

LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND
MINUTES

DATE: September 10, 2012
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, Mary Anne Roll
Absent: Elizabeth Robson, Chair; John Lafleur

Others Present: Georgia Fortunato, Superintendent; Eric Banville, Patricia Gablinske, Mark Gadbois, Jeannine Magliocco, Kevin McNamara, Angelo Mencucci, Lori Miller, Reza Sarkarati, Michele Sharpe, Melinda Smith, Maryann Struble, Mark Thompson, Heidi Godowski, Mark Cobb.

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 there was one vote taken in Executive Session to sustain the Superintendent's recommendation. Motion to seal the Executive Session minutes by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

Right to be Heard – None.

I. Approval of Minutes

- a. June 11, 2012 Meeting
Motion to approve by Roll. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.
- b. June 11, 2012 Executive Session
Motion to approve by Roll. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.
Motion to seal the Executive Session minutes by Roll. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor.
Motion carried 5-0.
- c. June 26, 2012 Executive Session
Motion to approve by Roll. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.
Motion to seal the Executive Session minutes by Roll. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor.
Motion carried 5-0.
- d. June 26, 2012 Meeting
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.
- e. July 10, 2012 Executive Session
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.
Motion to seal the Executive Session minutes by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor.
Motion carried 5-0.
- f. July 10, 2012 Meeting
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.
- g. July 26, 2012 Executive Session
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.
Motion to seal the Executive session minutes by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor.
Motion carried 5-0.

- h. July 26, 2012 Meeting
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.
- i. August 1, 2012 Meeting
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.
- j. August 21, 2012 Meeting
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

II. Superintendent's Report

a. Citations

Superintendent Fortunato commented the Lady Lions Softball Team. The team was simply amazing and completed their first undefeated softball season since 1999, with a 22-0 record. Kristine Donabedian read the following names and the players were presented a citation by Mary Varr:

Sarah Albanese, Casie Beauchemin, Emily Bouthillette, Stephanie Brennan, McKenzie Cavanaugh, Kelsey Conca, Kellyn Dyer, Alexandra Dzialo, Emma Hart, Lauren Hervieux, Kaisha Licciardi, Lindsay Mayer, Stacey Mayer, Alyssa Schermerhorn, Adriano Toro, Meredith Walsh and Coach Richard Ryan.

b. Lincoln High School Student Update

Principal McNamara introduced Isra Hussain, Senior Class President, one of the most involved students and she also represents one of the upper academic levels. Isra stated this is an exciting year. She would like to collaborate with each other. One goal is to raise funds and bring students together in the process. She would like to seniors to set an example for younger students in Spirit Week and get more students involved. Isra is looking forward to a nice prom and stress academic success.

c. School Opening Update

Superintendent Fortunato reported they are off to a great start. She visited each school with Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Struble. The Superintendent thanked the administrators, teachers, teacher assistants, secretaries, maintenance, custodial and technology staff because without them there wouldn't be such a wonderful learning environment for the students. The 2.2 million dollar technology infusion will become a reality. She is looking forward to the revised teacher evaluation, transition to the common core standard, continued work with the Dana Center in math and science, and the Before the Bell program. They will be revising the Strategic Plan. The two professional days focused on technology and provided teachers and support staff with tools to enhance teaching and learning. There will be an I Pledge campaign to recognize educators and engage all stake holders to commit to public education in RI. The Superintendent reported she was selected to sit on the RI Race to the Top state convening committee. Fortunato will be returning to Washington at the end of September to report on what they are doing in Rhode Island. There will be an ad campaign with the I Pledge campaign which will encourage teachers, students, parents, labor leaders and elected officials to visit a web site to make their own pledges. She urged everyone to make a pledge.

d. Enrollment Report

The Superintendent reported the following enrollments: Lonsdale 314; Central 341; Saylesville 285; Northern Elementary 419; Lincoln Middle 744 and Lincoln High School 1,079. The total is 3,182 students.

e. Energy Update

Mr. Fusco reported Lincoln has reached over a 30% savings and in a five year period 1.5 million dollars has been saved. He noted this is due to the efforts of custodians, teachers, kitchen help and, of course, principals. Mr. Fusco commented on Superintendent Fortunato's support which has certainly added to the program's success.

f. Energy Award Presentation

Julie Zito accepted the Energy Education's Pacesetter Award from Mr. Fusco.

g. Principal Presentations

The Superintendent reported she made a challenge to each of the six schools on what their plan is to improve achievement this year. She is looking for each school to be commendable this year.

Michelle Sharpe, Principal of Northern Elementary, reported they were classified typical and her goal is move up at least three to five points in the target areas of ELA and math. Some of her plan includes tracking attendance, Response to Intervention, pilot Foundations, pilot Write Traits and continue with the Dana Center, SIT team, professional development. They will have grade level/flex period for common weekly meetings, the Before the Bell program and summer programs.

Patricia Gablinske, Principal of Central Elementary, reported they will work on the RIDE Teacher Evaluation system which has an emphasis on student learning objectives. They will use common planning, response to intervention, SIT team and parent partners to improve. Teachers will now meet regularly three times a week. Study Island was huge this summer. They revised the SIT team by having one teacher representative from each grade. On Professional learning they read a book on comprehensive framework for effective instruction and went along with the RIDE evaluation. They met one night a month to work together. Many teachers trained in district initiatives are now training other teachers. Central has a strong parent organization.

Jeannine Magliocco, Principal of Lonsdale Elementary, reported at looking at teacher leadership and the number of initiatives. She noted Mrs. Smith's help with disabilities. CRTI is a new at Lonsdale. A graph showed they are at 85% in math, 86% in reading but writing is flat. They will continue working with the Dana Center, Study Island, Scientist Notebook and TEEC writing, the SIT team. The teachers are thrilled with the common planning. She also noted the parent group is strong and that they had a summer academy this summer.

Reza Sarkarati, Principal of Saylesville Elementary, invited all parents to become a part of Saylesville this year and make their plan a reality. Saylesville was designated typical and in meeting with the teachers, they all agree they don't want to be typical. The targets are similar to the other schools, however, they do need to pay attention to student disabilities and low-income students. Math is around 80%, They are taking a comprehensive approach to constructive collaboration and teamwork with family and parent partnerships. They can use the common planning and learning time; the professional learning community will meet twice a month. Writing went from 62% to 69%, but they want to improve writing instruction by reading professional texts, PLC formative assessment, RTI and PBIS.

Mark Thompson, Principal of Lincoln Middle School, reported they have been planning for the future the last two years. His focus is a little different. They took out the tracking of the five levels of math and redesigned the schedule. Teams can run more periods a day, what best meets the needs of their students. They have included the Way To Go Program, redesigned the advisory and PBIS, and having reading 66 minutes a week. They will continue with the Kahn Academy, Study Island and SLO. They have worked hard to make an orderly, safe and nurturing learning environment.

Kevin McNamara, Principal of Lincoln High School, stated he has started emphasizing with teachers that the work starting now is starting to make sense. In terms of reading and writing, all teachers on the RIDE model had SLOs with text paragraph or had school wide report. Everyone is focused on improving reading and writing no matter what the content area is. They are talking about how to make common tasks tie directly into the SLOs. Last year was the first year for Algebra I but they needed more time for students and this year they have geometry. The Dana Center is supplying help for students needing it.

They are focusing on the graduation rate with a watch list. PBGR was implemented last year and there are 43 students on the list now. They are preparing for increased vigor and working toward being commended.

h. ESY Update

Maryann Struble reported supporting students with IEPs to prevent regression and have a negative September. They maintain criteria for the extended school year. There were 72 students this year. Struble introduced Coordinator Barbara Mahr. Mahr presented a slide show of summer activities.

i. Capital Update

Angelo Mencucci reported on the work accomplished over the summer at each school and the administration building.

j. Approval of Disposition of Obsolete Textbooks

Motion to approve by Varr. Seconded by Donabedian. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

k. Vote to Approve 2012-13 Budget Adjustments and

l. Financial Report/Charter Schools Update/Edu Jobs

Lori Miller reported there will no longer be an Edu Jobs report because the money is spent. Charter schools are up 30 kids. They are waiting to see if they all stay at Charter Schools. If they do, they will have to move money, possibly one million dollars. She is projecting no variations. They are looking at the electricity and heating. Fifty thousand dollars was moved out of the substitute line to cover the amendment. The school committee budget was \$48,847,434 and \$320,356 had to be cut. The adjusted budget is \$48,517,078 approved at the town meeting. Motion to approve the adjusted budget by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

m. Out of State Field Trip Requests

LMS Field Hockey, to N. Easton, MA, September 28, 2012

Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

LHS Boys and Girls Cross Country to Manchester, CT, October 6, 2012

Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

LMS Hockey game, Somerset, MA, October 12, 2012

Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

Boys and Girls Cross Country to Nike Cross Country Regionals, Boden Park, Wappinger Falls, NY, November 23-25, 2012

Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

Boys and Girls High School Indoor Track & Field, Hanover, NH, January 11-13, 2013

Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

III. Personnel Recommendations

Leave of Absence

- a. Lisa Peterson
23 Chepachet Avenue
Cumberland, RI 02864
- From: Grade 3 – Central
RIDE Fellowship (Paid)
- Effective: 2012-13 School Year
- Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

Teacher Appointments

- a. Jane Pichette
250 Central Street
Manville, RI 02838
- To: 1.0 Art – Middle School
- Effective: August 29, 2012
- Salary: M-7 \$61,600.00

- b. Marianne Byington
5 Morning Way
Cumberland, RI 02864
To: 1.0 Self-Contained - Central
Effective: August 29, 2012
Salary: B-10 \$76,354.00
- c. Amy Joyce
27 Maria Drive
Lincoln, RI 02865
To: 1.0 Resource - Central
Effective: August 29, 2012
Salary: M-10 \$80,128.00
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

Long-Term Substitute Teacher Appointments

- a. Kellie Piche-Tatro
20 Angell Road
Cumberland, RI 02864
To: 1.0 LTS Self-Contained – Central
Effective: August 29, 2012 – June 2013
Salary: M-10 \$80,128.00
- b. Amy Archambault
6 Betty Street
Lincoln, RI 02865
To: 1.0 LTS – Grade 3 – Central
Effective: August 29, 2012 – June 2013
Salary: M-1 \$43,542.00
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

Support Staff Appointments

- a. Mary Amaral
40 Williams St.
Lincoln, RI 02865
To: PT 12hr/wk TA – Lonsdale Elementary
Effective: August 29, 2012
Salary: \$10.25/hour
- b. Renee Melaragno
1 Orchard Street
Greenville, RI 02828
To: PT 15hr/wk TA – Central Elementary
Effective: August 29, 2012
Salary: \$9.25/hour
- c. Kara Kushner
252 Draper Avenue
North Attleboro, MA 02760
To: PT 15hr/wk TA – Central Elementary
Effective: August 29, 2012
Salary: \$9.25/hour
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

Co-Curricular Appointments

- a. Rebecca Regan
39 Evergreen St.
Providence, RI 02906
To: Freshman Class Co-Advisor– High School
Effective: 2012-13 School Year
Salary: Per contract
- b. Meghan Maguire
324 Pawtuxet Ave.
Warwick, RI 02888
To: Freshman Class Co-Advisor– High School
Effective: 2012-13 School Year
Salary: Per contract
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

Coaching Appointments

- a. Timothy Potter
8 Barbara's Way
Lincoln, RI 02865
To: Boys Soccer Assistant Coach – High School
Effective: 2012-13 Fall Sports Season
Salary: Per contract

- b. Kelsey Shurtleff To: Football Cheerleading Coach – High School
5 Wake Robin Rd, Unit 209 Effective: 2012-13 Fall Sports Season (*Pending Certification*)
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: Per contract
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0. The Superintendent noted Shurtleff’s appointment is pending certification.

- IV. Salary Warrants
August 23, 2012 \$1,130,157.21
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Donabedian. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

- V. Expense Warrants
September 10, 2012 2011-2011 FY \$14,959.50
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Donabedian. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

September 10, 2012 2012-2013 FY \$1,092,685.93
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

September 10, 2012
Projected Capital Reserve Fund Expenditure \$384,772.33
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

- VI. New Business
a. Home School Requests
- Mr. and Mrs. David Shores
- Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Popovich
- Mr. and Mrs. David Mackall
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

- VII. School Committee Reports – None.

- VIII. Community Comments
Fred Hoppe welcomed new members and teachers. He thanked Superintendent Fortunato and Mr. Banville for their hard work hiring staff throughout the summer.

- IX. Adjourn
Motion to adjourn at 9:02 PM by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

MARY VARR, CLERK

DATE