

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

DATE: April 14, 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  
Absent: John LaFleur, Julie Zito

Others Present: Georgia Fortunato, Superintendent; Eric Banville, Caroline Frey, Mark Gadbois, Armand Milazzo, Lori Miller, Maryann Struble, Attorney Benjamin Scungio

Convene Into Open Session

- a. Consider and Vote on Motion to Seal Executive Session Minutes.  
Motion to approve by Varr. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.
- 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 – The Chair explained Right to be Heard and that general comments could be made under Community Comments. There was no Right to be Heard.

I. Consent agenda:

Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Carroll and Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

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

**Resignations**

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| a. Robert Morris<br>54 Campbell Ave.<br>No. Providence, RI 02904 | From: Baseball Coach – Middle School<br>Effective: March 14, 2014      |
| b. Diane Silva Pimentel<br>609 River Road<br>Lincoln, RI 02865   | From: Science – High School<br>Effective: End of 2013-2014 school year |

**Teacher Appointments**

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| a. Matthew Pavao<br>235 Old County Road<br>Smithfield, RI 02917 | To: ELA NECAP Review Teacher – High School<br>Effective: July 7, 2014 – July 31, 2014<br>Salary: \$44/hour – pending funding & enrollment |
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**Long-Term Substitute Appointments**

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| a. Kathryn Moynihan<br>119 Woodhaven Road<br>Woonsocket, RI 02895  | To: 1.0 LTS Resource – Central Elementary<br>Effective: February 6, 2014 – May 2, 2014<br>Salary: B-1 \$18,234.92         |
| b. Megan Donohue<br>56 Cooke St.<br>Providence, RI 02906           | To: 1.0 LTS Guidance - .6 LHS/.4 LMS<br>Effective: March 26, 2014 – end of 13/14 school year<br>Salary: M-1 \$13,158.30   |
| c. Anna Wingfield<br>12 Pequot St., Apt. 3<br>Providence, RI 02903 | To: 1.0 LTS Art – Middle School<br>Effective: February 11, 2014 – May 30, 2014 (revised dates)<br>Salary: B-1 \$14,500.05 |

**Coaching Appointments**

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| a. David McCarthy<br>81 Park Road<br>Franklin, MA 02038 | To: Baseball Coach – Middle School<br>Effective: 2013 – 2014 Spring Sports Season<br>Salary: \$1,505.00 (pending certification) |
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**Other**

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| a. Barbara Maher<br>32 Kirkbrae Drive<br>Lincoln, RI 02865 | To: Additional Duties - ESY Coordinator<br>Effective: April 15, 2014<br>Salary: \$5,280.00 |
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4. Out of State Field Trip Requests
5. Approval of Regular Session Minutes
  - a. March 10, 2014 School Committee Meeting
6. Approval of Executive Session Minutes
  - a. March 10, 2014 School Committee Meeting

II. Superintendent's Report

- a. Citations

Superintendent Fortunato introduced Alexander D'Aloisio, the 2014 Undefeated Wrestling State Champion at 126 pounds. He was also selected as All American by USA Wrestling. Kristine Donabedian presented Alexander with a Certificate of Recognition.

Kristine Donabedian presented the following with Certificates of Recognition for the 2014 Lincoln High School Science Fair:

Matthew Mardo, First Place; Jon-Luc Jarboe, Second Place; Emily Jacobson, Third Place; Margaret Tarmey, Fourth Place

Superintendent Fortunato reported that many students received 2014 FBLA awards. Mary Anne Roll announced the following first place winners as Tracey Cavanaugh presented them with Certificates of Recognition:

Adrianna Ateh, Local Chapter Annual Business Report; Sarena Balon, Management Decision Making; Tyler Balon, Entrepreneurship; Kathleen Barbieri, Marketing; Nicole Flanagan, Marketing; Jamie Iacofana, Business Communication and Marketing; Jessica Kelley, Management Decision Making; Christina Marchetti, FBLA Principles and procedures; Matthew Mardo, Entrepreneurship

The Superintendent later noted a second page of names was omitted, so everyone will be invited back to another meeting.

- b. Approval of LHS Early Release Days – 1/9/15 & 5/22/15  
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.
- c. Stage I RIDE Five Year Capital Plan  
Lori Miller reported she is about to submit the application to RIDE for reimbursement for the 2014-2015 capital projects being planned. Not included were the roof at Lonsdale and the heating pipe at the High School. Right now there isn't an issue, but out of an abundance of caution, Miller requested adding those two items to the application.  
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.
- d. School Support Visit Presentation  
Maryann Struble reported on the visit for Pre-K through 12 (actually age 21). The visit happens every five years and is a collaboration between RIDE and Lincoln Public Schools, looking at programming and compliance with RI State Regulations. They consider indicators for the least restrictive environment for all children. Struble reported receiving accolades for their program. Superintendent Fortunato asked Maryann to talk about the transition program for the high school. Struble reported they were selected by the Department of Ed to be a pilot program and expanded it for all students. Struble will be part of a team presenting at the National Transition Conference in Charlotte, NC on May 13<sup>th</sup>.
- e. Financial Report/Charter Schools Update  
Lori Miller noted they received a grant for the Transition Program. Miller reported she is projecting a positive variance. There is a small uptick in medical claims and she will be getting a report for the May meeting. There was a student that went out of district. She is still looking at heating.

### III. Awarding of Bid

- a. Telephone Service Provider E-rate  
Lori Miller explained their process for this bid to include the vendor providing telecommunication Services, as well as telephone equipment. The current vendor, Verizon, did not submit a proposal. Cox was the only bidder to provide their own lines and equipment. If there is an interruption in service at any Lincoln location, Cox would be solely responsible for identifying and correcting the problem. Also, the equipment would be eligible for the Erate reimbursement. Miller recommended a three year contract.  
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

IV. New Business

- a. Second Reading Revised Policy JEBB Kindergarten/First Grade Admission  
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.  
Mary Anne Roll made a point of clarification that there was only a minor language change.
- b. Second Reading Revised Policy JHCC AIDS-Students  
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.
- c. First Reading Revised Policy GBE AIDS-Personnel  
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

V. School Committee Reports – None.

VI. Community Comments

The Chair reminded everyone there is a two minute limit per person and they cannot comment on confidential matters or personnel. Jessie Kanter from the Central Elementary district requested a third 1st grade classroom be added for next year. She provided a copy of a study on class size and noted it wouldn't require another teacher. Patricia Willis presented the Committee with a petition of 59 signatures requesting the addition of a third 1st grade class. She stated the extra 5<sup>th</sup> grade class could become a 1<sup>st</sup> grade class. Helene Gugel advocated for smaller class size, not just at Central, but across the district. Deborah Overall stated they specifically purchased a house in Lincoln so their child could receive a quality public school education. She was joining her fellow parents in suggesting district wide solutions be found for overcrowding. She also noted Lonsdale had no dedicated classroom facilities for arts and music. Jennifer Moulico stated she is a parent and also a teacher in another district so she is aware of budgets and cuts, but she expressed concern for special education and the reduction in reading specialists. Brian Ackerman echoed others' concerns for children to receive a world class education. Fred Hoppe thanked the parents and teachers who have attended the Budget Board meetings. He reiterated the LTA's position in advocating for maintaining proper resources at all levels. He requested the committee reconsider the cut of the social worker position at the High School and the position of the nurse at the elementary level. He encouraged parents to attend the Lincoln Town Meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Sharon Manion stated it was disturbing to have students with such large class sizes and her neighbors are surprised there are 28 students in Kindergarten. Mary Ann McComiskey commented on the tentative plan to cut the half time social worker at the High School, noting the increased need for intervention for students. Chairwoman Donabedian thanked everyone for coming out and expressing their concerns.

VII. Adjourn

Motion to approve by adjourning at 8:10 PM by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion Carried 5-0.

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MARY VARR, CLERK

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