

LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND
MINUTES

DATE: April 11, 2011
PLACE: Lincoln Middle School
152 Jenckes Hill Road
Lincoln, RI 02865
TIME: 5:00 PM Work Session – New Schedule Lincoln Middle School

5:45 PM Executive Session (Closed) pursuant to R.I. General Laws Section 42-46-5(a)
1. Lincoln High School Assistant Principal Interviews 42-46-5(a)(1)
2. Consideration of Settlement of Agenda Grievance 42-46-5(a)(9)
3. Convene into Open Session
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, 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. Amendment to October 21, 2010 Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve by Roll. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- b. Amendment to October 21, 2010 Executive Session Minutes
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Lafleur. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- c. March 14, 2011 Executive Session
Motion to approve by Lafleur. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- d. March 14, 2011 Meeting
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- e. March 21, 2011 Special Meeting Executive Session
Motion to approve by Lafleur. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- f. March 21, 2011 Special Meeting
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Lafleur. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

II. Correspondence – None.

III. Superintendent's Report

- a. Citations
Superintendent Fortunato congratulated the Future Business Leaders of America for a fantastic job at the competition at Johnson & Wales University. She also commended the FBLA on the wonderful fashion show held at the Providence Marriott. Kristine Donabedian and Tracey Cavanaugh presented FBLA members and advisors with citations.
- b. Lincoln High School Student Update
Principal McNamara introduced Christina Albanese, a junior who is on the Executive Board of Friends of Rachel.

Christina talked about how this new group meets the mission statement at the high school and they attempt to accentuate positive actions. They recently attended a conference on no bullying. Their current fund raising for Rachel's Challenge is this Thursday, a badminton competition between teams of students and teachers.

c. UCOA Presentation

Lori Miller reported on the progress of using UCOA. It provides transparency, uniformity, accountability and comparability. She showed possible comparisons between schools in Lincoln and similar schools in other districts or in per pupil spending. Miller noted some changes with ARRA and Title 1 funds being eliminated. Mary Anne Roll commented on having a better sense in spending on central office staff.

The Superintendent thanked Miller for her work and explanation for the public to understand.

d. Consideration and Vote on OPEB Trust Resolution

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

The Chair explained this is a trust account for funds to be used for the unfunded pension liability. They are starting this now ahead of forthcoming mandates and the town will be doing the same. The Superintendent explained this is part of the contractual obligation to insure there is adequate funding when people retire. The \$200,000 will come from the surplus, not the regular operating budget.

e. Consideration and Vote on Resolution Concerning Continuation of Contract Statute

Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Roll. It was voted 6-1, with Cavanaugh voting against.

Chairwoman Robson explained the resolve part is that Lincoln requested the RI General Assembly oppose two bills, house and senate bills S413 and H5943, that mandate expired teacher contracts must continue at the existing terms and conditions. It further requests a copy be forwarded to all RI municipalities, school committees, state senators and representatives and the Governor.

f. Financial Report/Charter Schools Update

Lori Miller reported that now they are going to be allowed to spend their total appropriation she has moved the \$180,000 to other, making the budget \$47,217,410. Medical expenses were lower in March. She is still waiting for winter to finish. The fourth quarter bills aren't in for Charter schools, but that appears to be lower than projected, so there may be enough to cover special education. Miller explained that usually a budget is adopted in June or July and it doesn't change, but now with UCOA they can approve a revised budget.

g. Approval of Field Trip Requests

Middle School to Old Sturbridge Village, April 13, 2011

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

Kindergarten from Central to Capron Park, Attleboro, April 28, 2011

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

Lincoln High School to Six Flags, May 13, 2011

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

5th Grade classes from Central to Mystic Seaport, May 13, 2011

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

IV. Civic Use of Buildings

a. Cumberland Recreation Dept. Dance Recital – 5/7/11 – LHS

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

V. Personnel Recommendations

Administrator Appointment

a. Heidi Godowski

To: Assistant Principal – High School

Effective: July 1, 2011

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

The superintendent introduced Heidi, stating she is coming from Oxford High School. Heidi stated she is looking forward to working at the high school.

Retirements

- a. Ronald Laporte
3750 Diamond Hill Road
Cumberland, RI 02864
From: Custodian – Central Elementary
Effective: April 7, 2011
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Lafleur. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

Resignations

- a. Carl Nicotero
54 Smith Street
Lincoln, RI 02865
From: Custodian – Saylesville Elementary
Effective: March 18, 2011
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Lafleur. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- b. Melissa LaVallee
4 Valley Way
Smithfield, RI 02917
From: PT 15 hr/week TA – Lonsdale Elementary
Effective: April 8, 2011
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

Support Staff Appointments

- a. Lynsey Roscoe
10 Railroad Street, Apt. 217W
Slatersville, RI 02876
To: PT 12 hr/week TA – Lonsdale Elementary
Effective: March 29, 2011
Salary: \$9.25/hour
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Lafleur. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- b. Jennifer Tellier
5 Smith Street
Lincoln, RI 02865
To: PT 15 hr/week TA – Lonsdale Elementary
Effective: April 11, 2011
Salary: \$9.25/hour
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Lafleur. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

Coaching Appointments

- a. Andrew Dangelo
1035 Liberty Lane
West Kingstown, RI 02892
To: Boys Tennis Assistant Coach – High School
Effective: 2010-2011 Spring Sports Season
Salary: \$2,321.00
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Lafleur. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- b. Randy Licciardi
1563 Lonsdale Avenue
Lincoln, RI 02865
To: Softball Coach – Middle School
Effective: 2010-2011 Spring Sports Season
Salary: \$1,505.00
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Lafleur. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

- VI. Salary Warrants
March 3, 2011 \$111,157.93
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Lafleur. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- March 10, 2011 \$1,145,752.77
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- March 24, 2011 \$1,129,180.69
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Lafleur and Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

- VII. Expense Warrants
April 11, 2011 2010-2011 FY \$824,015.84
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- Invoice April 11, 2011 (A) 2010-2011 FY \$1,274.90
Motion to approve by Lafleur. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

VIII. Old Business – None.

IX. New Business

a. Home School Request

- Mr. John Sgambato

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

b. Second Reading Amended Professional and Support Staff Hiring Policy

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

Superintendent Fortunato stated she would send out tomorrow.

X. School Committee Reports

Mary Anne Roll stated Mr. McNamara should be very proud of the showcase; she was blown away. She would still like to get the public there. Superintendent Fortunato noted the teachers should be proud, too.

XI. Community Comments

Mary Ann McComiskey welcomed Heidi Godowski on behalf of the LTA and wished Mr. Laporte the best.

XII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. by Zito. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

MARY VARR, CLERK

DATE