

LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND  
MINUTES

DATE: December 9, 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, Julie Zito

Others Present: Georgia Fortunato, Superintendent; Eric Banville, Caroline Frey, Mark Gadbois, Kevin McNamara, Lori Miller, Attorney Benjamin Scungio

Convene Into Open Session

- a. Consider and Vote on Motion to Seal Executive Session Minutes
- b. Notification to Public of Compliance with R.I. General Laws 42-46-4 & 5 as to Votes Taken.  
The Chair reported there were no votes taken in Executive Session.

Opening Ceremony

Right to be Heard – None.

I. Consent agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Carroll. All in favor. Motion Carried 7-0.

1. Salary Warrants
2. Expense Warrants
3. Personnel Recommendations

a. Kathleen Plante  
15 Burlingame Road  
Smithfield, RI 02917

**Retirements**

From: Kindergarten – Saylesville  
Effective: June 2014

a. Kimberly Zuba  
55 High Ridge Road  
Cumberland, RI 02864

**Resignations**

From: 12hr/week PT TA - Northern  
Effective: December 5, 2013

b. Margaret Brandt  
8 Laurel Lane  
Lincoln, RI 02865

From: Teacher Assistant - Northern  
Effective: November 27, 2013

c. Shelly Allard Gambogi  
155 Water Street, Unit 5  
Warren, RI 02885

From: Resource – Lonsdale  
Effective: December 20, 2013

**Long Term Substitute Appointments**

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| a. Morgan Karas<br>35 Lincoln St.<br>Smithfield, RI 02917 | To: .2 Science – High School<br>Effective: December 5, 2013 – End of School Year<br>Salary: B-1 \$5,096.99 |
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**Support Staff Appointments**

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| a. Jessica Martinelli<br>124 Maple St., Apt. 4<br>Woonsocket, RI 02895 | To: 12hr/week PT TA - Northern<br>Effective: December 9, 2013 – end of school year<br>Salary: \$9.25/hour |
| b. Linda Snodgrass<br>63 Countryside Drive<br>Cumberland, RI 02864     | To: 15hr/week PT TA - Northern<br>Effective: December 9, 2013 – end of school year<br>Salary: \$9.25/hour |

4. Out of State Field Trip Requests

5. Approval of Regular Session Minutes

- a. November 18, 2013 School Committee Meeting

II. Approval of Executive Session Minutes

- a. November 18, 2013 School Committee Meeting

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

III. Superintendent's Report

- a. Citations

Superintendent Fortunato congratulated the Boy's Varsity Soccer Team for finishing the season with a record 11-2, they were State Finalists in Division II Tournament at RI College and they traveled to St. Louis, MO to compete against some of the best teams in the country. The following team members were presented with certificates of recognition by LaFleur and Varr:

Colby Alves, Jonathan Ariza, Jack Bacon, Alexander D'Aloisio, Ryan Fournier, Joshua Gillen, Brian Hasegawa, Ben Howard, David Jessey, Devin Kiley, Ryan Labrie, Nicholas Lamothe, Dylan Mendes, Jeffrey Munoz, Nicholas Palumbo, Mateusz Puzanowski, Spencer Rao, Paul Roque, Eric Zannini, Head Coach John D'Aloisio, Assistant Coach Tim Potter.

The Superintendent recognized the Girls' Varsity Soccer Team for finishing the 2013 season undefeated and were finalists in the Division II Playoff Tournament at RI College. Team members were presented with certificates of recognition by LaFleur and Varr:

Emma Abdalla, Lauren Amaral, Sarena Balon, Megan Chatowsky, Lauren Christo, Faithe Fernandez, Erin Gannon, Lauren Hervieux, Jianna Iacofano, Hailee Jerry, Trisha Katz, Maya LaFleur, Delaney Maxell, Amanda McPeak, Brooke Morris, Christin Redding, Taylor Theriault, Meredith Walsh, Elizabeth Young, head Coach Christopher Allen, Assistant Coach Graham Souness

Superintendent Fortunato recognized the Girls' Junior Varsity Soccer Team for being undefeated this season and they were State Champions for the second year in a row. Team members were presented with certificates of recognition by LaFleur and Varr:

Samantha Andrews, Gabriela Carson, Megan Chatowsky, Lindsay Cullen, Tania Estrada, Maggie Gillen, Jianna Iacofano, Allison Leal, Samantha Leal, Leila Loparto, Makayla Lourenco, Elizabeth Mann, Amanda McPeak, Megan McPeak, Lexi Revis, Lyanna Rose, Victoria Williams, Head Coach Christopher Allen, Assistant Coach, Graham Souness

b. Lincoln High School Student Update

Principal McNamara introduced Tyler Balon, Freshman Class President. Tyler explained his concern for entering the high school from middle school and his decision to attend Lincoln High instead of LaSalle Academy. He also talked about running for office and participation in the class skit.

c. Update on Lincoln High School - AP District Honor Roll

The Superintendent reported on the honor of earning a place on the AP District Honor Roll. She read into the record the following letter from the Executive Director of the College Board:

On behalf of the College Board, we would like to congratulate your school district for earning a place on the AP District Honor Roll. A total of 477 school districts from the US and Canada are being honored by the College Board with placement on the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual AP District Honor Roll. These districts were selected for simultaneously increasing access to Advanced Placement course work while increasing the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP Exams. We are proud of our 70 New England districts included in the Honor Roll and for their sustained commitment of student access to AP coursework. Increasing both participation and the number of students earning a 3 or higher on their AP Exams is the ideal scenario for a district's AP program because it indicates that the district is successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are likely to benefit most from rigorous AP coursework. Expanding access to AP courses while improving performance is a difficult balancing act. The commitment of your school district to providing equitable access to all students while improving overall performance is to be commended.

Enclosed is a certificate to display within your district to celebrate your commitment to helping students prepare for college success. You will also receive posters to display around your district and schools in a separate mailing.

Again, congratulations!

Superintendent Fortunato offered congratulations to Lincoln High School and Mr. McNamara's leadership. Currently there are ten AP courses being offered.

d. Roof Assessment Update

Brian O'Connell from Torrado reported they did not assess the Middle School or Northern because that work was done under a separate program. Some roofs have been out of warranty for years. He explained the process starting with Vector Analyzers performing infrared testing and nuclear testing to show where it's wet. Then bore tests were done to know exactly what the roof is made of. None of the roofs have enough insulation; there needs to be five inches of insulation. Architects were then brought in to help in finding a detailed cost estimate. He noted wet insulation affects energy costs. He recommends inspecting all roofs that are still under warranty be inspected one to two years before the warranty ends. He indicated that the high school roof did not have to be replaced if the high school is being renovated within the next two years. He further indicated that only the front portion of the Lonsdale roof (over the administration and resource corridors) were Category 1 requiring replacement within the next 1-2 years. Mary Anne Roll asked about prioritizing work for funding. O'Connell stated the 1958 roof at the high school is entirely wet and the 1970 addition is 90-95% wet. Kristine Donabedian asked about signs of a roof failing and O'Connell stated moisture pushes down insulation. Prior to prioritizing he would like to work with Lori Miller and Luis Torrado regarding the condition at Lonsdale. The Chair noted there are discussions about a renovation at

the high school so she wouldn't want to put a new roof on a building that would be renovated. Luis Torrado recommended a contingency but all electrical conduits are attached to the metal decks so those have to be removed and reinstalled.

e. Heating Issue at Lincoln High School

Lori Miller reported this is in the connector. The piping that feeds the heaters are underground and under the foundation. A contractor went down four to five feet, cut the pipe and refit them. Now they come out of the wall and run down the hall as a temporary fix. They will be doing a pressure test to see if the piping will hold. Then they need to have the piping put on the ceiling and come down the wall. It helps see what is going on without digging up the foundation and it won't rot or corrode from the ground. They have an estimate of \$38,500 to \$70,000. They are hoping to make it to the summer so that will be part of the capital improvement plan. The Superintendent stated it will be put on the budget.

f. Approval of Statement of Interest & Project Justification – Stage I of RIDE 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan

Superintendent Fortunato reported she had invited Mr. DaSilva to the last capital development committee meeting last week at Town Hall. He indicated Lincoln is different because the financial town meeting takes place in May. They are trying to get Stages 1 and 2 done. She explained Stage 1 is the capital reserve funds and all the infrastructure and Stage 2 would be forwarded for consideration in April. Stage 2 would be what the architect did last year and whatever has come in. Miller explained they have a five year plan and have to complete it in the summer.

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

g. School Lunch Negative Balance Update

Lori Miller explained that a year ago they wrote off \$10,000, so she requested a process for parents to pay for lunches. Parents now understand they have to pay and the account is down to \$2,800. They receive direct certification from the state in early August and later they get a list of kids who get free lunch. So that number has to be adjusted after the fact. The Superintendent reported the principals are being vigilant in sending home free lunch applications.

h. Financial Report/Charter Schools Update

Lori Miller reported a \$43,000 positive variance from State Aid. Special Education has been steady in terms of tuitions. One student who was home schooled is now at the Met. She is concerned about energy accounts but she is optimistic there will be savings in other lines. There was \$424,000 in the Medical account that has been incurred and not recorded. There is \$150,000 to the good. Charter Schools will be \$1.6 million in tuitions and one half has been paid.

i. Approval of Budget Amendment

Lori Miller explained the adjustment is moving money by putting \$150,000 into the health and medical premiums account and taking \$550,000 from the health and medical self insured account. Initially everything is put in one account, but because of UCOA it has to be allocated out to separate accounts.

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

IV. Awarding of Bid

a. Wireless Connectivity

Superintendent Fortunato reported RIDE had a 20 million dollar bond for school districts. They have waited close to two years and with Lori Miller and Mark Gadbois' work they will have wireless. Lori Miller explained they got a list of preapproved vendors. The wireless will be going into the classrooms only, not any other rooms. She noted they did not select the low bidder

because there were issues with their proposal. She recommended Jacobs Technology, Inc. for \$289,735.07.

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

V. School Committee Reports

The Superintendent reported that Panera Bread had a fund raising event and the \$2,846 proceeds were donated to the Lincoln Public Schools. Mary Anne Roll thanked Carolyn Frey for submitting an article to the *Lincoln Life* publication with the focus on Lincoln High School and Lincoln Middle School bands and chorus. She will be working on another article regarding Before the Bell and Heidi Godowski will be submitting another article.

VI. Community Comments

Fred Hoppe noted with regret the retirement Kathy Plante and thanked her for her years of service. He also commented on the resignation of Shelly Gambogi. He wished everyone happy holidays.

VII. Adjourn

Motion to approve adjourning at 8:25 PM by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

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MARY VARR, CLERK

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