

**OFFICIAL
September 8, 2014**

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

DATE: June 25, 2014
PLACE: Lincoln Administration Building
1624 Lonsdale Avenue
Lincoln, RI 02865
TIME: 6:45 PM Open Session

School Committee Members Present: Kristine Donabedian, Chair; Mary Anne Roll, Vice Chair; John Carroll, John LaFleur

Absent: Mary Varr, Clerk; Tracey Cavanaugh, Julie Zito

Others Present: Georgia Fortunato, Superintendent; Eric Banville, Lori Miller, Maryann Struble,

Convene Into Open Session

a. Consider and Vote on Motion to Seal Executive Session Minutes.

Motion to approve by Roll. Seconded by LaFleur. All in favor. Motion carried 4-0.

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 – None.

I. Consent Agenda

The Superintendent requested removing the Administrator Appointments from the Consent Agenda. There were no objections.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Roll. Seconded by LaFleur. All in favor. Motion carried 4-0.

1. Personnel Recommendations

Resignations

Teacher Appointments

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| a. Aubrie Savickas
107 Branch Ave.
Cumberland, RI 02864 | To: French – Middle School
Effective: August 20, 2014
Salary: Per contract |
| b. Kileen Gilroy
21 Ridge Drive
Narragansett, RI 02882 | To: English – High School
Effective: August 20, 2014
Salary: Per contract |

Co-Curricular Appointments

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| a. Susan Kolenda
207 Tomahawk Trail
Cranston, RI 02921 | To: Yearbook Advisor – High School
Effective: 2014 – 2015 school year
Salary: Per contract |
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Administrator Appointments

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| a. Rosemary Stein | To: Assistant Principal – Northern Elementary
Effective: July 1, 2014
Salary: TBD |
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Motion to approve by Roll. Seconded by LaFleur. All in favor. Motion carried 4-0.
Ms. Stein was present and thanked the committee.

II. Superintendent's Report

a. Public Relations Consultant

Superintendent Fortunato stated they had talked previously about a possible consultant in getting the word out about the good things that happen in the schools. The Superintendent updates the Facebook page, she tweets and some of the principal tweet. The school websites need to be revved up. The district website has school information, but people go to the individual schools more than the district site. Fortunato does send out quarterly newsletters and has hard copies delivered around town. Mary Anne Roll explained a couple PR people had reached out to them. Cumberland hired Justin Martin and she and the Superintendent met with him. He had experience doing this in Cambridge and with some Charter Schools. He would be available to the Superintendent, the school committee and administrators for assistance. He had done an on line district survey in Cumberland. Ray Sullivan also reached out and he has worked with the NEA; he's a former state rep. He works for a larger firm. Superintendent Fortunato said she did look at her technical services line, the school committee line. The cost would be \$24,000. He would be an employee with no benefits other than workers comp. The Superintendent would remain the spokesperson. The elementary web sites could be improved and they could get the other principals to tweet. The Chair commented she would keep an open mind, but she has some reservations, especially with the deficit. The Superintendent will add this to the July 8th agenda and ask Justin Martin to attend.

b. Financial Report/FY 2014 Projected Deficit

The Superintendent reported they get claim information on a weekly basis. Lori Miller reported the first week was \$97,000, the second week \$60,000 and this past Monday was \$115,000. There will be one more on Monday and one for June 30th. The next piece will be in the fall for claims paid over the summer. The Chair thought the consultant should be able to predict preemies. Miller will ask if he does have data. The Chair also asked if there are other areas, such as going another year without buying athletic uniforms. Miller said she is looking at transportation and athletics. She noticed they are traveling and other teams aren't coming here. The Superintendent stated they will continue having this conversation.

c. Approval of 2014-15 School Committee Meeting Dates

Motion to approve by LaFleur. Seconded by Carroll. All in favor. Motion carried 4-0.
The Chair suggested including July and August meetings on the calendar.

III. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:25 PM by Roll. Seconded by LaFleur. All in favor. Motion carried 4-0.

KRISTINE DONABEDIAN, CHAIR

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