

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

DATE: January 13, 2014
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, Julie Zito
Absent: John LaFleur

Others Present: Georgia Fortunato, Superintendent; Eric Banville, Caroline Frey, Mark Gadbois, Kevin McNamara, Armand Milazzo, Lori Miller, Mary Ann Struble, 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 not votes taken in Executive Session.
Motion to seal the Executive Session Minutes by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor.
Motion carried 6-0.

Opening Ceremony

Right to be Heard – None.

I. Consent agenda:

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Roll. Seconded by Cavanaugh.

Motion to move Item IV. Civic Use of Buildings from the regular agenda to the Consent Agenda by Roll. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

The Chair requested amending the December 9th School Committee minutes by noting that during the consultant's presentation it was acknowledged if the High School was going to be renovated in the next couple of years they didn't have to make any roof repairs right away and the entire roof at Lonsdale does not have to be replaced, just the front over the administration area. There were no objections.

Motion to approve the amended minutes by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Carroll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

1. Home School Requests
 - Mr. & Mrs. Roy MacLean
 - Ms. Laura Reeves
2. Salary Warrants
3. Expense Warrants

4. Personnel Recommendations

Long-Term Substitute Appointment

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| a. Hannah Berard
9 Holly Lane
Cumberland, RI 02864 | To: 1.0 LTS Resource – Lonsdale Elementary
Effective: January 7, 2014 – end of 13/14 school year
Salary: B-6 \$30,648.76 |
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Coaching Appointments

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| a. Andrew Hallam
30 Ethan St.
Warwick, RI 02888 | To: Baseball Head Coach – High School
Effective: 2013 – 2014 Spring Sports Season
Salary: \$4,766.00 |
| b. Brian Grant
11 Rita St.
Warwick, RI 02889 | To: Boys Outdoor Track Assistant Coach – HS
Effective: 2013 – 2014 Spring Sports Season
Salary: \$2,671.00 |
| c. Christopher Jones
20 Maureen Drive
Smithfield, RI 02917 | To: Boys Volleyball Head Coach – High School
Effective: 2013 – 2014 Spring Sports Season
Salary: \$2,963.00 |
| d. Amanda MacDonald
14 Sebastian St.
Somerset, MA 02726 | To: Boys Volleyball Assistant Coach – High School
Effective: 2013 – 2014 Spring Sports Season
Salary: \$2,321.00 |

5. Out of State Field Trip Requests

6. Approval of Regular Session Minutes

- a. December 9, 2013 School Committee Meeting
- b. December 19, 2013 Special School Committee Meeting

7. Approval of Executive Session Minutes

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II. Superintendent's Report

a. Citations

Superintendent Fortunato read the letter selecting Lauren Bentley to be the RI Representative at the 2014 TESOL International Convention in Portland, OR, . The Superintendent thanked Lauren for her work and stated they are honored to have her representing Lincoln and Rhode Island. Mary Anne Roll presented Lauren with a certificate of recognition.

Superintendent Fortunato recognized the following students for being named to All State Band and Orchestra as Mary Varr presented them with certificates of recognition:

Courtney Lemois for being named to the 2013 RI Senior All State Band
for Euphonium

Martine Lokken for being named to the 2013 RI Senior All State Orchestra
for Flute

Carlos Cosme for being named to the 2013 RI Junior All State Band for Trumpet

- b. Update on 12th Grade NECAP Score Release
The Superintendent reported attending a meeting last week in preparation of the NECAP score release. The embargoed release will be January 25th and public release January 30th and 31st. They are preparing communication for teachers, families and students. Retesting will be from February 25th to March 7th. Principal McNamara reported he is scheduling staff and space for confidential notification to students and family. Guidance will be present and parents are invited to be present in person or by phone. They will actively support and monitor at risk students. Waivers from the Superintendent can be given for students who have trouble with the test, if their grades are okay they and are accepted into a 2 or 4 year non-open enrollment accredited higher education institution or for national community service programs such as AmeriCorps or City Year. For those students who did not pass, Dr. Frey reported students who took the NECAP in Grade 11 and didn't pass will have another opportunity to take it in September/October. The Superintendent noted the importance of communication and emphasized their plan for assisting students.
- c. Unbudgeted 19 ¾ hrs PT Teacher Assistant Position (Central - Until End of School Year)
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- d. Presentation of 2014-15 Budget
Superintendent Fortunato read the transmittal letter. The proposed budget for 2014-2015 is \$52,930,058, a 6.69% increase over last year's budget of \$49,609,961. She noted it is a zero based budget. Many line items remain the same as 13-14 even though there have been increased costs. Enrollment numbers are not final. Three certified positions will be repurposed. The support staff agreement terminates June 30, 2014 and the certified contract terminates August 31, 2014. The budget will be a work in progress.
- e. Approval of Budget Workshops 1/21/14 & 1/28/14 – 6:30 PM @ Lincoln High School
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- f. Financial Report/Charter Schools Update
The Business Manager is projecting a positive \$43,000 variance for state aid. As of December 31, She is projecting a \$700,000 deficit in the medical line; an additional bill of \$100,000 has been received so Miller has contacted Blue Cross/Blue Shield to inquire if these will be long term claims which could hit the stop loss or if they are multiple small claims. Miller is hoping the sub line doesn't have a deficit. There could be upticks in utilities if it remains cold. Tuitions seem to be on target with 26 students out of district. One student returned from Blackstone Valley Prep and we are still fighting the nurses charter school which is \$43,000. Right now, Miller stated, projected surpluses offset projected deficits.

III. Correspondence

- a. Letter from Valley Breeze Requesting Waiver of Facilities Fees for Statewide Spelling Bee
The Chair noted the use of the school for the Spelling Bee was voted on as part of the consent agenda. She read the letter from Tom Ward, Publisher of the Valley Breeze. Donabedian reported the committee took a vote to waive the fee in future years as long the insurance requirement is met.

IV. Civic Use of Buildings

- The Valley Breeze – Statewide Spelling Bee – 3/8/14, 10 AM @ Lincoln Middle School
(pending proper insurance)
(Moved to and approved on the Consent Agenda)

V. New Business

- a. First Reading New Policy IKL Waiver for the State-Assessment Graduation Requirement
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
Mary Anne Roll explained they are separating the policy (which has to be voted on) from procedure (which can be changed without a vote from the school committee).

VI. School Committee Reports

Mary Anne Roll commented that the band and chorus concerts were wonderful and she is impressed with the sheer numbers involved.

VII. Community Comments – None.

VIII. Adjourn

Motion to approve adjourning at 8:05 PM by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Carroll. All in favor.
Motion carried 6-0.

MARY VARR, CLERK

DATE