

LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND  
MINUTES

DATE: March 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; 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, Kevin McNamara, Angelo Mencucci, Lori Miller, William Skitt, Melinda Smith, Maryann Struble, Mark Thompson; Attorney Benjamin Scungio

Opening Ceremony

Right to be Heard – None.

I. Approval of Minutes

- a. February 14, 2011 Executive Session  
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- b. February 14, 2011 Monthly Meeting  
Motion to approve by Roll. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- c. February 28, 2011 Special Meeting  
Motion to approve by Roll. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- d. March 2, 2011 Special Meeting  
Motion to approve by Roll. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

II. Correspondence

- a. Letter received from The Trust  
Superintendent Fortunato read a letter from the Trust informing her Lincoln Public Schools is a recipient of the Trust's Annual Award for the Loss Prevention Leadership Award. The letter recognized Eric Banville, Angelo Mencucci and Lori Miller. The award was presented at a luncheon March 10<sup>th</sup> at the Crowne Plaza. The Superintendent also recognized Mary Varr and other members of the Safety Committee.

III. Superintendent's Report

- a. Citations  
Julie Zito and Mary Varr presented certificates to the RI Middle School Wrestling Team for being Western Division Team Champions and receiving the 2011 Sportsman Award.  
  
Mary Varr and Julie Zito presented the Spelling Bee Champion, Winston Jiang, with a citation.  
  
Mary Varr and Julie Zito presented citations to the Lincoln Middle School Math Counts Team for achieving 5<sup>th</sup> place in the state competitions.
- b. Lincoln High School Student Update  
Principal McNamara introduced Shelby Hall, Director of this year's Student Variety Show. Shelby talked about the commitment it takes to direct the show. She has choreographed some parts and directed the whole show. Shelby reported participants need to maintain their grades. She invited the public to this weekend's show.

- c. Big Sisters Presentation  
The Superintendent introduced Heather Potter and Roxanne Trenteseaux from the Big Sisters. They reported they have accepted boys in the program as of 2010 and are looking for male mentors to spend time with kids. They also have a program to help kids whose parents are incarcerated. There is a school based mentor program one hour a week after school. The criteria is for a child to want a mentor or need a mentor. Background and criminal checks are done, as well as the sexual offender list.
- d. Unbudgeted Teacher Assistant Position (1:1 12 hr/wk Lonsdale)  
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- e. Approval of 2011-12 School Calendar  
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0. The Superintendent noted the first day of school next year will be August 29<sup>th</sup>.
- f. Approval of Disposition of Obsolete Equipment  
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- g. Approval of RINET Contract  
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- h. Financial Report/Charter Schools Update  
Lori Miller reported she is still projecting a zero balance at the end of the year. There are some big negative variances, but there are also some big positive variances. Medicaid revenues are going well. The critical areas are still unemployment, purchased services for special education and tuitions. Mrs. Struble is working to bring people back. Utilities are going well and once into April she should know better. Miller reported UCOA has been an adjustment.
- i. Approval of Field Trip Requests  
Lizzy Borden Museum in Fall River, MA on April 9, 2011  
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

IV. Civic Use of Buildings

- a. Fusionworks Dance Performance – High School - 6/26/11  
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- b. RIASP Principals Conference – Middle School - 8/1/11 & 8/2/11  
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

V. Personnel Recommendations

**Resignations**

- a. George Kilsey  
2 Chase Lane  
Lincoln, RI 02865  
From: Assistant Principal – Lincoln High School  
Effective: June 30, 2011  
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0. The Superintendent wished George well, stating he will be returning as a social studies teacher.
- b. Mark Hedden  
108 Roger Williams Avenue  
Rumford, RI 02916  
From: .8 Industrial Technology  
Effective: June 2011  
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- c. Kerri Duquette  
8 Lawrence Lane  
Lincoln, RI 02865  
From: 15 hr/wk PT TA – Northern Elementary  
Effective: February 18, 2011  
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- d. John Menna  
160 Natick Avenue  
Cranston, RI 02921  
From: Boys Outdoor Track Head Coach – High School  
Effective: March 4, 2011  
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

**Teacher Appointments**

- a. George Kilsey  
2 Chase Lane  
Lincoln, RI 02865  
To: Social Studies Teacher  
Effective: 2011-12 School Year
- b. Barbara Maher  
32 Kirkbrae Drive  
Lincoln, RI 02865  
To: ESY Coordinator  
Effective: 2010-11 School Year  
Salary: \$5,280.00  
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Varr and Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

**Support Staff Appointments**

- a. Kimberlee Sartini  
17 Gadoury Drive  
Cumberland, RI 02864  
To: 1:1 TA – Saylesville Elementary  
Effective: February 28, 2011 – June 2011  
Salary: \$18.52/hour
- b. Teresa Kratman  
19 Mussey Brook Road  
Manville, RI 02838  
To: 15 hr/wk PT TA – Northern Elementary  
Effective: February 28, 2011  
Salary: \$9.25/hour
- c. Julia Sullivan  
26 Lorraine Ave.  
No. Smithfield, RI 02896  
To: 19 ¾ hr/wk PT TA – Northern Elementary  
Effective: March 7, 2011  
Salary: \$9.25/hour  
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

**Coaching Appointments**

- a. George Maris  
9 Jason Drive  
Lincoln, RI 02865  
To: Boys Lacrosse Assistant Coach - High School  
Effective: 2010-2011 Spring Sports Season  
Salary: \$2,671.00  
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- b. Marina Tsonis  
15 Highview Drive  
Smithfield, RI 02917  
To: Boys Outdoor Track & Field Head Coach – High School  
Effective: 2010-2011 Spring Sports Season  
Salary: \$3,453.00  
Motion to approve by Roll. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- b. Robert Morris  
54 Campbell Avenue  
North Providence, RI 02904  
To: Baseball Coach – Middle School  
Effective: 2010-2011 Spring Sports Season  
Salary: \$1,505.00  
Motion to approve by Roll. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- c. TBA  
To: Softball Coach – Middle School  
Effective: 2010-2011 Spring Sports Season  
Salary: \$1,505.00

The Superintendent reported there is not yet a recommendation. She anticipates there will be at the next meeting.

VI. Awarding of Bid

- a. Math Manipulatives  
Lori Miller reported there were two bids presented:
  - EAI Education \$13,382.62
  - ETA/Cuisenaire 17,789.73
  - Lakeshore Learning Materials No Bid

Miller explained upon review EAI Education did not include all items. Miller recommended the lowest bid by ETA/Cuisenaire for \$17,789.73. Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

VII. Salary Warrants

February 10, 2011 \$1,112,082.74

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

February 24, 2011 \$1,117,713.71

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

VIII. Expense Warrants

March 14, 2011 10-11 FY \$1,963,188.64

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

IX. Old Business – None.

Superintendent Fortunato requested going out of order to hear New Business before the Executive Session. There were no objections.

X. New Business

A. First Reading Amended Professional and Support Staff Hiring Policy

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

Roll noted this policy covers the three areas where they hire and it meets the BEP. There is now a process for screening.

B. Consideration of Removal of the Following Policies:

1. Committee-Staff Communications
2. Support Staff Supplementary Pay Plans
3. Summer School/Vacation Employment
4. Driver Education Policy
5. Special Instructional Programs/Accommodations Handicapped Students
6. Student Organizations
7. Student Course Selections
8. Textbook Selection/Adoption
9. Mid Term/Final Examinations
10. Testing Programs/Annual Testing Program

Roll explained they have reviewed the policy book because many are out-dated or redundant. She recommended tabling 8. Textbook Selection/Adoption. Motion to approve removing 1-7 and 9-10 by Zito. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion to table Number 8. by Zito. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

XI. School Committee Reports

Mary Anne Roll reported she attended the RIASC meeting Saturday that was originally to deal with UCOA. They heard from Gary Sass on the Governor's budget and a number of pieces of legislation. He apologized because his message wasn't good.

XII. Community Comments – None.

Move into Executive Session (Closed) pursuant to R.I. General Laws Section 42-46-5(a)

1. Discussion of litigation - Lincoln Teachers v Lincoln School Committee ULP 42-46-5(a)(2)
2. Receive legal advice - Allocation of Surplus to Present Budget Appropriation 42-46-5(a)(2)
3. Reconvene into Open Session

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. by Zito. Seconded by Roll. 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 there was one vote taken in Executive Session on the Lincoln Teachers Association on unfair labor practices. The Chair also noted Julie Zito had to leave.

C. Consideration of Resolution Relative to Allocation of Surplus to Present Budget Appropriation  
Motion to table by Donabedian. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

XIII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:21 p.m. by Donabedian. Seconded by Roll and Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0 with Zito absent.

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MARY VARR, CLERK

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