Fortunato recognized Mr. Macksoud for his six years on the leadership team. She stated he always put students first. Macksoud thanked everyone, commenting on his last four months in the elementary schools.

- b. Lincoln High School Student Update
Principal McNamara introduced Duncan McCaffrey and Sean Fisher, students from the computer animation class. Sean showed his animation of getting a ball to bounce and showing a particle exploding. Duncan showed his animation of a car racing in a suburban neighborhood. They talked about how long it took them to produce their animations.
- c. Consideration of and Vote on appointment of Superintendent to the NRIC Governing Board pursuant to RI General Laws 16-3.1-18
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- d. Public Service Announcement – Commercial for RI Public Broadcasting Video Streaming
Melinda Smith presented a RI Public Broadcasting spot using their video streaming site. She explained the day before school ended RIPBS came to the class to film the spot.
- e. Approval of Middle School Grading System to Align with High School
Principal Thompson explained his recommendation to align the grading discrepancy between the middle school and the high school. He cited the example that now a 73 would be a C instead of a C-. Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- f. Assistive Technology Presentation
Maryann Struble reported Cheryl Zecchin approached her about finding all the technology and housing it in one room. Fred Hoppe explained he created a newsletter to support teachers, noting they would be purchasing additional equipment through ARRA funds. He also noted they will be making a digital handbook with those funds. Cheryl Zecchin explained they started to track any piece of equipment or device used to help a child with a disability so it could be given to another student if it was no longer used by the original student. She reported they get 20-25 referrals a year.
- g. Dana Center Update
Macksoud reported on his work over the last four months with the Dana Center and the curriculum. He reported visiting classrooms to provide data based on the Dana Center guidelines. He looked for teachers utilizing the framework, those behind in the scope and sequence and those not using the framework at all. They focused on making sure students understood the objectives of the lesson. It was found they need to help students with mastery.
- h. Approval of NW Consortium Mission & Objectives
Roll questioned if the consortium had discussed funding since there are no funds for areas they are interested in pursuing. The Superintendent explained they hadn't, that the department leaders are looking at how to pool resources. Robson explained there is an existing free web site and they are only looking for approval of the Mission and Objectives. Roll commented she supports the idea, but benefits and cost need to be equitable. Varr questioned who would be handling money when a grant is received. Miller explained it would be the town of whoever would be chair. Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- i. Financial Report/Charter Schools Update
Miller reported she doesn't have a lot of new information but the report has a little more detail. She noted unemployment is at \$250,000. She was informed there is a charge back on extensions and will budget for that next year. Miller is waiting on a response from the state regarding special ed transportation. Charter School tuitions is \$853,000; she is waiting on bills from CVS and Highlander.

VII. Civic Use of Buildings – None.

VIII. Personnel Recommendations

Retirements

- a. Donna Salhany
76 Carriage Drive
Lincoln, RI 02865
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| From: | Reading – Saylesville Elementary |
| Effective: | June 2011 |

The Superintendent presented the retirement with regret. Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

Resignations

- a. Anne Baumlin
32B Parklin Road
Chepachet, RI 02814
From: 15 hr/week PT TA – Central Elementary
Effective: December 4, 2010
- b. Thomas Epstein
16 Charles Street
Barrington, RI 02806
From: Drama Advisor – Middle School
Effective: July 13, 2010
- c. Carol Silva
171 Knollwood Circle
North Kingstown, RI 02852
From: Science – High school
Effective: June 2011
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- d. William Skitt
7 Eric Lane
North Attleboro, MA 02760
From: Principal – Central Elementary
Effective: June 30, 2011
The Superintendent presented the retirement with regret. Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0. Robson commented on how sorry they are to see Mr. Skitt go. The Superintendent noted they would honor Mr. Skitt in June.

Leave of Absence Requests

- a. Jill Gould
5 Farnworth Drive
Lincoln, RI 02865
From: English - Middle School
Effective: September 15, 2010 – December 22, 2010
Medical Leave
- b. Karen Robinson
125 Johnson Boulevard
Coventry, RI 02816
From: Music – .7 Saylesville/.3 Lonsdale
Effective: January 3, 2011 – March 1, 2011
Childrearing Leave (extension)
- c. Pamela Azar
1069 Great Road
Lincoln, RI 02865
From: Social Studies – Middle School
Effective: December 1, 2010 – January 25, 2011
Medical Leave (extension)
Motion to approve by Varr. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

Teacher Appointments

- a. John Gannon
11 Rogler Farm Road
Smithfield, RI 02917
To: Math Tutor – Central Elementary
Effective: January 11, 2011 – June 14, 2011
Salary: \$44/hour
- b. Danielle Cahill
8 Michael Drive
Lincoln, RI 02865
To: Math Tutor – Central Elementary
Effective: January 11, 2011 – June 14, 2011
Salary: \$44/hour
- c. Juliane Coelho
24 South Locust Ave.
No. Providence, RI 02911
To: Math Tutor – Central Elementary
Effective: January 11, 2011 – June 14, 2011
Salary: \$44/hour
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

Long-Term Substitute Appointments

- a. Kristen Connell
16 White Court
No. Providence, RI 02911
To: LTS Resource - High School
Effective: August 25, 2010 – January 25, 2011
Salary: B-1 \$19,811.85

- b. Amanda Stanford
311 Langdon St.
Providence, RI 02904
To: LTS English – Middle School
Effective: September 20, 2010 – December 22, 2010
Salary: B-1 \$13,566.81
- c. Neil Letendre
5 Duxbury Ct.
Lincoln, RI 08265
To: LTS Music – .7 Saylesville/.3 Lonsdale
Effective: December 23, 2010 – March 1, 2011 (extension)
Salary: B-7 \$11,185.52
- d. Daniel George
65 Lambert Ave.
Woonsocket, RI 02895
To: .4 LTS Music – High School
Effective: December 23, 2010 – March 1, 2011 (extension)
Salary: B-1 \$3,100.98
- e. Samantha Medeiros
55 Colony Road
Riverside, RI 02915
To: LTS Social Studies – Middle School
Effective: December 1, 2010 – January 25, 2011 (extension)
Salary: B-2 \$7,714.81
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

Support Staff Appointments

- a. Christine Chito
58 Forest Ave.
Cumberland, RI 02864
To: 15/hr PT Teacher Assistant - Lonsdale
Effective: 11/29/10 – end of school year
Salary: \$9.75/hour
- b. Michelle Labossiere
16 Maplehurst St.
Lincoln, RI 02865
To: 15/hr PT Teacher Assistant - Lonsdale
Effective: November 29, 2010 – end of school year
Salary: \$9.25/hour
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

Coaching Appointments

- a. Heather Jutras
16 Division Street
Manville, RI 02838
To: Basketball Cheerleading Coach - High School
Effective: 2010-2011 Winter Sports Season
Salary: \$753.00
- b. Toni Autiello
630 Smithfield Rd, Apt. 612
N. Providence, RI 02904
To: Competitive Cheerleading Co-Coach - High School
Effective: 2010-2011 Winter & Spring Sports Seasons
Salary: \$1,346.50
- c. Amanda Cordnell
Bryant University
Smithfield, RI 02896
To: Competitive Cheerleading Co-Coach - High School
Effective: 2010-2011 Winter & Spring Sports Seasons
Salary: \$1,346.50
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

- IX. Awarding of Bid
 - a. 3D PrinterMiller reported there were two bids funded through Perkins:
 - Advanced Educational Technologies \$21,350
 - Stratasys 23,400Miller explained that this is not a regular printer and they need to include maintenance; the bid was amended to include maintenance. Miller recommended Advanced Educational Technologies for \$21,350. Motion to approve the Advanced Educational Technologies bid of \$21,350 by Zito. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- X. Salary Warrants
November 4, 2010 \$1,126,181.18
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

November 18, 2010 \$1,242,660.31
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

XI. Expense Warrants
Project Capital Reserve
November 13, 2010 \$50,296.07
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

December 13 2010 10-11 FY \$1,443,865.88
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

XII. Old Business – None.

XIII. New Business – None.

XIV. School Committee Reports
Mary Anne Roll reported the Health and Wellness Committee met Thursday and a number of students joined them. They are working on something similar to the table hosting with volunteers having lunch with Kindergarten students on Thursday. Parents will be at the elementary level. The goal is to have lunch at every school before the end of the year and to understand how the cafeteria works and become familiar with the menus. Chairwoman Robson reported she and the Superintendent met with the Budget Board last Monday and the message was very bleak. Since they aren't looking to raise taxes, they will have to lobby for whatever they need. She reminded everyone they are approaching the budget season.

XV. Community Comments
Mary Ann McComiskey reported they also met with the Budget Board and their focus will be on the breakfast. On behalf of the LTA she offered best wishes to Mr. Macksoud, Mr. Battistoni and Mr. Skitt. She also thanked Donna Salhaney, noting she had touched many students in 30 years. John Zangari thanked Mr. Battistoni, stating he had done a wonderful job.

XVI. Adjourn
Motion to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. by Zito. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

MARY VARR, CLERK

DATE