

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

DATE: March 10, 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, John LaFleur, Julie Zito

Others Present: Georgia Fortunato, Superintendent; Eric Banville, Caroline Frey, Mark Gadbois, Armand Milazzo, Lori Miller, Maryann Struble, Mark Thompson; 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. Motion to seal the Executive Session minutes by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

**Opening Ceremony**

Right to be Heard - None.

**I. Consent agenda:**

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

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

**Retirement**

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| a. Virginia St. Germain<br>27 Pearl St.<br>Manville, RI 02838 | From: Reading – Northern Elementary<br>Effective: June 2014 |
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**Resignations**

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| a. Meg Stolt<br>PO Box 1118<br>Marion, MA 02738             | From: Track Coach – Middle School<br>Effective: February 17, 2014   |
| b. Johanna Pimental<br>6 Winsor St.<br>Greenville, RI 02828 | From: Resource – Central Elementary<br>Effective: February 10, 2014 |

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| c. Holly Gray<br>One Victoria Drive<br>Smithfield, RI 02917 | From: Guidance – .6 High/.4 Middle School<br>Effective: March 21, 2014 |
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**Leave of Absence**

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| a. Alicia Kroszner<br>438 Tiffany Ave.<br>Warwick, RI 02889 | From: English – High School<br>Effective: First Semester 2014-15 |
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**Coaching Appointments**

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| a. Neil Dupre<br>400 New River Road<br>Manville, RI 02838        | To: Girls Lacrosse Assistant Coach – High School<br>Effective: 2013 – 2014 Spring Sports Season<br>Salary: \$2,671.00 (pending certification) |
| b. Robert Morris<br>54 Campbell Ave.<br>No. Providence, RI 02904 | To: Baseball Coach – Middle School<br>Effective: 2013-2014 Spring Sports Season<br>Salary: \$1,505.00   |
| c. Sandra O’Dell<br>27 Oakwood Ave.<br>Lincoln, RI 02865         | To: Track Coach – Middle School<br>Effective: 2013-2014 Spring Sports Season<br>Salary: \$1,505.00  |

4. Out of State Field Trip Requests

5. Civic Use of Buildings

- a. Spirit of Dance Awards – April 12 & 13, 2014 @ LHS
- b. Alpha Delta Kappa Annual Blood Drive – April 15, 2014 @ Lonsdale Elementary

6. Approval of Disposition of Obsolete Equipment

7. Approval of Regular Session Minutes

- a. February 10, 2014 School Committee Meeting

8. Approval of Executive Session Minutes

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II. Superintendent’s Report

a. Citations

Superintendent Fortunato introduced and congratulated the winner of the 2014 Lincoln Public Schools District Spelling Bee, Maia Young-Ondrasek, stating the winning word was travesty. Mary Anne Roll presented Maia with a certificate of recognition.

Superintendent Fortunato introduced Yira Li, who placed seventh in the RI Junior All State Symphonic Band for Clarinet and Matthew Ricard, who placed 28<sup>th</sup> in the RI Junior All State Concert Band for Clarinet. Mary Varr presented them with certificates of recognition.

Superintendent Fortunato congratulated the Lincoln Middle School Math Counts Team on their Third Place finish in the State of RI Math Counts Competition. Julie Zito presented the following with certificates of recognition:

Alok Bose, Samuel Chiacchi, Garrot Doyle, Ryan Fleming, Daniel Hasegawa, Zachary Heineman, Mary Lind, Mason Lynch, Aidan Mazagonwalla, Syed-Hasan Raza, Bethany Reeve, Jebran Saqib, Sebastian Toledo, Ryan Tougas, Yizhou Wang, Lucy Lin, Yiru Li, Coach Elizabeth Ramsbey

b. NECAP Presentation

Caroline Frey reported this is the last year for NECAP testing and next year will be PARCC. All of the elementary schools were proficient in reading with a 79% score. Grade 8 was at 88% and Grade 11 at 92%. In math, Grade 4 was at 76%. Writing is only done at Grades 5, 8, 11 and the scores were 72%, 71% and 73% respectively. Frey noted that in the reading cohort, Grades 3 through 8 and Grade 11 showed substantial progress. Concerns for reading are comprehension, analysis and interpretation, extended responses and higher level responses (depth of knowledge). Dr. Frey reported the next steps would be implementation of district wide intervention at all elementary schools; revise the English Language Arts curriculum; development of Common Assessment & Common Rubrics district wide; and provide targeted professional development opportunities directed at higher level thinking; thinking ahead to PARCC. Concerns in mathematics are depth of knowledge, problems solving/constructed response. The next steps would be two math coaches at the elementary level; deliberate use of data to drive instruction, elementary intervention block, professional development aimed at content knowledge and application; provide continuity both vertically and horizontally, think ahead toward PARCC. Frey recommended everyone try to take the sample test; it sixty minutes to one hundred twenty minutes.

c. Approval of 2014-15 School Calendar

The Superintendent noted the first professional development day for teachers will be on Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>; school will begin on August 25<sup>th</sup>; the second professional development day for certified staff will be September 9<sup>th</sup>, which is Primary Day; and the last day of school will be on June 12<sup>th</sup>, with five snow days built in with the last day of June 19<sup>th</sup>. Fortunato also noted there will be ongoing discussions with the Superintendents' Association to look at options regarding consolidating the February/April vacations into one vacation, but they all feel it should be a statewide initiative.

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

d. Financial Report/Charter Schools Update

Lori Miller reported she is still projecting a zero variance at the end of the year. There was a small up tic in medical claims the last two weeks, but the line is still holding well below what it was in the fall. The gas and transportation lines are good. Miller noted that the Chair has expressed concern regarding collection of Medicaid revenue at previous meetings. She also stated that the Medicaid revenue collected to date last year at this time was \$406,000, compared to the current Medicaid revenue number of \$498,000. Even though it looks like Medicaid revenues are behind, we are ahead of last year. She also stated that there is a lag between when the claim occurs and when the revenue is received. Charter Schools are holding.

III. New Business

- a. First Reading Revised Policy JEBB Kindergarten/First Grade Admission  
Motion to approve by Roll. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- b. First Reading Revised Policy JHCC AIDS-Students  
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

IV. Correspondence

Superintendent Fortunato reported Lincoln has received another honor and read the letter from the Interlocal Trust announcing that Lincoln Public Schools was this year's winner of the Thomas E. Sweeney, Jr. Risk Management Innovation Award. It is given annually in the spirit of innovation and leadership in risk management. Lincoln was selected for the implementation for the selection of cafeteria tables inspection and replacement program to reduce employee injuries. Fortunato recognized Eric Banville as leader of the Safety Committee and its members. There will be an awards luncheon March 13<sup>th</sup> at the Crown Plaza Hotel.

V. School Committee Reports

Mary Anne Roll reported on a checklist at the building level regarding the Wellness Policy. The next meeting of the Wellness Committee will be April 30<sup>th</sup>. She also reported attending the Budget Board meeting with Kristine Donabedian, John LaFleur and John Carroll. One of the issues had to do with marketing of the Lincoln Public Schools. Mary Anne noted there have been news releases, postings on Facebook, twitter and newsletters sent out. She would like to get some assistance from a marketing consultant.

VI. Community Comments

Fred Hoppe congratulated the students, teachers, administration and tax payers for their support of Lincoln Public Schools. He also commended Eric Banville on a well-deserved award. Hoppe thanked Ginny St. Germaine for her years of service. The Superintendent noted there would be a special celebration for retirees on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

VII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 PM by Zito. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

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MARY VARR, CLERK

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