

LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND
MINUTES

DATE: July 30, 2014
PLACE: Lincoln Administration Building Conference Room
1624 Lonsdale Avenue
Lincoln, RI 02865
TIME: 5:30 PM

School Committee Members Present: Kristine Donabedian, Chair; Mary Anne Roll, Vice Chair; Mary Varr, Clerk; John Carroll, Tracey Cavanaugh, John LaFleur
Absent: Julie Zito

Others Present: Georgia Fortunato, Superintendent; Eric Banville, Mark Gadbois, Kevin McNamara, Lori Miller, Maryann Struble, Attorney Benjamin Scungio

Convene in Open Session

Opening Ceremony

Right to be Heard – None.

I. Consent Agenda

Mary Varr requested removing the Consultant Appointment from the Consent Agenda.
Motion to approve the consent agenda by Cavanaugh. Seconded by LaFleur. All in favor.
Motion carried 6-0.

1. Salary Warrants
2. Expense Warrants
3. Approval of Disposition of Obsolete Equipment
4. Personnel Recommendations

Resignations

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| a. Ashley Ellsworth
29 ½ Edna St.
Johnston, RI 02919 | From: Field Hockey Head Coach – Middle School
Effective: July 30, 2014 |
| b. Michelle Steimle
1149 Frenchtown Road
East Greenwich, RI 02818 | From: DPT – District-wide
Effective: July 18, 2014 |
| c. Brenda Sylvester
1032 Great Road
Lincoln, RI 02865 | From: Field Hockey Head Coach – High School
Effective: July 22, 2014 |
| d. Michele Sharpe
5 Short Street
Mansfield, MA 02048 | From: Principal – Northern Elementary School
Effective: July 25, 2014 |

Teacher Appointments

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| a. Lisa Gemma
32 Eagle Drive
Hope, RI 02831 | To: .8 Speech/Language – .4 Lonsdale/.4 Central
Effective: August 20, 2014
Salary: Per contract |
| b. Stephanie Long
64 Shirley Blvd.
Cranston, RI 02910 | To: Self-Contained – Lonsdale Elementary
Effective: August 20, 2014
Salary: Per contract |
| c. Ian Bedard
69 John Street #3
Providence, RI 02906 | To: Grade 5 – Lonsdale Elementary
Effective: August 20, 2014
Salary: Per contract |
| d. Kalli Hayter
190 Railroad Street
Manville, RI 02838 | To: Self-Contained – Middle School
Effective: August 20, 2014
Salary: Per contract |
| e. Courtney Ide
40 Island View Way
Charlestown, RI 02913 | To: Resource – High School
Effective: August 20, 2014
Salary: Per contract |
| f. Roger Guilmain
141 Swan Road
Smithfield, RI 02917 | To: Science – High School
Effective: August 20, 2014
Salary: Per contract |

Support Staff Appointments

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| a. Ruth Semerjian
175 Harris Road
Smithfield, RI 02917 | To: 12 hr/week PT TA – Northern Elementary
Effective: August 25, 2014 – end of school year
Salary: \$10.75/hour |
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Coaching Appointments

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| a. Ashley Ellsworth
29 ½ Edna St.
Johnston, RI 02919 | To: Field Hockey Coach – High School
Effective: 2014 – 2015 Fall Sports Season
Salary: Per contract |
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Consultant Appointment

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| a. Justin Martin
Martin & Associates
10 School St.
Upton, MA 01568 | To: Communication Consultant
Effective: 8/1/14 – 6/30/15
Salary: \$24,000 |
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Motion to approve by LaFleur. Seconded by Roll. Varr expressed concern for adding another expenditure at this time with the budget deficit. She noted she wasn't concerned with public criticism but the perception of spending \$22,000. Mary Anne Roll discussed the need to get a positive message to the public and this is a consultant, not a lobbyist, referencing the work being done in Cumberland. The Superintendent noted that even the Budget Board had stated they needed to do a better job in getting their message out.

She explained the consultant fees would be funded with \$10,000 from the school committee line item, \$3,500 each from the Middle and High School lines and \$1,750 from each of the elementary schools, since this would benefit all schools. The Chair expressed concern for the deficit and commented on the Financial Town Meeting. John LaFleur felt the consultant would be beneficial, that the deficit was not due to mismanagement, but to medical claims. He stated the Superintendent requested it and they should support her. John Carroll stated while they need to get the message about the schools out, approval now sends the wrong message. Tracey Cavanaugh agreed. The Superintendent noted the deficit would not be as much as originally thought. Varr suggested getting into the school year a couple months and reconsidering this. Roll stated she is supporting the recommendation of the Superintendent and didn't think there would be a better time.

Motion FAILED 6-2, with Varr, Donabedian, Carroll, Cavanaugh voting against.

II. Superintendent's Report

a. Student Athletic Handbook Revision

Principal McNamara explained practice sessions will be reduced from five to three before cuts are made at the request of some of the coaches. Some of the winter seasons are short and they had difficulty with five sessions.

b. Approval of 2014-15 Virtual High School Contract

Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by LaFleur. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

c. Approval of Contract for Annual UCOA Audit

Lori Miller explained there are some technical difficulties with the auditors and if there was an issue they would have to go to New York. The Town's contract has the same provisions. The original company was bought out and now all the attorneys are in New York and they don't leave New York. Attorney Benjamin Scungio explained the contracts are based on NY and the large company's forums. Lori explained she didn't have all the information tonight because it is in John Ward's hands.

d. Approval of Contract for Renovations of Ferguson Field

Attorney Scungio explained the contract was not reached because the company has a set of terms and conditions. It will be added to the next agenda.

e. Financial Update

Lori Miller reported the medical claims are now trending lower than last year and with the sub line having been set high, there will be some help with the deficit.

III. New Business

a. Home School Request

- Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Bourquin
- Mrs. Theresa Ross
- Mrs. Marion Vickers

Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

The Superintendent introduced new hire, Stephanie Long, who was present.

IV. Move into Executive Session Pursuant to R.I. General Laws Section 42-46-5-(a)

- a. Work session pertaining to collective bargaining 42-46-5 (a)(2)
- b. Re-convene into Open session.

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor.
Motion carried 6-0.

Chair to report out on any votes taken in Executive Session: Receive motion by committee member to seal Executive Session Minutes pursuant to applicable provisions of RIGL 42-46-(4)&(5). Chair to announce any votes taken in executive session.

Open Session was reconvened at 8:37 PM.

The Chair reported there were no votes taken in Executive Session.

Motion to seal Executive Session minutes by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor.

Motion carried 6-0.

V. Consider Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:38 PM by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor.

Motion carried 6-0.

KRISTINE DONABEDIAN, CHAIR

DATE