

LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND
MINUTES

DATE: January 23, 2013
PLACE: Lincoln High School Library
135 Old River Road
Lincoln, RI 02865
TIME: 6:30 PM

School Committee Members Present: Kristine Donabedian, Chair; Mary Anne Roll, Vice Chair; Mary Varr, Clerk; John Carroll, Tracey Cavanaugh, John LaFleur, Julie Zito

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

Julie Zito, Vice Chair, led the Pledge of allegiance.

Motion to open the meeting by LaFleur. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

I. Superintendent's Report

a. Second Reading Revised School Committee By-Laws

Motion to approve by LaFleur. Seconded by Roll. Discussion ensued.

Zito felt the word absence was ambiguous in the section "in the absence of the chair and vice chair". She felt someone could be present electronically and have an opinion. She stated it wasn't about being at a meeting, but approving the agenda. The Superintendent explained she had met with Attorney Scungio and anyone can make changes to the agenda if they are present. She noted anyone can request of her to put something on the agenda Zito made a motion to table. No second was provided. The motion FAILED.

Original motion to approve the second reading of the revised School Committee By-Laws. Motion carried 6-1, with Zito against.

II. Organizational Workshop Meeting

a. Vote on reorganization and School Committee appointments

Varr nominated Donabedian to be Chair. Seconded by LaFleur. Motion carried 6-1, with Zito against. Zito turned the meeting over to Chair Donabedian.

Donabedian nominated Roll to be Vice Chair. Seconded by LaFleur. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

Roll nominated Varr as Clerk. Seconded by LaFleur. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

Tuitions – There are three areas – vocational schools, charter schools and special education out of district. Davies has 42 occupied seats at \$6,000 per child. The Met school has 8 occupied seats for \$48,000 for a total for vocational tuitions of \$300,000. Projected charter school payments are \$1,023,000 for Blackstone Valley Prep, \$11,000 for The Greene School, \$99,000 for Beacon Charter, \$99,000 for International Charter, \$22,000 at CVS Highlander, \$44,000 for RI Nurses Charter for a total of \$1,298,000. Tuitions for out of district are projected to increase \$51,641, vocational tuitions \$90,000 and charter school payments \$548,000.

Professional Development – The Superintendent is looking at emergency preparedness professional development for all staff at a projected cost of \$132,000 for eight to ten hours.

2013-2014 Projected State Aid – The Governor’s budget aid is \$8,946,871 or a difference of \$808,859 over the 2012-2013. The projected 13-14 state aid increase is \$1,092,883 or 2.25%.

The Superintendent explained that RIDE is now requiring a two year funding requirement for Housing Aid reimbursement that requires us to approve two years of capital projects each year. She congratulated the administrative team, principals and teachers for a job well done. Zero based budgeting methodology was used.

Angelo Mencucci reported on the Capital Budget by listing all the work at each building with a priority rating of 1, 1A, 1B, 2, 2A, 3, 5. The 2013-2014 proposed totals are as follows:

Lincoln High School	\$2,749,659
Northern Elementary School	1,509,107
Lincoln Middle School	134,100
Central Elementary School	202,857
Lonsdale Elementary School	324,532
Saylesville Elementary School	299,297
Administration	51,113
Total	\$5,270,625

Comments were made in agreement with the difficulties with the phone system. Mary Anne Roll suggested keeping a log of the problems to document the problems. She also noted it would be helpful to prioritize within the number 1’s and to separate security. Kristine Donabedian asked about the roof assessment. Mr. Mencucci explained it is a given format on what the membrane would withstand and what is below it. They won’t do warranty roofs.

Mr. Mencucci explained this is a new process under RIDE guidelines. He tried to keep a common theme with ADA lav upgrades for 2014-15 recommended capital.

The 2014-2015 Proposed Capital Budget is as follows:

Lincoln High School	\$ 600,000
Northern Elementary	300,000
Middle School	2,958
Central Elementary	200,000
Lonsdale Elementary	300,000
Saylesville Elementary	400,000
Administration/Grounds	0
Total	\$1,802,958

Lori Miller reported RIDE wants a five year plan and every two years they will go in with a five year plan. If a district fails to include something there is an amendment process, but they weren't sure how it would work. Once everything has been voted on and approved at the financial town meeting then it is in the budget. The Superintendent stated she would like to invite Mr. DaSilva to come to a February meeting to explain the process. Mary Anne Roll commented the process is RIDE driven and the budget board should be included in the discussion, even in a workshop.

The Superintendent noted the next meeting is the 29th at 6:30 PM in the High School Library and she will be asking for a vote on the budget so it can go to the Town Administrator on February 1st.

V. Community Comment

Budget Board member Carl Brunetti commented the increase in the town's contribution to the school department is limited to 4% this year. When you take state aide, the budget is \$157,457 over the maximum allowable. He agreed with prioritizing.

VI. Adjourn

Motion to approve by LaFleur at 7:53 PM. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

MARY VARR, CLERK

DATE