

LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND  
MINUTES

DATE: October 20, 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  
Absent: Julie Zito

Others Present: Georgia Fortunato, Superintendent; Eric Banville, Mark Gadbois, Kevin McNamara, Armand Milazzo, Lori Miller, Maryann Struble,

Convene Into Open Session

- a. Consider and Vote on Motion to Seal Executive Session Minutes.  
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Carroll. All in favor. Motion approved 6-0.
- b. Notification to Public of Compliance with R.I. General Laws 42-46-4 & 5 as to Votes Taken.  
The Chair reported there was one vote taken to unanimously approve the security plan.

Opening Ceremony

Right to be Heard – None.

I. Consent agenda

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

1. Salary Warrants
2. Expense Warrants
3. Home School Requests
  - Mrs. Corrina Bedard
  - Ms. Rachel Bergeron
  - Ms. Samantha Fairfield
  - Ms. Laura Reeves
  - Ms. Darlene Rochon
4. Personnel Recommendations

**Teacher Appointments**

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| a. Robert Gervais<br>28 Rosegarden St.<br>Warwick, RI 02888          | To: Industrial Technology – High School<br>Effective: October 6, 2014<br>Salary: M-10 \$69,162.92                      |
| b. Marissa Groleau<br>51 Front St., Apt. 314<br>Cumberland, RI 02864 | To: Grade 1 – Central (One Year Only)<br>Effective: September 22, 2014 – End of School Year<br>Salary: B-1 \$36,030.44 |

c. Patricia McChrystal 5 Ursula Road Smithfield, RI 02917	To: .4 Library/Media Specialist – High School Effective: October 22, 2014 Salary: M-5 \$17,418.34
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**Long-Term Substitute Teacher Appointments**

a. Andrea Aiello 1570 Douglas Ave. No. Providence, RI 02904	To: LTS Grade 3 – Central Elementary Effective: August 25, 2014 – December 23, 2014 Salary: B-1 \$19,772.80
b. Julie Signa 71 Bellingham Road Blackstone, MA 01504	To: LTS Music – Central/Lonsdale Effective: October 6, 2014 – End of School Year Salary: B-1 \$33,833.46

**Support Staff Appointments**

a. Colleen Matta 45 England St. Cumberland, RI 02864	To: 15hr/wk PT TA – Central Elementary Effective: September 17, 2014 – End of School Year Salary: \$10.25/hour
b. Stacy Palazini 11 Haslam St. No. Providence, RI 02904	To: 12hr/wk PT TA – Northern Elementary Effective: September 22, 2014 – End of School Year Salary: \$10.25/hour

**Coaching Appointments**

a. Kaylee Dubois 24 St. Francis St. Woonsocket, RI 02895	To: Field Hockey Coach – Middle School Effective: 2014 – 2015 Fall Sports Season Salary: Per contract
b. Kenton Crooks 135 Boardman Ave. Cumberland, RI 02864	To: Boys Basketball Head Coach – High School Effective: 2014 – 2015 Winter Sports Season Salary: Per contract
c. Arthur Kelley 16 Pine St. Rehoboth, MA 02769	To: Boys Basketball Assistant Coach – High School Effective: 2014 – 2015 Winter Sports Season Salary: Per contract
d. Michael Bedrossian 12 Hayfield Lane Cumberland, RI 02864	To: Freshman Boys Basketball Coach – High School Effective: 2014 – 2015 Winter Sports Season Salary: Per contract
e. Brian Grant 11 Rita St. Warwick, RI 02889	To: Boys Indoor Track Assistant Coach – High School Effective: 2014 – 2015 Winter Sports Season Salary: Per contract

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| f. Andrew Hallam<br>30 Ethan St.<br>Warwick, RI 02888                | To:<br>Effective:<br>Salary: | Girls Basketball Head Coach – High School<br>2014 – 2015 Winter Sports Season<br>Per contract        |
| g. John Menna<br>160 Natick Ave.<br>Cranston, RI 02921               | To:<br>Effective:<br>Salary: | Boys Indoor Track Head Coach – High School<br>2014 – 2015 Winter Sports Season<br>Per contract       |
| h. Susan Carlson<br>2 Beverly Drive<br>Lincoln, RI 02865             | To:<br>Effective:<br>Salary: | Girls Indoor Track Head Coach – High School<br>2014 – 2015 Winter Sports Season<br>Per contract      |
| i. Elizabeth Carlson<br>2 Beverly Drive<br>Lincoln, RI 02865         | To:<br>Effective:<br>Salary: | Girls Indoor Track Assistant Coach – High School<br>2014 – 2015 Winter Sports Season<br>Per contract |
| j. Garrett Riel<br>28 Ash St.<br>Manville, RI 02838                  | To:<br>Effective:<br>Salary: | Boys Ice Hockey Assistant Coach – High School<br>2014 – 2015 Winter Sports Season<br>Per contract    |
| k. Michael Tuorto<br>3 Meadow Ave.<br>No. Providence, RI 02911       | To:<br>Effective:<br>Salary: | Wrestling Head Coach – High School<br>2014 – 2015 Winter Sports Season<br>Per contract               |
| l. Denis Riel<br>355 Camp Dixie Road<br>Pascoag, RI 02859            | To:<br>Effective:<br>Salary: | Boys Ice Hockey Head Coach – High School<br>2014-15 Winter Sports Season<br>Per contract             |
| m. Anthony Turchetta<br>41 Dale Avenue, Apt. C<br>Johnston, RI 02919 | To:<br>Effective:<br>Salary: | Wrestling Assistant Coach – High School<br>2014-15 Winter Sports Season<br>Per contract              |
| n. Scott Eastwood<br>163 Grove Street<br>Lincoln, RI 02865           | To:<br>Effective:<br>Salary: | Assistant Girls Basketball Coach – High School<br>2014-15 Winter Sports Season<br>Per contract       |

**Co-Curricular Appointments**

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| a. Kristen Bannon<br>16 White Court<br>No. Providence, RI 02911 | To:<br>Effective:<br>Salary: | Freshman Class Co-Advisor – High School<br>2014 – 2015 school year<br>Per contract |
| b. Kerry Holden<br>31 Douglas St.<br>West Warwick, RI 02893     | To:<br>Effective:<br>Salary: | Freshman Class Co-Advisor – High School<br>2014 – 2015 school year<br>Per contract |

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| c. Rebecca Donald<br>70 Stone Ridge Drive<br>East Greenwich, RI 02818  | To:<br>Effective:<br>Salary: | Drama Advisor – High School<br>2014 – 2015 school year<br>Per contract   |
| d. Daniel Pedro<br>14 Blackstone St.<br>Cumberland, RI 02864           | To:<br>Effective:<br>Salary: | Elementary Enrichment Coach (Band)<br>September 29, 2014 – May 22, 2015<br>\$44/hour                                       |
| e. Peter Moreau<br>5 Wake Robin Road, Unit 2203<br>Lincoln, RI 02865   | To:<br>Effective:<br>Salary: | Elementary Enrichment Coach (Math Olympiad)<br>September 29, 2014 – May 22, 2015<br>\$44/hour                              |
| f. Peng Spencer<br>200 Heroux Blvd., Unit 2103<br>Cumberland, RI 02864 | To:<br>Effective:<br>Salary: | Elementary Enrichment Coach (Chinese)<br>September 29, 2014 – May 22, 2015<br>\$8,000 (grant funded)                       |
| g. Susan Pepper<br>286 Huntinghouse Road<br>No. Scituate, RI 02857     | To:<br>Effective:<br>Salary: | Elementary Enrichment Coach<br>(Creative Writing & Digital Storytelling)<br>September 29, 2014 – May 22, 2015<br>\$44/hour |

5. Out of State Field Trip Requests
6. Approval of Disposition of Obsolete Textbooks
7. Approval of Regular Session Minutes
  - a. September 8, 2014
  - b. September 29, 2014
8. Approval of Executive Session Minutes
  - a. September 8, 2014
  - b. September 29, 2014

## II. Superintendent's Report

- a. *We Are Here – Lincoln High School is Here* Video  
Superintendent Fortunato stated she is so proud of the video that has been on Channel 10, Face Book and You Tube. She introduced Erin Gannon, Maggie Gillen, Elizabeth Young, Delaney Maxell, Teddy Sullivan, Lexi Revis, Brandon Lahoud, Doreen Picozzi, Lisa Cardarelli and Alicia Kroszner. The students explained they are part of the broadcast journalism class and made the video after Alicia Keys' movement to address cyber bullying and promote tolerance and acceptance. The video was shown.
- b. Bright Stars Application Update  
Superintendent Fortunato reported Mary Varr has been an amazing advocate and resource on early childhood education. Mary Varr explained the Bright Stars process has evolved to five levels of improvement in early childhood education and the preschool fits right in. The purpose is to sustain the infrastructure for health, safety, nutrition, enrollment and staffing, staff qualifications and special development, administration, early learning and development and family engagement. Maryann Struble reported the program includes curriculum, professional development for staff and planning for ECERS observation. This self assessment looks at space, furnishings, personal care routines, language, reasoning, activities and direction for program structure.

c. Ferguson Field Update

Superintendent Fortunato reported they met with representatives from RIDE. Lori Miller explained because of the health and safety moratorium, they are unable to award the contract; however, they can send out the bids in December or January and once the moratorium is lifted they can approve a contractor. They should be able to start work in mid-May so the field would be completed by fall 2015. If they proceeded during the moratorium there would be no reimbursement.

d. Approval of MOU with Children's Friend Head Start

Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0, with Varr being recused.

e. Financial Report/Charter Schools Update

The Superintendent reported she met with the leadership team and officially froze the budget. Lori Miller stated she is still projecting a zero variance. Claims seem to be tracking a little slower than last year. Ms. Struble has been able to keep students in district which has helped the tuition line, although that may impact purchased services. Miller reported there were \$1.1 million in claims in 2011, \$1.042 in 2012 and \$1.5 million last year at this time. Currently she is tracking \$1.2 million. The Chair questioned what is being reported in the stop loss reimbursement column. Miller explained that these reimbursements relate to 2013-14 and because the Town has included it in their report, she did the same. Discussion ensued regarding the tracking and Mary Varr suggested a cover sheet explaining the numbers. Miller reported there are 175 students in Charter Schools with 153 at Blackstone Valley Prep and one at the Nurses. Tuition is at \$1.9 million. Miller hasn't received any bills from Davies to date.

III. Awarding of Bid

a. 3D Printer

The Business Manager explained this is a Perkins Grant for an additional printer.

Motion to approve the bid for \$17,114.00 from AET Labs by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Varr. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

IV. Correspondence

Superintendent Fortunato read a letter from Rhode Island College stating that Lincoln High School has earned the distinction as a concurrent enrollment partner with RI College. For fall 2013, 100% of the students earned transferable college credits as a result of the Early Enrollment Program.

V. School Committee Reports

Mary Varr reported while she has been speaking to people in town, some have indicated they don't feel that they can speak at the school committee meetings. She isn't sure if it is a misunderstanding of the process or if they feel intimidated. She has noted the Committee has recommitted to better communications. Varr also had a thought that some might fear retaliation and wanted the public to know if that were to occur they would want to know about it. Mary Anne Roll noted that the public is invited to their work sessions. She also commented she and the Superintendent do meet with representatives from the PTAs and PTOs. Roll reported RIASC is holding School Committee 101 for new members on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, but noted it meets the required six hours continuing education. Chairwoman Donabedian reported the budget subcommittee has met twice and is sorting through data. She noted and they have all identified communication and want to make sure people come to their budget workshops and they want the public's input. Mary Anne Roll also reported the district Wellness Committee met and will report in November to be in compliance with regulations.

VI. Community Comments

Fred Hoppe commented he was moved to tears by Lincoln High School's presentation of "We Are Here."  
He noted the public doesn't always see what is done and offered kudos to the students and faculty.

VII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 PM by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

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MARY VARR, CLERK

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