

LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND  
MINUTES

DATE: September 12, 2011  
PLACE: Lincoln Middle School  
152 Jenckes Hill Road  
Lincoln, RI 02865  
TIME: 7:00 PM – Open Session

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

Others Present: Georgia Fortunato, Superintendent; Eric Banville, Linda Cliff, Marc Cobb, Patricia Gablinske, Mark Gadbois, Jeannine Magliocco, Angelo Mencucci, Lori Miller, Melinda Smith, Maryann Struble, 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 Vice Chair reported no votes were taken in Executive Session.

Right to be Heard – None.

I. Approval of Minutes

- a. June 13, 2011 Executive Session  
Motion to approve by Lafleur. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- b. June 13, 2011 Meeting  
Motion to approve by Lafleur. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- c. June 20, 2011 Special Meeting  
Motion to approve by Lafleur. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- d. June 29, 2011 Executive Session  
Motion to approve by Lafleur. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- e. June 29, 2011 Special Meeting  
Motion to approve by Lafleur. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- f. July 6, 2011 Executive Session  
Motion to approve by Lafleur. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- g. July 14, 2011 Executive Session  
Motion to approve by Lafleur. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- h. July 14, 2011 Meeting  
Motion to approve by Lafleur. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- i. August 10, 2011 Special Meeting  
Motion to approve by Lafleur. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- j. August 17, 2011 Special Meeting  
Motion to approve by Lafleur. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

II. Correspondence

- a. Letter received from Dr. Christy re: Music Education  
Superintendent Fortunato shared a letter she received from Dr. Christy regarding the music education at Central Elementary, Lincoln Middle and Lincoln High School. Dr. Christy related her children's experiences in the music program at the three schools, lauding Mrs. Richie and Mr. Casale.

### III. Superintendent's Report

#### a. Citations

Kristine Donabedian read the names of the Girls' Lacrosse 2011 Division II State Finalists as Mary Varr presented certificates to the following:

Elise Farnum, Nina Fournier, Nora Kinslow, Samantha O'Neil, Erin Sharkey and Heather Rose Tracy who graduated in 2010; and Sarena F. Balon, Jean M. Bray, Michaela C. Butler, Anne Elizabeth Carroll, Aidan Cullen, Jillian DeSimone, Kristen A. Giarusso, Emma Nicole Hebert, Isra S. Hussan, Jessica Lynn Kast, Ashley M. Moreau, Brittany N. Redding, Daphne B. Robson, Cortney A. Roque, Paige Nicole Snyder, Taylor Caroline Theriault, Haley R. Walinski, Emily K. Walsh, Avery Miranda Yang, and Coaches Susan Renzi, Charlene Snyder, Joseph Areson.

#### b. Lincoln High School Student Update

Assistance Principal Cobb introduced Student Council President Christopher Beauchene. Chris stated he would like to coordinate activities through the Student Council to avoid overlapping fund raisers. He reported Spirit Week is coming up and instead of having the food drive at that time, they will have it closer to Thanksgiving. The blood drive is also coming up. They would like to have a Spring Pep Rally for the spring sports.

#### c. School Opening Update

Superintendent Fortunato reported on the opening of school after a five day delay due to Hurricane Irene, noting she visited each school. She thanked the administrators, teachers, teacher assistants, secretaries, maintenance and custodial staff for creating such a wonderful learning environment for the students. Fortunato reviewed some of the initiatives they have worked on for the 2011-2012 school year: to continue with the Data Center K-12 on instructional strategies, the Dana Center in the area of science, the teaching of American History curriculum continues to improve social studies instruction district wide. The implementation of TEEC for K-8 will improve writing in the elementary grades and middle school and TEXT to improve writing at the high school. They will continue with a new teacher evaluation instrument rolling out under the Race to the Top initiative. The Before the Bell Program, a new enrichment program, will begin in early October and give students an opportunity to expand their learning beyond the core curriculum. Some of the electives to be offered are Band, Chorus, Math Olympiad, Discovery Science, NASA Explorer, Chinese and Art. The Virtual Classroom experiences will expand at the middle and high schools. Some of the classes at the high school are Constitutional Law, Modern Middle East, Bioethics Symposium, Genes and Disease, Environmental Chemistry, Psychology of Crime, World Religions, the Vietnam War, Portuguese 1, and Screen Writing Fundamentals. The Virtual Classroom at the middle school will offer Great Inventions, Scientific Discovery, Psychology, Web Design & Internet Research and Creating Art History. Fortunato thanked Mrs. Smith for her work and recommended everyone check out the district web site.

The Lincoln Public Schools will continue the pursuit of their mission to provide a nurturing and safe school environment. The Lincoln Public Schools will continue to promote their chain reaction of kindness and tolerance. The Strategic Plan will continue thriving to develop, implement and evaluate a comprehensive assessment system to increase student achievement in grades Pre-K – 12. The Lincoln Public Schools will include the use of technology by both students and teachers to improve teaching and learning. The Lincoln Public Schools will pursue and foster a cooperative relationship between every school, home and community at large, including businesses. Lincoln Public Schools will develop and implement a comprehensive plan that supports approved programs, including space and facilities. Superintendent Fortunato wished the staff success for the 11-12 school year.

#### d. Enrollment Report

The Superintendent reported the following enrollments:

Lonsdale Elementary	316	Central Elementary	376
Saylesville Elementary	332	Northern Elementary	413
Lincoln Middle School	762	Lincoln High School	1,056

As of September 9<sup>th</sup>, the total enrollment is 3,255.

- e. Rescissions  
Superintendent Fortunato requested approval to rescind Susan Vanderdoes.  
Motion to approve by Lafleur. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- f. Introduction of School Committee Liaisons  
Superintendent Fortunato introduced the following PTO/PTA Liaisons:
  - Central: Michele Marchetti, Pamela Mazzenga; Lonsdale: Kristin Stebenne  
Emily Garthee; Northern: Jennifer L'Esperance, Renee Hanley; Saylesville:  
Anne McGinn; Middle School: Jacques Benun, Jennifer L'Esperance; High  
School: Pattie Walsh, Connie Farrell
- g. Approval of Revised DPT Job Description  
Motion to approve by Lafleur. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- h. Approval of Elementary Enrichment Coach Job Description  
Motion to approve by Lafleur. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- i. Discussion of 2011-12 School Calendar  
The Superintendent reported this is for discussion only. Vice Chair Zito explained they need to make up the five days of school. Graduation would be moved from June 8<sup>th</sup> to June 15<sup>th</sup>. The last day of school would be scheduled from June 12<sup>th</sup> to June 19<sup>th</sup>. Those would be without adding any snow days. Mary Anne Roll expressed concern that adding five days in June doesn't add instruction time as would be provided earlier in the year, noting the schools are not air conditioned. Options are using part of the scheduled February or April vacation. She asked the Superintendent to survey teachers and parents for feedback.
- j. Approval of Revised LHS Early Release Day & New Graduation Date  
Superintendent Fortunato requested changing the early release date from January 6, 2012 to January 13, 2012 and graduation from June 8, 2012 to June 15, 2012. Motion to approve by Lafleur. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- k. Before the Bell Enrichment Program  
Melinda Smith reported on the program for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. It will bring band down to the fourth grade. Chorus will also be offered before school. To be creative in their scheduling they looked at what they wanted to offer – band chorus, math Olympiad, Discovery Science, art, NASA Explorer and foreign language. Smith worked with Mary Ann McComiskey to schedule teachers who would come in early and could leave an hour early. They will be able to offer busing to the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. The program will begin October 3<sup>rd</sup> and run until June 7<sup>th</sup> and there will be an annual expo to highlight these programs.
- l. Financial Report/Charter Schools Update  
Lori Miller reported there has only been one teacher payroll and she is projecting a zero positive/negative variance. The Charter School line will have a positive variance. They had budgeted 69 Charter School students and they are at 62. Miller also noted she had budgeted \$10,000 and tuition is coming in at \$8,100 per student. So there will be a savings in the number and rate. She also noted they can now bill the Charter or vocational school for buses, so there will be a federal reimbursement.
- m. ESY Update  
Maryann Struble reported there are 93 students and the initiatives used during the year, Pushing Our Math scores, Study Island, Pushing Writing, all continues in the ESY program. Students also have to complete the summer reading and they assist with that. Struble introduced Barbara Marr, ESY Coordinator. Barbara explained the program is for students who learn more slowly than others, who have multiple disabilities or having emerging skills. She also noted that these students have to now take NECAP and other tests. Marr reported on some highlights this summer when a non-verbal student spoke and another student at the middle school who took math in Study Island who now loves math and has integrated into a regular class with support.
- n. Capital Update  
Angelo Mencucci reported on all the work that was done at each school over the summer. He noted there was a great deal of work performed by their in-house staff for cost savings. Angelo noted the lighting replacement program that was accomplished and the savings that will be seen.

IV. Personnel Recommendations

**Resignations**

- a. Neil Letendre  
5 Duxbury Court  
Lincoln, RI 02865  
Motion to approve by Lafleur. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- From: Chorus Advisor – High School  
Effective: September 8, 2011
- b. Cynthia Skelton  
8 Appleby St.  
Newport, RI 02840  
Motion to approve by Lafleur. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.  
Superintendent Fortunato wished Cynthia well.
- From: .4 Library – High School  
Effective: August 26, 2011
- c. Lori DeSimone  
4 Great Meadows Lane  
Lincoln, RI 02865  
Motion to approve by Lafleur. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- From: Kindergarten – Central Elementary  
Effective: September 29, 2011

**Termination**

- d. David Barrette  
133 Church St.  
Woonsocket, RI 02895  
Motion to approve by Lafleur. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- From: Inventory Control Clerk - Administration  
Effective: August 23, 2011

**Administrator Appointment**

- a. Michele Sharpe  
Motion to approve by Lafleur. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- To: Principal – Northern Elementary  
Effective: September 14, 2011

**Leave of Absence Requests**

- a. Jennifer Boudreault  
35 Olney Ave.  
No. Providence, RI 02911  
Motion to approve by Lafleur. Seconded by Roll and Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- From: Self-Contained – Central Elementary  
Effective: September 23, 2011 – April 2, 2012

**Teacher Appointments**

- a. Brandon Lahoud  
60 Sutton Avenue, #206  
East Providence, RI 02914  
Motion to approve by Lafleur. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- To: .4 Music – High School  
Effective: September 13, 2011  
Salary: B-1 \$15,554.60

**Long-Term Substitute Appointments**

- a. Stephanie Ganim  
8 Rosewood Drive  
Lincoln, RI 02865  
Motion to approve by Lafleur. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- To: LTS Grade 1 – Lonsdale Elementary  
Effective: October 4, 2011 – January 2, 2012  
Salary: M-6 \$17,357.44

**Support Staff Appointments**

- a. Chrisily Genesse  
23 Pleasant View Ave.  
Lincoln, RI 02865  
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Lafleur. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.  
To: 12hr/wk PT TA – Lonsdale Elementary  
Effective: August 29, 2011 – June 2012  
Salary: \$10.25/hour
- b. Corrie Rosa  
9 Anvil Drive  
Cumberland, RI 02864  
Motion to approve by Lafleur. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.  
To: Classroom TA – Northern Elementary  
Effective: August 23, 2011  
Salary: Per contract
- c. Jolene Bianco  
24 Spokane St.  
Providence, RI 02904  
Motion to approve by Lafleur. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.  
To: 1:1 TA - Northern Elementary  
Effective: August 23, 2011  
Salary: Per contract
- d. Tara Gonsalves  
58 Sherman Ave.  
Lincoln, RI 02865  
Motion to approve by Lafleur. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.  
To: 1:1 TA - Central Elementary  
Effective: August 23, 2011  
Salary: Per contract
- e. Susan White  
62 South St. Apt. #3  
Woonsocket, RI 02895  
Motion to approve by Lafleur. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.  
To: 1:1 TA – High School  
Effective: August 23, 2011  
Salary: Per contract
- f. Christine Tomlinson  
8 Stone Bridge Road  
Cumberland, RI 02864  
Motion to approve by Lafleur. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.  
To: 1:1 TA – Middle School  
Effective: August 23, 2011  
Salary: Per contract

**Co-Curricular Appointments**

- a. Denise O'Leary  
2 Laura Lane  
Norton, MA 02766  
Motion to approve by Lafleur. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.  
To: Junior Class Co-Advisor – High School  
Effective: 2011 – 2012 school year  
Salary: Per contract

V. Awarding of Bids

- a. School Facility Maintenance, IT and Facility Scheduling Software  
Lori Miller reported this is an integrated software program that will provide inventory, asset management, scheduling for maintenance, IT and facility scheduling software. It will assist with UCOA. It includes \$6,068 for training and a wireless application.

SchoolDude.com                      Not to Exceed \$21,412.10

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

- b. RTI Benchmark and Progress Monitoring System for Grades K-8 Software  
Pricing is for a three year period. The first year will be paid with ARR IDEA B funds.

Pearson Clinical Assessment                      \$10,266.65

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

VI. Salary Warrants

August 11, 2011	\$1,122,255.60
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Motion to approve by Lafleur. Seconded by Varr and Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

August 25, 2011	\$1,122,419.39
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Motion to approve by Lafleur. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

VII. Expense Warrants

September 12, 2011	10-11 FY	\$8,690.39
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Motion to approve by Lafleur. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

September 12, 2011	11-12 FY	\$722,602.25
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Motion to approve by Lafleur. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

September 12, 2011	Capital Reserve	\$270,080.22
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Motion to approve by Lafleur. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

VIII. School Committee Reports – None.

IX. Community Comments

Mary Ann McComiskey welcomed Michele Sharpe to the district. She wished Neil and Cynthia well and commented on how Lori DeSimone was here 26 years and inspired colleagues and students.

X. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. by Lafleur. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

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MARY VARR, CLERK

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DATE