

LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND
MINUTES

DATE: January 29, 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, Mark Gadbois, Angelo Mencucci, Lori Miller, Maryann Struble

The Superintendent requested moving III. Expense Warrants to be first on the agenda. There were no objections.

I. Expense Warrants

January 23, 2013 FY 12-13 \$1,950

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

II. Budget Workshop

- Consideration and discussion of proposed 2013-2014 Operating Budget
Superintendent Fortunato presented recommended reductions prior to voting on the budget:
 - Fringe Benefits – The medical insurance is self-insured and they met with the consultant and the account history could be reduced by one million dollars. The Superintendent warned that something could happen and change that reduction. The consultant felt there was a safety net.
 - Salaries – Additional Elementary Library Media Specialist, high school French and Mathematic Teachers. Current Staff Special Education teacher at Saylesville, Northern/Lonsdale, Elementary education teacher at Central and Saylesville.
 - Supplies – Textbooks – other options are being looked at. Library books – students still need books; however, laptops and I pads are being used. Referees – the request was made with the hopes of all teams going to championships. Athletic supplies – new uniforms can't be purchased for every team every year.
 - General Supplies – they have to do more with less. They have to order what they truly need.

- Other – Network servers and emergency preparedness professional development – Superintendent Fortunato explained these items could be funded through a reappropriation of surplus because they are one-time expenditures. The preparedness professional development can be funded through the local budget on a smaller scale once the entire staff is fully trained. When asked what her wish list would include the Superintendent said the high school French and math teachers and the library media specialist. Fortunato explained the library media specialist would afford keyboarding to take place in the elementary schools and other things can be done at the middle and high schools. They should be able to use the proper technique.

Lori Miller calculated the changes with staffing bringing the total to \$49,626,249, an increase of \$1,109,171 or 2.28%. She noted there would be miscellaneous revenue, such as pre-school, building rentals. Mary Anne Roll asked about the emergency training for subs. The Superintendent said that would be handled by HR for new hire training as well. Zito stated it might be possible to incorporate training during the day with the students. LaFleur felt the servers should not be taken out of the budget because of the urgency. Roll agreed. The new number was \$49,858,249, an increase of 2.76%. Donabedian asked the budget board member if they could have some time on his agenda for a resolution if there was additional accelerated funding.

- Prioritized Capital – Angelo Mencucci explained he broke down individual areas by school starting with a number one priority and included the vestibule within the school list. LaFleur was wary to move forward with the vestibules in the event new state guidelines come out. Fortunato noted they had started this back in April and there won't be any money from RIDE. Zito suggested they should just put the budget forward and let the budget board review it and then what should be done. Discussion ensued regarding the \$1.9 million for the athletic field. LaFleur continued to remind the committee that the lighting already exists. Mencucci pointed out the middle school is a very public building and a lot of people came through last year. Mark Gadbois broke down the phone expense as \$5,520 per elementary, \$10,924 high school, \$10,563 administration, \$8,626 middle school. The final amount is \$4,420,550.

III. Vote to Approve 2013-2014 School Committee Proposed Operating Budget

Motion to approve the Superintendent's Operating Budget for 2013-2014 in the amount of \$49,858,249 by LaFleur. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion to approve the Capital Budget in the amount of \$4,420,550 by LaFleur. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

IV. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:07 PM by LaFleur. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.