

**LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND
MINUTES**

DATE: February 11, 2013
PLACE: Lincoln Middle School
152 Jenckes Hill Road
Lincoln, RI 02865
TIME: 7:00 PM – Open Session

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

Absent: Julie Zito

Others Present: Georgia Fortunato, Superintendent; Eric Banville, Caroline Frey, Mark Gadbois, Angelo Mencucci, Lori Miller, Maryann Struble; Attorney Benjamin Scungio

Opening Ceremony

Chair to report out on 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 were no votes taken in Executive Session.

Motion to approve sealing the executive session minutes by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Varr. All in favor.

Motion carried 6-0.

Right to be Heard – None.

I. Approval of Minutes

- a. January 14, 2013 Executive Session
Motion to approve by Varr. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- b. January 14, 2013 Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- c. January 23, 2013 Special Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Varr, Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- d. January 29, 2013 Special Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

II. Superintendent's Report

- a. Citations
Superintendent Fortunato reported the winning posters were on display on the wall and will be on display throughout the district and finally at the administration building. Mary Anne Roll noted they went through more than 300 entries and hope to make this an annual contest for K-12.

Roll announced the following winners of the Health & Wellness Poster contest as John Carroll presented the winners with certificates:

District-Wide Winner: Molly Thibaudeau, Grade 5 Lonsdale
Elementary Runner Up: Jenna Burlingame, Grade 4 Lonsdale
Middle School Runners Up: Zachary Carvalho, A.C. Houle, Leila Loparto,
Jillian Tuyschaevers (eighth graders)
High School Runners Up: Holly Forshaw, Sabrina Gardner, Spencer Good,
Arianna Gough, Kyley Gregory, John Guarino, Timur Guzelek, Jordan Hamilton,
Alexander Hammond, Amy Harmon, Lauren Harootunian, Brian Hasegawa,
Lindsey Hauser, Joshua Hayes (Mrs. Bedrossian's Eleventh Grade Advisory)

b. Layoff/Non Renewal Notices

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

c. School Lunch Update

Lori Miller reported the federal government looked at regulations on grains and proteins being served in cafeterias and reduced the serving amount for reimbursable meals. In December they decided to relax restrictions on some of those grains and proteins. The second highlight is there may be a change in the national policy on non-payment of meals, giving the school department the ability to go after payment. Andrew Viveiros from Aramark explained it was a weekly average of size, for example, there wasn't always the same size sandwich available each day. They had been selling some of the larger meals on the ala carte menu but couldn't keep it on the reimbursable menu.

d. Charter School Tuition Analysis Discussion

Kristine Donabedian stated the Charter School tuition has two components, state funding based on student need and property values; and local funding, a local levy for education on a per pupil basis. Lincoln's local contribution is \$11,695 and the state is \$3,648, for a total of \$15,343. After a comparison of neighboring communities, of Central Falls (\$15,343), Cumberland (\$14,290) and Pawtucket (\$12,319), the average is \$13,329. That leaves Lincoln's share in funding Charter Schools higher. Mary Anne Roll noted 22 elementary students would be one class. She stated a public school charter is funded with public funds. John Carroll commented the 09-10 education funding formula had a whole series of changes because for a long time RI did not have a fair distribution system. There are communities that are appropriating more money, such as Lincoln. The formula now gives some relief and Lincoln should see that. Some communities have the ability to contribute more. Donabedian noted the more local funding per child concerns her and she feels it is inequitable. She reported being contacted by Sen. Ryan Pearson who is looking to initiate legislation to alleviate some of the cost of this.

e. Financial Report/Charter Schools Update

Lori Miller reported projecting a \$302,000 positive variance based on the additional state revenue this year. She isn't projecting any variance on the expense side because she is still waiting on medical claims; they have spent about two million dollars this year. The heaviest expense months for natural gas are almost past. There are 40 students at Davies which is down from the beginning of the year.

f. Out of State Field Trip Requests

March 2, 2013 LHS Ski Trip
Stowe Mount Resort, Stowe, VT

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

June 7, 2013 LMS Advanced 8th Grade Band and Jazz Band
East Long Meadow High, East Long Meadow, MA and
Six Flags New England, Agawam, MA

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

III. Civic Use of Buildings

- a. Alpha Delta Kappa Annual Blood Drive -4/9/13 @ Lonsdale

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

IV. Personnel Recommendations

Resignations

- a. Susan Darling
18 Cross St.
Manville, RI 02838
From: 15 hr/week PT TA – Northern Elementary (Kind.)
Effective: February 5, 2013
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

- b. Safia Diaz
7 Finne Road
Johnston, RI 02919
From: Secretary I – Business Office
Effective: February 6, 2013
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

Administrative Appointment

- a. Dennis Wilkinson
41 Roseview Drive
Cranston, RI 02920
To: Interim Assistant Principal – Middle School
Effective: February 2, 2013 – March 1, 2013
Salary: \$325 per day (maximum 90 days)
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

Leave of Absence

- a. Lise Robidoux
295 Maple St.
Woonsocket, RI 02895
From: English – High School
Effective: January 23, 2013 – April 5, 2013
Medical Leave (Extension)
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- b. Amy Laven
431 Cushman Road
No. Attleboro, MA 02760
From: Math – High School
Effective: 2013-2014 school year
Childrearing leave
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

Long-Term Substitute Teacher Appointments

- a. Hilda DeCarvalho
77 Waterman St.
Cumberland, RI 02864
To: LTS English – High School
Effective: January 23, 2013 – April 5, 2013 (Extension)
Salary: B-1 \$10,325.80
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

Support Staff Appointments

- a. Allyson Ventura-Tesillo
25 Malveen St.
Providence, RI 02904
To: 12hr/week PT TA – Lonsdale Elementary
Effective: February 5, 2013 – end of school year
Salary: \$9.25/hour
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

- b. Marlene Bettencourt
3 Lladnar Drive
Lincoln, RI 02865
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- To: 15 hr/week PT TA – Northern Elementary
Effective: February 6, 2013 – end of school year
Salary: \$10.25/hour
- c. Susan Darling
18 Cross St.
Manville, RI 02838
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- To: 15 hr/week PT TA – Northern Elementary (Gr.1)
Effective: February 6, 2013 – end of school year
Salary: \$10.25/hour

Coaching Appointments

- a. Andrew Hallam
30 Ethan St.
Warwick, RI 02888
- To: Baseball Head Coach – High School
Effective: 2012 – 2013 Spring Sports Season
Salary: \$4,766.00
- b. Nicholas Maresca
197 Old River Road
Lincoln, RI 02865
- To: Golf Head Coach – High School
Effective: 2012 – 2013 Spring Sports Season
Salary: \$2,635.00
- c. Susan Renzi
160 Sea View Drive
Warwick, RI 02889
- To: Girls Lacrosse Head Coach – High School
Effective: 2012 – 2013 Spring Sports Season
Salary: \$3,453.00
- d. Charlene Snyder
1 Cullen Ave.
Lincoln, RI 02865
- To: Girls Lacrosse Assistant Coach – High School
Effective: 2012 – 2013 Spring Sports Season
Salary: \$2,671.00
- e. Joseph Areson
400 New River Rd. #303
Manville, RI 02838
- To: Girls Lacrosse Assistant Coach – High School
Effective: 2012 – 2013 Spring Sports Season
Salary: \$2,671.00
- f. John Menna
160 Natick Ave.
Cranston, RI 02921
- To: Boys Outdoor Track Head Coach – High School
Effective: 2012 – 2013 Spring Sports Season
Salary: \$3,453.00
- g. Brian Grant
11 Rita St.
Warwick, RI 02889
- To: Boys Outdoor Track Assistant Coach – HS
Effective: 2012 – 2013 Spring Sports Season
Salary: \$2,671.00
- h. Susan Carlson
2 Beverly Drive
Lincoln, RI 02865
- To: Girls Outdoor Track Head Coach – High School
Effective: 2012 – 2013 Spring Sports Season
Salary: \$3,453.00
- i. Elizabeth Carlson
2 Beverly Drive
Lincoln, RI 02865
- To: Girls Outdoor Track Assistant Coach – HS
Effective: 2012 – 2013 Spring Sports Season
Salary: \$2,671.00
- j. Richard Ryan
26 Morin St.
Woonsocket, RI 02895
- To: Softball Head Coach – High School
Effective: 2012 – 2013 Spring Sports Season
Salary: \$4,766.00

k. Timothy Potter
8 Barbara's Way
Lincoln, RI 02865
To: Boys Tennis Head Coach – High School
Effective: 2012 – 2013 Spring Sports Season
Salary: \$2,885.00

l. Christopher Jones
20 Maureen Drive
Smithfield, RI 02917
To: Boys Volleyball Head Coach – High School
Effective: 2012 – 2013 Spring Sports Season
Salary: \$2,963.00
Motion to approve A through L by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

V. Salary Warrants

January 10, 2013 \$1,100,904.27
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

January 24, 2013 \$1,213,422.14
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

VI. Expense Warrants

February 11, 2013 12-13 FY \$1,096,644.00
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

Capital Reserve Fund
February 11, 2013 \$804.65
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

VII. New Business

a. Home School Request
- Mr. Charles Chito
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

VIII. School Committee Reports

Superintendent Fortunato took a minute to commend Mr. Mencucci and his men for an excellent job preparing for the blizzard. She announced there would be school tomorrow. Mary Anne Roll reported she, Mr. Viveiros and Jim Frost completed the on line evaluation of their Wellness Policy. It was very enlightening and there is some work to do in the area of physical education. They will be meeting in April and hope to meet the new USDA standards to be in place for the opening of school next year. The Chair reported there will be a meeting with Town Administration on Wednesday at 6:30 in the Middle School Library regarding the Fairlawn lease. The Chair also asked if someone would volunteer to review the Town Council agenda. Tracey Cavanaugh and John Carroll volunteered.

IX. Community Comments

A member of the Saylesville PTO questioned paying tuitions based on the European model. Mary Anne Roll commented in some ways that is what they are trying. She noted the constitution requires they offer a free public education to all students.

X. Adjourn

Motion to approve adjourning at 8:16 PM by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion Carried 6-0.