

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

DATE: March 11, 2013
PLACE: Lincoln Middle School
152 Jenckes Hill Road
Lincoln, RI 02865
TIME: 7:00 PM - Auditorium

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, Caroline Frey, Mark Gadbois, Angelo Mencucci, Lori Miller, Maryann Struble, Attorney Benjamin Scungio

Opening Ceremony

Right to be Heard – None.

II. Approval of Minutes

- a. February 11, 2013 Executive Session
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- b. February 11, 2013 Meeting
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- c. February 13, 2013 Special Meeting
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- d. March 2, 2013 Special Meeting
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- e. March 5, 2013 Special Meeting
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

III. Superintendent's Report

- a. Citations
Mary Anne Roll and John Carroll presented the following with certificates:
Christopher Relyea Winner of the 2013 Lincoln Public Schools District Spelling Bee.
Superintendent Fortunato reported there were 20 students from grades 4 to 8 in the District Spelling Bee. Christopher did an outstanding job at the Spelling Bee!
Benjamin Chiacchia, winner of the 2013 Lincoln High School Science Fair.
Jean Bray, Silver Key Award in the 2013 RI Scholastic Arts Competition.
Mollie Westrick, RI State Championship in the 100 Yard Butterfly, 100 Yard Backstroke, First Team All State in the 100 Yard Butterfly and 100 Yard Backstroke.
Alexander D'Aloisio, 120 lb. RI State Wrestling Championship and Most Outstanding Wrestler for the State of RI.
Nikolas Zicuis, 220 lb. RI State Wrestling Championship.
Alexander and Nikolas also received Championship jackets.

- b. Approval of 2013-14 School Calendar
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
The Superintendent reported Professional Development days will be Wednesday, August 21st and Thursday, August 22nd. The first day of school will be Wednesday, August 28th and the last day June 13, 2014.
- c. Unbudgeted Teacher Assistant Position (Part Time 1:1 Northern)
Motion to approve Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- d. Adoption of Resolution Regarding Contract Continuation
The Chair read the Resolution:
That the Lincoln School Committee respectfully requests the RI General Assembly to oppose any and all legislative proposal that would mandate expired teacher contracts must continue at the existing terms and conditions and; that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to every RI Municipality, School Committee, State Senator, State Representative and the Governor.
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Varr. Motion carried 6-1, with Cavanaugh voting against.
- e. Adoption of Resolution Regarding Layoff Notification Date
The Chair read the Resolution:
That the Lincoln School District urges the General Assembly to pass 2013-S49 by Senator DiPalma and 2013-H5066 by Representative Ruggiero, moving that teacher layoff notice deadlines from March 1 to June 1, and; That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to every RI Municipality, School Committee, State Senator, State Representative and the Governor. Mary Anne Roll explained this bill was heard in the House about three weeks ago but it is tied to another bill on binding legislation.
Motion to approve by Carroll, seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- f. Adoption of Resolution Regarding Binding Arbitration
The Chair read the Resolution:
That the Lincoln School Committee respectfully requests the RI General Assembly to oppose and reject any and all mandatory binding arbitration legislation currently being considered for teacher and other school employee contracts and; That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to every RI Municipality, School Committee, State Senator, State Representative and the Governor. Mary Anne Roll reported she and Kristine Donabedian testified at the committee on this bill. School committees across the state have been registering their opposition. Kristine Donabedian stated this has such a large part of the budget and displacing the management of the discretionary function from the elected panel. Roll noted for the record there is binding arbitration on everything and this will add money to it.
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. Motion carried 6-1, with Cavanaugh voting against.
- g. Approval of Disposition of Obsolete Textbooks
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- h. Discussion of Fairlawn Lease Extension Response
The Chair reported she, Carroll, Cavanaugh, Roll met on the lease of the building to Blackstone Valley Prep. The building is in need of about \$500,000 in repairs and she believes Blackstone Valley Prep should take care of the maintenance.

They could let the lease expire and take the building back with the repairs falling on the school department; extend the lease five years and BVP would have to provide the maintenance; or extend the lease ten years. Zito commented they handed the school over three years ago. Roll explained the Town Administrator wanted input from the school department regarding extending the lease. The Chair noted they have discussed using it for Pre K, but they aren't sure what their needs are. Roll continued to explain the possible use for Pre K, noting she is comfortable with the five year lease. Carroll felt they are in the preliminary stages of implementing a Pre K program. He does have reservations and stated the cost is always an issue. The Chair felt they should keep an eye on costs that are fixed. Consensus was to approve the five year period.

i. Out of State Field Trip Requests

JFK Library & Museum March 26, 2013

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

Lizzie Borden Museum August 30, 2013

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

NESPA Spring Conference at BU May 3, 2013

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

j. Financial Report/Charter Schools Update

Lori Miller reported they are eight months into the fiscal year. She is cautiously optimistic. There was an up tic in medical claims the last couple of weeks, so she is watching that.

IV. Civic Use of Buildings

a. Town of Cumberland Recreation Department Dance Recital – 5/18/13 @ LHS

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

V. Personnel Recommendations

Retirements

a. Linda Cliff
20 Cold Spring Drive
West Warwick, RI 02893

From: Assistant Principal – Northern Elementary
Effective: June 28, 2013

The Superintendent presented this request with regret.

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

Superintendent Fortunato noted Cliff will be honored in June at the end of the year reception.

Resignations

a. Kelsey Shurtleff
5 Wake Robin Rd., # 209
Lincoln, RI 02865

From: Basketball Cheerleading Co-Coach – High School
Effective: February 13, 2013

b. Kelsey Shurtleff
5 Wake Robin Rd., # 209
Lincoln, RI 02865

From: Competitive Cheerleading Co-Coach – High School
Effective: February 13, 2013

Motion to approve both position resignations by Cavanaugh and Carroll. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

Administrative Appointment

- a. Dennis Wilkinson
41 Roseview Drive
Cranston, RI 02920
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
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| To: | Interim Assistant Principal – Middle School |
| Effective: | March 4, 2013 – April 30, 2013 |
| Salary: | \$325 per day (maximum 90 days) |

Leave of Absence

- a. Leslie Catalozzi
7 Kirkbrae Drive
Lincoln, RI 02865
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
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| From: | Pre-School – Lonsdale Elementary |
| Effective: | March 4, 2013 – end of 12/13 school year |

Teacher Appointments

- a. Barbara Maher
32 Kirkbrae Drive
Lincoln, RI 02865
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
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| To: | ESY Coordinator |
| Effective: | 2012 – 2013 School Year |
| Salary: | Per contract |

Support Staff Appointments

- a. Crystal Leonard
57 Read Ave.
Lincoln, RI 02865
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
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| To: | Secretary I – Business Office |
| Effective: | March 11, 2013 |
| Salary: | \$17.07/hour |
- b. Michele Marchetti
10 Morning Star Ct.
Lincoln, RI 02865
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
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| To: | 12 hr/week PT TA – Lonsdale Elementary |
| Effective: | March 21, 2013 – end of 12/13 school year |
| Salary: | \$9.25/hour |
- c. Anne Alessi
167 Old Jenckes Hill Road
Lincoln, RI 02865
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
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| To: | 12 hr/week PT TA – Northern Elementary |
| Effective: | March 25, 2013 – end of 12/13 school year |
| Salary: | \$10.25/hour |

Coaching Appointments

- a. Daniel Williams
50 Spicer St.
No. Providence, RI 02904
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| To: | Baseball Assistant Coach – High School |
| Effective: | 2012 – 2013 Spring Sports Season |
| Salary: | \$3,136.00 (Pending Certification) |
- b. Michael Ethier
34 Kirkbrae Drive
Lincoln, RI 02865
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| To: | Boys Lacrosse Head Coach – High School |
| Effective: | 2012 – 2013 Spring Sports Season |
| Salary: | \$3,453.00 (Pending Certification) |
- c. Scott O’Leary
272 Washington St.
Providence, RI 02903
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| To: | Boys Lacrosse Assistant Coach – High School |
| Effective: | 2012 – 2013 Spring Sports Season |
| Salary: | \$2,671.00 (Pending Certification) |

- d. Alisha Pirri
10 Hatherly St.
No. Providence, RI 02911
To: Softball Assistant Coach – High School
Effective: 2012 – 2013 Spring Sports Season
Salary: \$3,137.00 (Pending Certification)
- e. Amanda MacDonald
14 Sebastian St.
Somerset, MA 02726
To: Boys Volleyball Assistant Coach – High School
Effective: 2012 – 2013 Spring Sports Season
Salary: \$2,321.00 (Pending Certification)
- f. Robert Morris
54 Campbell Ave.
No. Providence, RI 02904
To: Baseball Coach – Middle School
Effective: 2012 – 2013 Spring Sports Season
Salary: \$1,505.00
- g. Megan Rei
255 School St.
Lincoln, RI 02865
To: Girls Softball Coach – Middle School
Effective: 2012 – 2013 Spring Sports Season
Salary: \$1,505.00
- h. Kristen Lowe
217 Front St.
Lincoln, RI 02865
To: Track Co-Coach – Middle School
Effective: 2012 – 2013 Spring Sports Season
Salary: \$752.50 (Pending Certification)
- i. Brenda Sylvester
1032 Great Road
Lincoln, RI 02865
To: Track Co-Coach – Middle School
Effective: 2012 – 2013 Spring Sports Season
Salary: \$752.50
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

VI. Awarding of Bids

a. Custodial Supplies

	Eastern Bag & Paper	Supreme Industrial
Towel Rolls	\$6,464.00	\$6,744.00
Toilet Tissue	4,749.79	No Bid
38"x60" Bags	5,898.75	7,364.50
24"x33" Bags	<u>1,012.90</u>	<u>1,589.00</u>
	\$18,125.44	\$15,697.50

Miller recommended the contract for custodial supplies for the period beginning on February 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014 be awarded to Eastern Bag & Paper in the amount of \$18,125.44.

Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

VII. Salary Warrants

February 7, 2013 \$1,177,205.78

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

February 21, 2013 \$1,157,778.74

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

VIII. Expense Warrants

March 11, 2013 12-13 FY \$1,310,098.71

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

IX. School Committee Reports

Mary Anne Roll reported reading at Northern last week in the Kindergarten class and will be going to Central. Roll also joined the Superintendent for *Seussical* at the Middle School on Saturday. The Superintendent reported Saylesville and Lonsdale will be having theirs next month. The Chair and Mary Varr will be reading at Central tomorrow. Mary Anne Roll reported there will be a RIASC meeting at RIC on teacher evaluations on March 23rd with on-line registration.

X. Community Comments

A member of the community reported growing up in Lincoln and noticed the football field is in bad shape. He said he wanted to donate an organic product that could be a cost savings to the school department because of its ability to hold water and grow longer roots. He gave a packet of information to the Superintendent.

XI. Move into Executive Session Pursuant to R.I. General Laws Section 42-46-5-(a)(1).
Motion to approve moving to Executive Session by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

Note that pursuant to R.I. Gen Laws 42-46-5(a)(1) that the person affected has been notified in advance in writing and given the opportunity to have this matter held in open session.

- a. Hearing on Termination of an administrator.
- b. Re-convene into Open session.

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 was one vote taken in Executive Session and it was unanimously voted to terminate an administrator.

It had been unanimously voted to return to Open Session.

Motion to seal the Executive Session minutes by Roll. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0, with Zito absent.

XII. Adjourn

Motion to approve adjourning the meeting by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0, with Zito absent.

MARY VARR, CLERK

DATE