

LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND
MINUTES

DATE: February 14, 2011
PLACE: Lincoln Middle School
152 Jenckes Hill Road
Lincoln, RI 02865
TIME: 7:00 PM – Open Session

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

Absent: Mary Varr, Clerk

Others Present: Georgia Fortunato, Superintendent; Eric Banville, 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

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.

I. Approval of Minutes

- a. January 10, 2011 Executive Session
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- b. January 10, 2011 Monthly Meeting
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- c. January 24, 2011 Special Meeting
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- d. January 31, 2011 Special Meeting
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

II. Correspondence – None.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. Citations

Superintendent Fortunato noted the importance of recognizing talented students and teachers. Cavanaugh presented Ryan O'Dell with a certificate for being named as First Team All-State Football player for the 2010 season and Bridget Sullivan for attaining a Silver Key in the RI Scholastic Art Awards.

Superintendent Fortunato recognized teacher, Janet Malenfant, for the document, *Lincoln A-Z*. Roll noted she saw the project develop from the Curriculum Advisory Council. She recognized the following scouts: Nickolai Morin, Thomas Morin, Brian McMahan, Jacob Malenfant, Taylor Vass, Matthew Salemi, Brian Hasegawa; student Catherine Chatowski who assisted with illustrations; and leaders Janet Malenfant, Charlie Malenfant, Ken Vass.

Superintendent Fortunato requested going out of order to allow Mr. Mencucci to give the snow removal update. There were no objections.

b. Snow Removal/Roof Clearing Update

Angelo Mencucci reported, with the support of the Superintendent, they were ahead of the curve by finding a structural engineer and having all buildings inspected by February 2nd. They secured the services of Martone Services to remove snow from school roofs. The final school was completed on February 10th.

It was reported last Friday the ceiling was sagging in Room 15 at Lonsdale. They found a steel truss had a crack in it. Every room and every truss was inspected.

c. Lincoln High School Student Update

Principal McNamara introduced Bridget Sullivan who is a fantastic art student and an extraordinary young lady. He reported she has been accepted by Brown University for early admittance. Bridget talked about how art helps students solve problems in a creative way, develop critical thinking abilities and think outside the box. She noted how supportive her teachers were and how exceptional the art program is.

d. Full Day Kindergarten Update

Superintendent Fortunato asked Melinda Smith to present an update on full day kindergarten with the kindergarten teachers. Smith reported on enrollment with nine classrooms. The increase in instructional minutes went from 115 minutes daily to 330. The PALS benchmark score went from 28 to 71. The January math assessment included sequencing. Smith introduced Andree Brochu and Lori DeSimone to give an overview of literacy and social/emotional growth. They noticed they had more time and the children had more time and that they are reading two to four books and are writing daily. Andree showed student samples, noting the correct spelling of site words, which they didn't used to see for two more months. Lori reported they get to know their students and families better. There is more relaxed learning.

e. NECAP Presentation

Melinda Smith reported on the NECAP testing of grades 3-8 and grade 11 on what students had learned the year before. One trend she looked at was gains from 8th to 11th grade, finding their literacy skills improved in the content area. There is an increase of 15% at the middle school in the math score. A new curriculum is being implemented so she isn't sure what to expect. After school support is being offered. Additional time has been spent in writing at the middle school and scores are up. The challenges are to align curriculum to the Common Core Standards, remain focused with revision and implementation and the SIT teams must develop a plan to add time to address remediation and planning.

f. Unbudgeted Teacher Assistant Positions (1-1 TA Saylesville: PT TA Saylesville)

Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

g. Layoff/Non-Renewal Notices

Motion to approve the layoff of 63 teachers by Zito. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0. Superintendent Fortunato noted this is because the budget is still unknown and 11 of the 63 are long term substitutes. The Chair compared this to the 211 layoffs last year, commenting that once they have a better sense of the budget, there will be recalls.

h. Financial Report/Charter Schools Update

Lori Miller reported she is still projecting a zero variance. Areas of issue are unemployment, out of state tuitions and transportation. Snow removal and unbudgeted positions have been an impact. She will have a better handle on utilities, especially gas, in another month. Miller reported two students withdrew from the CVS Highlander school. The audit should be complete next week.

i. Approval of Field Trip Requests

Sunday River, March 11, 2011

Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Donabedian. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

Leadership Seminar at Auburn High School, April 27, 2011

Motion to approve by Donabedian. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

IV. Civic Use of Buildings – None.

V. Personnel Recommendations

Administrator Appointment

- a. Patricia Gablinske
To: Principal, Central Elementary School
Effective: July 1, 2011
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Donabedian. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
Gablinske was present and introduced by Superintendent Fortunato.

Leave of Absence Requests

- a. Pamela Azar
1069 Great Road
Lincoln, RI 02865
From: Social Studies – Middle School
Effective: February 8, 2011 – June 2011
Medical Leave (extension)
Motion to approve by Roll. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

Long-Term Sub Appointments

- a. Samantha Medeiros
55 Colony Road
Riverside, RI 02915
To: LTS – Social Studies – Middle School
Effective: February 8, 2011 – June 2011 (extension)
Salary: B-2 \$20,115.74
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

Co-Curricular Appointments

- a. Steve Miley
70 Humbert Ave.
Cranston, RI 02910
To: Boys' Assistant Lacrosse Coach – High School
Effective: 2010 -2011 Spring Sports Season
Salary: \$2,671.00
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

VI. Salary Warrants

January 13, 2011 \$1,117,946.18
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Lefleur. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

January 27, 2011 \$1,108,370.21
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

VII. Expense Warrants

February 14, 2011 FY 10-11 \$1,135,133.20
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

VIII. Old Business – None.

IX. New Business – None.

a. Home School Request

- Ms. Marion Vickers
- Ms. Carolyn Blum
- Mr. and Mrs. Mongeau

Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

X. School Committee Reports – None.

XI. Community Comments – None.

XII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. by Donabedian. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.