

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

DATE: April 13, 2015  
PLACE: Lincoln Middle School  
152 Jenckes Hill Road  
Lincoln, RI 02865  
TIME: 7:00 PM

School Committee Members Present: Kristine Donabedian, Chair; Mary Anne Roll, Vice Chair; John Carroll, Clerk; Tracey Cavanaugh, John LaFleur, Staci Rapko-Bruckner, Julie Zito

Others Present: Georgia Fortunato, Superintendent; Eric Banville, Caroline Frey, Mark Gadbois, Armand Milazzo, Maryann Struble; Attorney Benjamin Scungio

Convene Into Open Session

- a. Consider and Vote on Motion to Seal Executive Session Minutes.  
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Rapko-Bruckner. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- b. Notification to Public of Compliance with R.I. General Laws 42-46-4 & 5 as to Votes Taken  
Chairwoman Donabedian 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 Rapko-Bruckner. All in favor.  
Motion carried 7-0.

1. Salary Warrants
2. Expense Warrants
3. Personnel Recommendations

**Resignations**

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|---|---|
| a. Melissa Ricci<br>10 Dart St.<br>Cranston, RI 02920 | From: Music – Middle School<br>Effective: June 19, 2015 |
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**Leave of Absences**

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| a. Pamela Miller<br>78 Top 'O the Mark Drive<br>Jamestown, RI 02835       | From: English – Middle School<br>Effective: April 2, 2015 – June, 2015<br>(extension) |
| b. Anne-Marie VanNieuwenhuize<br>14 Miner St.<br>No. Providence, RI 02904 | From: Guidance – LHS/LMS<br>Effective: March 17, 2015 – April 6, 2015<br>(extension)  |

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- c. Thomas Mellen  
82 Woodland St.  
Lincoln, RI 02865
- From: Resource – Middle School  
Effective: 2015 – 2016 school year
- d. Melissa Goho  
9 Samuel Stephens Drive  
Lincoln, RI 02865
- From: Reading – Northern  
Effective: 2015 – 2016 school year

**Long-Term Substitute Teacher Appointments**

- a. Megan Donohue  
56 Cooke St.  
Providence, RI 02906
- To: 1.0 LTS – Guidance – .6 LHS/.4 LMS  
Effective: March 17, 2015 – April 6, 2015  
Salary: M-1 \$3,349.38  
(extension)
- b. Nicole Buckless  
235 Morgan Ave. Apt. 10  
Johnston, RI 02919
- To: 1.0 LTS – English – Middle School  
Effective: April 2, 2015 – June 2015  
Salary: B-1 \$10,984.89  
(extension)
- c. Sofie Ausfresser  
131 Vernon St.  
Warwick, RI 02889
- To: 1.0 LTS – Resource – Northern  
Effective: April 6, 2015 – June 2015  
Salary: M-1 \$11,722.85

**Coaching Appointments**

- a. Adam Petit  
1050 Great Road  
Lincoln, RI 02865
- To: Boys Lacrosse Assistant Coach – High School  
Effective: 2014-2015 Spring Sports Season  
Salary: Per contract  
(*Pending Certification*)
- b. Mark Barrett  
1 Allan Drive  
Lincoln, RI 02865
- To: Boys Lacrosse Assistant Coach – High School  
Effective: 2014-2015 Spring Sports Season  
Salary: Per contract  
(*Pending Certification*)

4. Approval of Disposition of Obsolete Textbooks
5. Out of State Field Trip Requests
6. Approval of Regular Session Minutes
  - a. March 9, 2015 School Committee Meeting

II. Superintendent's Report

a. Citations

Superintendent Fortunato recognized Rita Kinniburgh as the 2015 Rhode Island School Nurse Teacher of the Year, stating she has worked with Mrs. Kinniburgh for 25 years. Rita's knowledge and professionalism is evidenced in all she does. She serves on the Health & Wellness Committee, SIT, Health & Safety Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, is a PBIS coach and works with students at Northern Elementary in the school garden. Chairwoman Donabedian presented Kinniburgh with a Certificate of Recognition.

The Superintendent recognized Adam Zangari as the 2015 Rhode Island National Geographic Bee Third Place Winner. She stated students are given a 35 question questionnaire. The top 40-50 scores are invited to a second round, which narrows the field down to about 10 students. The third round determines the school champion. Adam finished in second place as a 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grader before capturing the school title this year as an 8<sup>th</sup> grader. Fifty qualifiers started in the state competition at RIC. The field was narrowed down to ten and finally three competitors. Adam finished in third place for the entire state. Chairwoman Donabedian presented Adam with a Certificate of Recognition.

Mary Anne Roll recognized the following first place winners of the 2015 FBLA and presented them with Certificates of Recognition:

*Marena Bitar*, Global Business; *Cassidy DiPaola*, Local Chapter Annual Business Report and Public Speaking 2; *Lyndsey Gordon*, Global Business and Personal Finance; *Taylor Gordon*, Global Business; *Matthew Mardo*, Introduction to Business; *Amanda Ryan*, Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure; *Veer Shah*, Introduction to Information Technology; *Ashley Votta*, Public Speaking; *Brianna Walters*, Local Chapter Newsletter; *Patrick Hanley* and *Kellyanne Wilson*, Assistant Co-Advisors; *Maryann Mitchell* and *Cheryl Murray*, Co-Advisors.

- b. Approval of 2015-16 Virtual High School Contract  
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Rapko-Bruckner. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- c. Approval of Cox Communications Agreement  
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Rapko-Bruckner. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- d. Stage I RIDE Five-Year Capital Plan – Necessity of School Construction – Letter of Intent  
Superintendent Fortunato read the following letter to RIDE:

Dear Mr. DaSilva:

Please be advised that the Lincoln Public Schools will be submitting Stage I of the Necessity of School Construction application no later than the end of April 2015.

Lincoln's Capital Development Committee will work with an architect to look at replacing or renovating Lincoln's existing infrastructure for health and safety issues as well as modernize existing facilities to make them more energy efficient. The improvements included in the plan will be financed primarily by capital reserve funds recommended by Lincoln's School Committee and Budget Board and approved by the voters at Lincoln's annual Financial Town Meeting.

We expect a Stage II submittal by May 15, 2015. We anticipate the Board of Regent's approval by the beginning of July 2015.

Lori Miller, the district's School Business Administrator will be the contact person for this project. She can be reached by Telephone at (401) 721-3304 or by email at [miller@lincolnps.org](mailto:miller@lincolnps.org).

- e. Ferguson Field Update  
The Superintendent reported the committee met March 19<sup>th</sup> and approved the design. It went public with a walk through on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Bids were opened April 2<sup>nd</sup>. She thanked everyone on the committee. September first there will be a new track and field.
- f. FY 2014 Audit Update  
Superintendent Fortunato requested this item be tabled until the May meeting.  
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Rapko-Bruckner. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- g. Financial Report/Charter Schools Update  
Superintendent Fortunato reported they are still projecting a zero variance. They are watching medical claims which are at 83.5% spent at 75% through the year. There will be a deficit in this line. They are waiting for the fourth quarter bills for Charter Schools and they should have more information for the 2015-16 school year.

III. Awarding of Bids

a. Direct Digital Control System Upgrade

The Superintendent reported on the following bids:

<u>Lonsdale</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Arden Engineering	\$105,775.00
Energy Source	21,259.00
Nexgen	82,199.00

<u>Saylesville</u>	
Arden Engineering	\$139,000.00
Energy Source	149,890.00
Nexgen	\$187,400.00

The recommendation was for the lowest bids, Energy Source for \$21,259 at Lonsdale and Arden Engineering for \$139,000 at Saylesville.

Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Carroll and Rapko-Bruckner. All in favor. The motion carried 7-0.

b. Ferguson Field Site Improvements

Superintendent reported on the following bids:

	<u>Base Bid Price</u>	<u>Alt #1</u>	<u>Alt #2</u>	<u>Alt #3</u>	<u>Alt #4</u>	<u>Alt #5</u>
Ahlborg Construction	\$1,711,000	\$28,000	\$33,000	\$20,000	\$367,000	\$293,000
DiGregorio Corp.	1,445,000	23,000	20,000	20,000	315,000	276,000
Green Acres Landscaping & Construction	1,468,695	25,500	31,500	19,800	348,000	290,400
Menafort Brothers	1,691,213	30,475	14,800	23,000	373,385	289,237
Mill City Construction	1,810,304	25,025	25,855	27,195	389,485	293,375

The recommendation was for the lowest bidder, DiGregorio Corporation for the base bid and Alternates #1 and #2 in the amount of \$4,488,000; and Alternates #3 and #4 in the amount of \$335,000, subject to the voter approval of funds at the financial town meeting on May 11, 2015.

Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Rapko-Bruckner. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

IV. New Business

a. Removal of Obsolete Job Descriptions

The Superintendent explained the descriptions are for telephone operator/clerk/receptionist, accounting manager, personnel coordinator, human resources coordinator, director of personnel and student services, assistant business manager and assistant superintendent of curriculum instruction

Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Rapko-Bruckner. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

V. School Committee Reports

Mary Anne Roll reported she attended the FBLA Fashion Show at the Marriott and the students did a wonderful job. She also attended the National School Board Association conference in March. There were a number of sessions on external relations and student interest based curriculum development and instruction. The conference will be in Boston next spring.

Staci Rapko-Bruckner congratulated the PTA on Food Vendor Night, stating it was a great idea and there was a good turnout. Superintendent Fortunato reported there will be a potluck at Lonsdale on Wednesday and Thursday is the Honor Society induction at Kirkbrae.

VI. Community Comments – None.

VII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:35 PM by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Rapko-Bruckner. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

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JOHN CARROLL, CLERK

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