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**LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
LINCOLN RI
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: March 5, 2013

PLACE: Lincoln High School – Large Group Room
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; Tracey Cavanaugh, John Carroll

Also in attendance: Georgia Fortunato, Superintendent; Lori Miller, Business Manager; Angelo Mencucci, Director of Non Instructional Operations; Budget Board Members; Manuel Cordero and Cynthia Brown from Rhode Island Department of Education

Motion made to open the meeting @ 6:30 PM

Discussion of Lincoln's Two-Year Capital Improvement Plan

Manuel explained RIDE's role in school construction across the state:

Regulations have a multi stage process

1. Describes the need of the district
2. Identifying the solutions
3. RIDE staff reviews the design development and construction documents

At this time, Lincoln has submitted stage one and stage two documents to RIDE for a five- year capital plan. He then opened the floor for questions and/or clarification.

Stage one is architect's identification of deficiencies or programmatic needs that is then shared with the school building subcommittee. The deficiencies can be code non-compliance, indoor air quality, etc.

There are bonuses for high performance schools which can be 3 or 4% in additional housing aid reimbursement.

The group questioned how this relates to Lincoln's FY 14 and FY 15 budget requests. Lincoln has identified a five-year plan but we have only moved forward one year. In order to come back

for Board of Regents approval will we have to go through the process again? The answer from RIDE was yes.

What if we don't meet the commitment? Districts have to spend 50% of their asset protection plan to move forward. Custodial and maintenance personnel salaries can be used to meet the 50%. If you don't meet it there is no reimbursement. This has not happened yet but it could.

The group realized there is an issue because RIDE does need the town to give an OK to the capital improvement plan. However, the town only approves/funds one year at a time. Only projects detailed in the Regents Approved Five-Year Capital Plan are eligible for state housing aid reimbursement.

The town's capital improvement committee was unaware of the full five-year plan and brought up the fact that we will probably be building a new high school so why put money into it?

Members of the school administration responded that there is a moratorium on funding right now so only health and safety projects must be considered.

Motion to adjourn@ 7:06 PM by Roll, seconded by Cavanaugh, motion carried.

Mary Varr, Clerk

Date