

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

DATE: January 10, 2011
PLACE: Lincoln Middle School
152 Jenckes Hill Road
Lincoln, RI 02865

TIME: 5:00 PM - Middle School Auditorium
I. Convene in Open Session
1. Dana Center Work Session with David Hill

TIME: 6:00 PM – Band Room
II. Move into executive session pursuant to R.I. General Laws Section 42-46-5
1. Legal Advice Regarding Collective Bargaining 42-45-5(a)(2)
2. Convene into Open Session
Motion to adjourn Executive Session and return to Open Session by Roll. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

TIME: 6:30 PM – Band Room – Open Session
III. Transition Workshop Meeting
a. Vote on reorganization and school committee appointments
Chair - A nomination for Robson as Chair was made by Donabedian. No second necessary. There were no other nominations. On a roll call vote, it was voted 7-0 to approve.
Vice Chair – A nomination for Zito as Vice Chair was made by Roll. A nomination for Donabedian for Vice Chair was made by Varr. There were no other nominations. On a roll call vote of 4-3, Zito was elected Vice Chair with the following voting for Zito: LaFleur, Zito, Roll, Robson; for Donabedian: Donabedian, Varr, Cavanaugh.
Clerk – A nomination for Varr was made by Roll. There were no other nominations. On a roll call vote, it was voted 7-0 to approve.

TIME: 7:00 PM - Auditorium

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

Others Present: Georgia Fortunato, Superintendent; Eric Banville, Mark Gadbois, Margaret Knowlton, Monique Latessa, Jeannine Magliocco, Kevin McNamara, Angelo Mencucci, Lori Miller, Janet Ragno, 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. Robson reported she had been elected Chair, Zito had been elected Vice Chair and Varr had been elected Clerk in the earlier Open Session.

Right to be Heard – None.

IV. Approval of Minutes
a. December 13, 2010 Executive Session
Motion to approve by Roll. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
b. December 13, 2010 Regular Meeting
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

V. Correspondence

The Chair read a letter to the Superintendent from Ed Hunt, Baseball Coach, thanking her and the administrative team for responding to his request for repairs to the Chet Nichols field for the upcoming spring season.

VI. Superintendent's Report

a. Citations

Superintendent Fortunato recognized Maryann Mitchell, who was awarded the RI FBLA Advisor of the Year. Zito and Cavanaugh presented her with a certificate of recognition.

b. School Safety Awards

Eric Banville reported the Safety Commission has been meeting for approximately a year and a half. He explained they had a poster contest, showing the posters as winner's names were read. Zito and Cavanaugh presented Tarek Bash, Macey Cabana, Hudson Deighan and Sara Capraro with certificates of recognition. The Superintendent noted the posters are displayed on the district website.

c. Public Service Announcements

Banville also recognized Mrs. Picozzi's class for the PSA announcements. He showed four of the safety commercials.

d. Lincoln High School Student Update

Principal McNamara introduced Mrs. Small and Mr. Allen, who explained their students' work at the Atria on oral history. Twenty-four students interviewed residents about the Blizzard of 1978, the banking crisis of 1990 and life experiences. One was a woman whose husband had been a doctor at Lying In Hospital when it was established. Jericha Detonnancourt, Molly Shepherd and Jennifer Mis were recognized and photos were shown of the interaction at the Atria. Robson noted the residents greatly enjoyed the project.

e. Gingerbread Express

The Superintendent introduced LMS Assistant Principal Janet Ragno who spoke about the Gingerbread Express. They were able to provide 20 food baskets for families. Bedding was the most requested item this year and they were able to provide 11 sets of bedding. The 8th grade Hoop Fest against the faculty raised funds. Fifty-eight apple pies were provided. Ragno reported 31 teachers and staff members adopted families and there were many other donations.

f. Presentation of 2011-12 Budget

Superintendent Fortunato read her transmittal letter into the record:

Enclosed herewith is the 2011-12 Superintendent's Proposed Operating Budget for the Lincoln Public Schools. The 2011-12 proposed budget totals \$48,488,923, which is a 4.24% increase over the 2010-11 operating budget of \$46,517,410. The funds requested in the proposed budget generally support current service levels but provide no real program enhancements.

The 2011-12 budget was developed using zero based budgeting methodology which requires that every budget request be analyzed independently while incorporating the goals in the school improvement plan and the district's strategic plan.

For the 2011-12 fiscal year, a reduction in professional staff of approximately seven positions will provide some budgetary savings without negatively impacting programming. The administrative team is reviewing and analyzing service delivery options for the special education staff and I am confident that we will find a more efficient and cost effective way to provide these mandated services to our students and families in Lincoln.

Salaries, tuitions, certified pension, purchased services and technology are the areas that show significant increases in the 2011-12 budget. Specifically, technology at the high school changed positively by \$269,000, charter school tuitions grew by \$240,000, vocational tuitions (Davies) added \$150,000 to the budget as a new item and out-of-district tuitions increased by \$655,000. New assessment protocols from RIDE will require an infusion of technology into the schools so that students will be able to perform adequately when the tests are given. A newly reconstituted Technology Committee will provide the information that will guide the district in purchasing the appropriate equipment and software. Pension costs increased by 2% and charter school enrollment is projected to increase by twenty-four seats.

The 2011-12 budget is presented in a format using the new Uniform Chart of Accounts (UCOA) mandated by the State of Rhode Island. This will be a transition year during the budgeting process, since the translation of the old format into the new UCOA format will require several iterations to ensure that the financial information presented is transparent and easy to understand.

The 2011-12 Superintendent's Proposed Operating budget is a work in progress and requires your input so that all of the available resources are used in the most cost effective manner to provide the students of Lincoln with the quality education they deserve. The Lincoln Administrative team is ready, willing and able to assist you in this difficult task and we look forward to meeting with you on Monday, January 24, 2011.

Superintendent Fortunato explained this is the beginning of the budget process and will be asking the Committee to approve the Budget Workshops.

- g. Approval of Budget Workshop 1/24/11, 6:30 PM @ LHS and Tentative Date 1/31/11
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- h. Approval of Contract – TINET
The Superintendent explained this is a way to collect data for IEPs and PLPs and to assist teachers in managing them. Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- i. Approval of Contract - Study Island
Superintendent Fortunato explained this is a web-based program for students in school and at home with math, reading and science. The contract is January 2011 to June 2014. Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- j. Out of State Field Trip Requests
To New York City; LMS Team 8, April 29, 2011
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

To EPCOT/Disney, High School International Business Class, May 12-15, 2011
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

- k. Financial Report/Charter Schools Update
Lori Miller explained there are pressure points in the budget that she is watching: special ed tuitions, Charter School tuitions, unemployment, purchased services. The sub line is not too bad now, but they are entering their toughest time of the year. She noted that while they don't pay benefits for subs for teachers on extended leave, they do have steps and grade. The number of student tuitions didn't materialize for Charter Schools.

VII. Civic Use of Buildings

- a. Valley Breeze - RI State Spelling Bee – Middle School – 3/12/11
Motion to approve by Roll. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- b. Alpha Delta Kappa Blood Drive –Lonsdale Elementary - 4/12/11
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

VIII. Personnel Recommendations

Resignations

- a. Kathleen Heal
11 Hickory Lane
Lincoln, RI 02865
From: 19 ¾ hr/wk PT TA - Northern
Effective: December 9, 2010
- b. Patrick DeSocio
23 South Baptist St.
Newport, RI 02840
From: Boys' Lacrosse Assistant Coach – High School
Effective: December 29, 2010
(resignation is for the 2009-10 school year)
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Donabedian. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

Leave of Absence Requests

- a. Jill Gould
5 Farnworth Drive
Lincoln, RI 02865
From: English - Middle School
Effective: December 23, 2010 – February 18, 2011
Medical Leave (extension)
- b. Pamela Azar
1069 Great Road
Lincoln, RI 02865
From: Social Studies - Middle School
Effective: January 26, 2011 – February 7, 2011
Medical Leave (extension)

- c. Thomas Pesaturo
7 Thomas Drive
Lincoln, RI 02865
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- From: Resource - High School
Effective: January 26, 2011 – end of school year
Medical Leave (extension)

Long-Term Substitute Appointments

- a. Amanda Stanford
311 Langdon St.
Providence, RI 02904
- To: LTS English – Middle School
Effective: December 23, 2010 – February 18, 2011
Salary: B1 \$7,321.77
- b. Samantha Medeiros
55 Colony Road
Riverside, RI 02915
- To: LTS Social Studies – Middle School
Effective: January 26, 2011 – February 7, 2011
Salary: B2 \$1,615.50
- c. Paul Courcy
34 Bay View Ave.
East Providence, RI 02915
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- To: LTS Resource – High School
Effective: November 12, 2010 – end of school year
Salary: M10 \$49,885.12

Support Staff Appointments

- a. Janet Vanasse
1849 Old Louisquisset Pike
Lincoln, RI 02865
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- To: 1:1 Teacher Assistant - Northern
Effective: December 10, 2010
Salary: \$18.80/hr

Coaching Appointments

- a. Joseph Areson
400 New River Road, #303
Manville, RI 02838
- To: Girls Lacrosse Assistant Coach - High School
Effective: 2010-2011 Spring Sports Season
Salary: \$2,671.00
- b. Laura Ginish
321 Mendon Road – 2R
Cumberland, RI 02864
Motion to approve by Zito Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- To: Boys Volleyball Assistant Coach – High School
Effective: 2010-2011 Spring Sports Season
Salary: \$2,321.00

Consultant Appointment

- a. Bruce Macksoud
21 Ducarl Drive
Lincoln, RI 02865
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried. Varr requested and received confirmation this was in the budget.
- To: Consultant
Effective: February 1, 2011 through end of 10-11 School Year
Salary: \$300/day (24 days maximum)

- IX. Salary Warrants
- December 2, 2010 \$1,114,285.49
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- December 16, 2010 \$1,145,338.52
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- December 30, 2010 \$1,107,283.49
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- X. Expense Warrants
- Capital Reserve Fund Expenditure \$1,852.33
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

January 10, 2011 2010-2011 FY \$777,443.45
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

XI. Old Business – None.

XII. New Business

a. Rescission of Home School Request

Motion to approve the rescission of the request for Pamela Amaral by Zito. Seconded by Roll.
All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

XIII. School Committee Reports

Mary Anne Roll reported visiting the Democracy Prep for kindergarten and first grade with the Superintendent and Mrs. Silva. She noted it was a great opportunity to visit a charter school and looks forward to visiting grade five. Roll also reported on the organization meeting of the technology committee. She suggested including additional teacher, community members and someone from the Budget Board. She is looking forward to the second meeting.

XIV. Community Comments – None.

XV. Move into executive session pursuant to RI General Laws 42-26-5

1. Hearing on, consideration of and vote on Union Grievance 42-45-5(a)(9)

2. Convene into Open Session

Motion to approve adjourning to Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. by Zito. Seconded by Roll. All in favor.
Motion carried 7-0.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and return to Open Session by Zito. Seconded by Varr. All in Favor. Motion carried 7-0.

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 a vote of 7-0 was taken in Executive Session to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to deny the grievance.

XVI. Adjourn

Motion to approve adjourning at 8:17 pm. by Zito. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

MARY VARR, CLERK

DATE