

LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND
MINUTES

DATE: December 11, 2012
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, Patricia Gablinske, Mark Gadbois, Jeannine Magliocco, Kevin McNamara, Angelo Mencucci, Lori Miller, 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 was one vote taken in Executive Session to decline a grievance by the union. Motion to seal the Executive Session minutes by Zito. Seconded by LaFleur. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

Right to be Heard – None.

I. Approval of Minutes

- a. November 19, 2012 Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by LaFleur. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

II. Superintendent's Report

- a. Citations
Superintendent Fortunato reported the Middle School soccer team are the North Division Soccer Champions with 11 wins and one loss. Julie Zito presented the following with certificates:

Nicholas Albanese, Brandon Bisbano, Gianni Campanaro, Zachary Carvalho, Noah Duquette, Isaiah Estrada, William Hanna, Daniel Hasegawa, Sam Howard, John Keenan, James Kozlowski, Matthew Mardo, Alexander Ragosta, Max Ragosta, Coach Vernon Howard

- b. Approval and Adoption of District Strategic Plan

The Superintendent recognized members of the committee: Besides the district leaders, School Committee members, central office leadership team, principals, parents, students. She reported it was a very productive session and the results were as follows with the objectives for the 2012-2015 Lincoln Public Schools Strategic Plan:

Objective #1 - The Lincoln Public Schools Department will develop, implement and evaluate a comprehensive assessment and accountability system to increase student achievement, PreK-12.

Strategy 1: Plan for the implementation of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) State Assessment.

Strategy 2: Develop, implement and evaluate balanced assessment system district wide.

Objective #2 - The Lincoln Public School Department will integrate the use of technology with both students and teachers to improve teaching and learning.

Strategy 1: We will integrate the National Education Technology Standards in PREK-12 curriculum and instruction.

Strategy 2: We will identify technology needs, including access, throughout the district and provide equipment and professional development on an ongoing basis.

Strategy 3: We will effectively implement new technology throughout the district.

Objective #3 - The Lincoln Public School Department will pursue and foster a cooperative relationship between every school, home and the community at large, including businesses.

Strategy 1: Building alliances with community agencies for the purpose of providing access to outside resources and information that support the whole child.

Strategy 2: Engaging collaborative partnerships with local business and community members to invest in our schools for the purpose of creating innovative enrichment opportunity for our students.

Strategy 3: We will provide each student's family greater opportunities to be involved and empowered in the educational process to promote student achievement.

Objective #4 - The Lincoln Public School Department will develop and implement a comprehensive plan that supports improved programs, space and facilities.

Strategy 1: We will develop and implement a comprehensive plan for space and facilities to support a high-quality pre-kindergarten instructional program.

Strategy 2: Align Stage II RIDE (5-year) Capital Plan with Lincoln Strategic Plan.

Motion to adopt the 2012-2015 Strategic Plan by Zito. Seconded by LaFleur. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

c. Approval of Revised Director of Curriculum Job Description

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

d. Approval of Unbudgeted Part Time Teacher Assistant Positions

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

e. Approval of CCRI Rental Agreement

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

f. Lincoln High School Grading Policy Update

Superintendent Fortunato reported the committee has reinstated the grade A+ and report cards are being updated. Colleges will be shown the new report cards with the A+.

g. Vote to Approve 12-13 Budget Adjustment

Lori Miller explained these are just transfers in the special education line.

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

h. Out of State Field Trip Requests

December 22, 2012 Franklin High School, Turns Falls, MA

Lincoln High School Wrestling Team

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

January 5, 2013 Bretton Woods Ski Resort, Bretton Woods, NH

Ski & Snow Board Club

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

February 2, 2012 Burke Mountain, East Burke, VT

Ski & Snow Board Club

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

V. Expense Warrants

November 11, 2012 2012-2013 FY \$1,310,115.28

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

VI. School Committee Reports

Superintendent Fortunato thanked Elizabeth Robson for her work on the School Committee as a mentor and support and expressed how much she will be missed. Julie Zito commented on their eight years together on the Committee and difference Robson has made. Robson was presented with gifts. Mary Anne Roll stated in Robson's service and negotiations she always asked "where are the kids in this?" Betty stated the eight years have been wonderful and it was a pleasure working with Georgia Fortunato and her team.

Kristine Donabedian noted she attended the Town Council meeting on the Fairlawn lease and invited anyone interested to a meeting with the Town Administrator on Monday, December 17th at 7 PM. Mary Anne Roll reported that John Carroll attended School Committee 101 and she is looking forward to having him join this body. She also reported attending the RIDE Wellness Collaborative today and there will be a good opportunity to look at their Wellness Policy.

The Superintendent reported she and Lori Miller will be attending the meeting with the Town Administrator and Town Council on the 17th. She also intends to schedule a meeting with the School Committee to discuss the buildings in Lincoln.

VII. Community Comments

Rick Battistoni commented he hadn't been to a meeting in two years since he served, but he was there to offer praise for Betty Robson and thank her. He commented on her leadership among equals. He wished her the best. Fred Hoppe of the LTA thanked Betty Robson as he knows the hours it takes. He is looking forward to the support of high quality education, not high stakes testing. He wished her well.

VIII. Adjourn

Motion to approve adjourning at 7:47 PM by Zito. Seconded by LaFleur. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

MARY VARR, CLERK

DATE