

LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND
MINUTES

DATE: July 8, 2014
PLACE: Lincoln Administration Building Conference Room
1624 Lonsdale Avenue
Lincoln, RI 02865
TIME: 5:00 PM

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, Barbara Maher, Lori Miller, Maryann Struble, Attorney Benjamin Scungio

Convene in Open Session

Opening Ceremony

Right to be Heard – None.

I. Consent agenda:

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

1. Expense Warrants
2. Personnel Recommendations

Resignations

a. Deborah Malachowski	From:	Secretary I – Curriculum
133 Progress St.	Effective:	July 11, 2014
Lincoln, RI 02865		

II. Superintendent's Report

a. Communications Consultant Presentation

Justin Martin reviewed his personal background, stating he had originally been a journalist in Augusta, Georgia and then started in communications for the Richmond County Schools with 60 schools, 60,000 students. He and his wife moved back to Cambridge, MA, where he worked for Cambridge improving their branding and customer relations. He works with Cumberland, as well as Greenfield, MA and Justice Start in Boston. He did a market survey in Cumberland. He helps write speeches, public or power point presentation, improving communication methods. He has experience with media relations. His stated his compensation varies, preferring a one year agreement. The Superintendent reported this will be on the August agenda.

b. Approval of Revised 2014-15 School Committee Meeting Dates

The Superintendent explained the July 30th and August 26th meetings were added. Those Meetings will be held at the Administration building and starting in September, the meetings will be held at the middle school.

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

c. Lincoln Middle School Handbook Revision

Barbara Maher reported they made about ten changes to the handbook, including dates, new teachers and putting advisory at the end of the day. The unsatisfactory work report was changed to a failure notice or satisfactory work report; wording for food eaten in advisory to be in line with the Health and Wellness guidelines; descriptions of provocative dancing were removed; the dress code was bulleted. Discussion ensued regarding student dress during finals and Maher explained she provided some changes of clothing and some students took finals in the office.

d. Approval of Disposition of Obsolete Textbooks

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

e. Financial Update

Lori Miller reported June wasn't such a bad month with claims with \$362,000. The last one paid was \$89,000, much less than prior claims. They got the stop loss report, but she is still projecting a deficit.

III. Awarding of Bids

a. Science Supplies and Equipment

Lori Miller recommended approving various vendors for various items.

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

b. Athletic Supplies

Lori Miller recommended approving various vendors for various items.

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

IV. New Business

a. Home School Request

- Mr. and Mrs. Steven Kane

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

The Chair reported she will be meeting with Lori Miller, the Superintendent and Town Administrator Almond regarding the deficit. There will also be a Town Council work session on July 21st specifically for the deficit and she asked the School Committee members to attend.

V. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 6:02 PM by Roll. Seconded by LaFleur. All in favor. Motion carried 4-0.

KRISTINE DONABEDIAN, CHAIR

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