

LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND
MINUTES

DATE: September 21, 2015
PLACE: Lincoln Middle School
152 Jenckes Hill Road
Lincoln, RI 02865
TIME: 8:20 PM – Open Session

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

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

Convene Into Open Session

Opening Ceremony

Right to be Heard – None.

The Chairwoman reported on June 8, 2015, the School Committee met in Executive Session and took a vote that can be reported out at this time regarding the resignation of an administrator. The resignation and terms were accepted by a vote of 3-2, with Carroll, Cavanaugh, Rapko-Bruckner voting in favor; Roll and Donabedian voting to reject.

I. Consent agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Roll. Seconded by Rapko-Bruckner. All in favor.
Motion carried 5-0.

1. Salary Warrants
2. Expense Warrants
3. Approval of Disposition of Obsolete Textbooks
4. Home School Requests
 - Mr. and Mrs. Azevedo
 - Ms. Rachel Bergeron
5. Out of State Field Trip Requests
6. Civic Use of Buildings
 - St. Jude Church Basketball @ LMS (Sundays, 11/1/15 – 3/31/16, Dates TBD)

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II. Superintendent's Report

a. Lincoln High School Student Update

Principal McNamara introduced Alex Levin, Sr. Class President. Alex reported the priority right now is Spirit Week activities, including skits, class banners. They are starting a new tradition to decorate the boulder at Ferguson Field according to their class name. They are also planning for their senior Prom at the Newport Hyatt and the senior supper.

b. School Opening Update

Superintendent Fortunato reported the school year is off to a great start, beginning with a Professional Development day September first which focused on technology and the use of Chrome Book in the classroom. That will enhance teaching and learning as well as improve student achievement. She thanked Dr. Frey for planning the Professional Development day, Mr. Gadbois and the IT staff for setting up the devices, Mr. Milazzo for preparing the schools. Fortunato thanked administrators, teachers, teaching assistants, secretaries, maintenance, custodial and technology staff for creating such a wonderful learning environment for students. She offered special thanks to Mrs. Miller and Mr. Milazzo for their work over the summer on Ferguson Field and the Lonsdale roof. The Superintendent noted that Lincoln High School scored in academic excellence by being in the top bracket in SAT scores. She recognized Mr. McNamara and his leadership team and the faculty and staff. She noted enrollment is increasing and in the past two weeks two new kindergarten classes and one first grade class were added.

c. Approval of Unbudgeted .2 Speech/Language Therapist Position

Motion to approve by Roll and Rapko-Bruckner. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

d. Approval of Solar Panel Project with Town of Lincoln

The Business Manager explained the Town Administrator called to say he wanted to include the school department in their negotiations with a company to put in solar panels. In lieu of taxes the company will give them energy credits.

Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Rapko-Bruckner. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

e. Vote to Approve Change Order Lonsdale Roof

Lori Miller explained the first change order was for \$8,334.17. The second is for \$13,500. These are needed because of the way the roof has to be connected to the building at the windows and five drains will be installed.

Motion to approve the change orders in the amount of \$22,000 by Cavanaugh. Second by Rapko-Bruckner. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

f. Vote to Approve Change Orders Ferguson Field

Lori Miller explained the first change order is for \$14,606 for a conduit and wiring, gravel and a fence post; the second change order is for a sound system and cameras for a 24 hour surveillance system which will be linked to the police department in the amount of \$30,000. She explained the town administration and the police approve of the surveillance update and including in the change order.

Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

g. Capital Updates

The Business Manager explained there are a few items on a punch list and signage will go up. Superintendent Fortunato noted a policy needs to be created and what fees will be. The Chair noted the Communication Subcommittee is also working on a policy.

h. Financial Report/Charter School Update

Lori Miller reported the salary line is at \$680,000 because of August. She is projecting a \$59,000 variance in the Life Insurance line that was budgeted at \$152,000. She explained they didn't know what the actual fees would be. There are 194 students in Charter and Vocational Schools.

III. New Business

a. LTA Memorandum of Agreement Preparation Periods

The Chair reported the Memo of Agreement clarifies class prep periods or student/parent engagement and departures of unrelated class prep or student/parent engagement. It is Superintendent recommended.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

IV. School Committee Reports

Mary Anne Roll reported RIASC will have a session with Dr. Wagner at Bryant University on Saturday, October 3rd. There is a session with the new Key Works. This counts towards six hours of professional development. The Chair reported the Budget Subcommittee will meet with Central Office. Superintendent Fortunato reported the Commissioner of Education is coming to Lincoln October 21st and they are looking forward to working with him

V. Community Comment – None.

VI. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 PM by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Carroll. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

JOHN CARROLL, CLERK

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