

LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND  
MINUTES

DATE: November 10, 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, Armand Milazzo, Lori Miller

Convene Into Open Session

- a. Consider and Vote on Motion to Seal Executive Session Minutes  
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll and Carroll. All in favor. Motion carried 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 were no votes taken in Executive Session.

Opening Ceremony

Right to be Heard – None.

I. Consent agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Carroll.  
The Chair requested moving Personnel items e. and f. to the Superintendent's Report. Motion to approve the amended agenda by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Carroll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

1. Salary Warrants
2. Expense Warrants
3. Home School Requests  
- Mr. Wilmarth
4. Personnel Recommendations

**Retirements**

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| a. Richard Anterni<br>6 Great Meadows Lane<br>Lincoln, RI 02865 | From: Grade 6 – Lincoln Middle School<br>Effective: June 2015 |
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**Resignations**

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| a. Christopher Cadieux<br>21 Redfern St.<br>North Providence, RI 02911 | From: Data Manager – Administration<br>Effective: November 11, 2014 |
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**Leave of Absences**

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| a. Renee Jarest<br>59 Lawrence St., Apt. 1<br>Cranston, RI 02920 | From: 1:1 Teacher Assistant – Central<br>Effective: November 17, 2014 – June 2015 |
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**Coaching Appointments**

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| a. Jon Bruckner<br>8 Birchwood Drive<br>Manville, RI 02838                          | To: Girls Basketball Coach – Middle School<br>Effective: 2014 – 2015 Winter Sports Season<br>Salary: Per contract  |
| b. Steven Carvalho<br>25 Franklin St.<br>Lincoln, RI 02865                          | To: Boys Basketball Coach – Middle School<br>Effective: 2014 – 2015 Winter Sports Season<br>Salary: Per contract   |
| c. Thomas DiIorio<br>2 Peckham St.<br>Attleboro, MA 02703                           | To: Swimming Head Coach – High School<br>Effective: 2014 – 2015 Winter Sports Season<br>Salary: Per contract   |
| d. Matthew Parenteau<br>8 Holiday Court<br>Lincoln, RI 02865                        | To: Swimming Assistant Coach – High School<br>Effective: 2014 – 2015 Winter Sports Season<br>Salary: Per contract  |
| e. Richard Ernst (moved to Supt. Report)<br>71 Philmont Ave.<br>Cranston, RI 02910  | To: Girls Ice Hockey Head Coach – High School<br>Effective: 2014 – 2015 Winter Sports Season<br>Salary: Per contract ( <i>subject to formation of a full team</i> )      |
| f. Thomas Pereira (moved to Supt. Report)<br>79 Waterman Ave.<br>Cranston, RI 02910 | To: Girls Ice Hockey Assistant Coach – High School<br>Effective: 2014 – 2015 Winter Sports Season<br>Salary: Per contract ( <i>subject to formation of a full team</i> ) |
| g. Tina Pedersen<br>34 Westwood Road<br>Lincoln, RI 02865                           | To: Basketball Cheerleading Coach – High School<br>Effective: 2014 – 2015 Winter Sports Season<br>Salary: Per contract   |
| h. Tina Pedersen<br>34 Westwood Road<br>Lincoln, RI 02865                           | To: Competitive Cheerleading Coach – High School<br>Effective: 2014 – 2015 Winter Sports Season<br>Salary: Per contract  |

4. Out of State Field Trip Requests
5. Approval of Regular Session Minutes
  - a. October 20, 2014
6. Approval of Executive Session Minutes
  - a. October 20, 2014

III. Superintendent's Report

a. Citations

Superintendent Fortunato reported the Lady Lions became the Tennis Division II State Champions after two winless seasons. They beat the undefeated team. Chairwoman Donabedian and member Tracey Cavanaugh presented the following with certificates of recognition:

Tallia Akay, Marisa Brown, Hannah Ciotti, Natalie DerHagopian, Katherine Farrell, Katelyn Fontaine, Christina Marchetti, Margaret Maris, Abigail Rao, Elizabeth Wahl, Kaelyn Zak, Kate Zaniol, Head Coach Robert Zimmer, Assistant Coach Casey Carr

b. Health and Wellness Annual Report

Mary Anne Roll reported they have been meeting four times a year for the last eight years as a result of state and federal regulations. They concentrate on nutrition, physical activity and staff wellness. The only piece missing is the evaluation. They developed an on line evaluation tool to be completed by building principals, parents, students and other staff members. One area of concern is fundraising, i.e. selling candy. Other areas raised were health issues and they will be working with parent groups and other school related groups. She noted that the kids are making better food choices.

c. Approval of CCRI Rental Agreement

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

The Chair declared a five minute break to allow members of the public to depart.

d. Approval of Pool Rental Agreement – McColl Field YMCA

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

e. Girls' Ice Hockey Update

Lori Miller explained that the team was to be a co-op of Lincoln and Cumberland girls and the initial understanding was that Lincoln would pay the busing, ice time and provide uniforms and then send Cumberland a bill. Cumberland's share for the 2013-14 season was about \$16,000. It has been a co-op in order to have a minimum of ten girls. There are between three and ten girls in Lincoln interested this year, but if there are less than ten players they cannot field a team. Miller explained that she was not part of the negotiation but understood that Cumberland parents would reimburse the Cumberland School Department, but there is nothing in writing. In October they invited the Cumberland Principal and Athletic Director to meet regarding payment. Cumberland has not budgeted for this. Sign up will be done by Wednesday and the ice time will be held until Friday. LaFleur suggested reaching out to Cumberland parents or inquiring if there are girls in Smithfield interested since it is a co-op. Miller stated the cost will be about \$30,000 with coaches, payroll taxes, transportation and uniforms.

f. Approval of Ice Hockey Rental Agreement (*subject to formation of a full team*)

Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll.

The Chair asked to define a team. Discussion ensued regarding the number of Lincoln girls required for a team and what to do if there were only three Lincoln girls. Mary Anne Roll pointed out Lincoln has a policy regarding athletics and questioned eligibility of non-Lincoln girls. LaFleur felt they had to take care of the Lincoln girls, especially since some had worked all summer for it. Roll suggested waiting until the end of the week. The Chair suggested if there were only three Lincoln girls there would be no team. John Carroll expressed concern if there were a minority of Lincoln girls. Motion to approve a full team with a minimum of seven players from Lincoln by Roll. Seconded by Cavanaugh. Cavanaugh stated this would be for this year and next year they could handle it differently. Carroll stated he was still uncomfortable. LaFleur stated the real issue is not the \$30,000 but how they treat the girls. After additional discussion, the Superintendent stated they could have a special meeting next week which would give them time to post it and see how many girls sign up.

Motion to TABLE the motion (on the rental agreement and two personnel appointments) by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. It was voted 5-1 to approve, with LaFleur voting against.

- g. Vote to Approve 2014-15 School Food Service Contract – Aramark (*subject to legal review*)  
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- h. Vote to Approve 2014-15 Budget Amendment  
Lori Miller explained the amendment is to show how they allocate medical expenses. They budgeted a lump sum and then break it down for UCOA; moving \$692,000 from the medical insurance line and distributing \$192,000 to health and medical premiums and \$500,000 to self insured retiree. This does not change the bottom line of the budget  
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- i. Financial Report/Charter Schools Update  
Lori Miller reported she is projecting a zero surplus. She is tracking some lines, especially special ed tuition. Anyone coming in now would only have half the impact on the budget. Charter School and vocational tuitions are on track. A bill was received from Davies. She is tracking medical claims and to date they have spent \$1.62 million. Last year it was over \$2 million and the year before \$1.4 million, so the variance this year is less than the variance at this time in the 2013-14 fiscal year.

IV. School Committee Reports

Superintendent Fortunato wished Chris Cadieux well as he is moving to Kittery, Maine with his family. She also commended Principal McNamara, the administration, the faculty and all the students for another successful Spirit Week. Mary Anne Roll reported the annual walk this year was a perfect Friday on the bike path. She recognized several people for their shared efforts and noted next year will be the tenth anniversary. Roll also reported meeting with representatives of the parent groups. She brought in a parent volunteer from Cumberland to review how they use Facebook as a regular form of communication.

V. Community Comments

Fred Hoppe stated he was speaking as a Middle School teacher and wanted to congratulate the PBIS committee. He asked everyone to watch the video on the website. He offered congratulations to the girls and boys soccer team.

VI. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:14 PM by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

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MARY VARR, CLERK

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