

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

DATE: October 19, 2015
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; John Carroll, Clerk; Tracey Cavanaugh, John LaFleur, Staci Rapko-Bruckner, Julie Zito

Others Present: Georgia Fortunato, Superintendent; Eric Banville, Caroline Frey, Heidi Godowski, Lori Miller, 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 Carroll. 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.
The Chair reported there was one unanimous vote in Executive Session to approve the School Safety and Emergency Plan for the 2015-2016 School Year.

Opening Ceremony

Right to be Heard – None.

- I. Consent agenda
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Carroll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
 1. Salary Warrants
 2. Expense Warrants
 3. Approval of Disposition of Obsolete Equipment
 4. Home School Requests
 - a. Mr. and Mrs. Chace
 5. Out of State Field Trip Requests
 6. Civic Use of Buildings
 - a. American Cancer Society, Inc. Fundraiser/Vendor Fair @ LHS 12/5/15
 - b. Town of Lincoln EMA Med-Pod Group @ LMS 2/18/16 (snow date 3/3/16)
 - c. American Cancer Society - Relay for Life @ LMS 6/10/16 & 6/11/16

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| e. Arthur Kelley | To: | Boys Basketball Assistant Coach – High School |
| | Effective: | 2015 – 2016 Winter Sports Season |
| | Salary: | Per contract |
| f. Brian Grant | To: | Boys Indoor Track Assistant Coach – High School |
| | Effective: | 2015 – 2016 Winter Sports Season |
| | Salary: | Per contract |
| g. John Menna | To: | Boys Indoor Track Head Coach – High School |
| | Effective: | 2015 – 2016 Winter Sports Season |
| | Salary: | Per contract |
| h. Susan Carlson | To: | Girls Indoor Track Head Coach – High School |
| | Effective: | 2015 – 2016 Winter Sports Season |
| | Salary: | Per contract |
| i. Elizabeth Brennan | To: | Girls Indoor Track Assistant Coach – High School |
| | Effective: | 2015 – 2016 Winter Sports Season |
| | Salary: | Per contract |
| j. Michael Bedrossian | To: | Freshman Basketball Coach – High School |
| | Effective: | 2015 – 2016 Winter Sports Season |
| | Salary: | Per contract |
| k. Thomas DiIorio | To: | Swimming Head Coach – High School |
| | Effective: | 2015 – 2016 Winter Sports Season |
| | Salary: | Per contract |
| l. Michael Tuorto | To: | Wrestling Head Coach – High School |
| | Effective: | 2015 – 2016 Winter Sports Season |
| | Salary: | Per contract |
| m. Anthony Turchetta, Jr. | To: | Wrestling Assistant Coach – High School |
| | Effective: | 2015 – 2016 Winter Sports Season |
| | Salary: | Per contract |
| n. Garrett Riel | To: | Boys' Hockey Head Coach – High School |
| | Effective: | 2015-16 Winter Sports Season |
| | Salary: | Per contract |
| o. Scott Eastwood | To: | Girls' Basketball Assistant Coach – High School |
| | Effective: | 2015-16 Winter Sports Season |
| | Salary: | Per contract |
| p. Robert Choiniere | To: | Boys' Hockey Assistant Coach – High School |
| | Effective: | 2015-15 Winter Sports Season |
| | | Per contract (<i>pending certification</i>) |

8. Approval of Regular Session Minutes

- a. September 21, 2015
- b. September 28, 2015
- c. September 30, 2015

9. Approval of Executive Session Minutes

- a. September 28, 2015
- b. September 30, 2015

II. Superintendent's Report

a. NECAP Science Presentation

Dr. Frey reported all scores are above the state average. The mean scaled score for Central Elementary was 446. The gap is closing with regard to inquiry scores for physical science. Lonsdale's score was 439, up 5%, but their gap isn't closing as much as other schools. Northern Elementary was 439. Their inquiry score is lower than physical, earth & space and life science. Saylesville had a 438 mean scaled score with a low inquiry. Last year there was a huge increase, so slightly lower scores would be expected this year. The mean scaled score is up 4% for the Middle School at 836. There are 26 students with an IEP. Lincoln High School was 1141, up 13 points from last year. There are 12 students with an IEP. Frey noted they are using science note books religiously and go through the scientific theory. The action plan for the High School is to align the curriculum with NGSS. Some resources will be needed; it is all about the rigor. Frey didn't think as educators they realized how much the standards have changed. They could use some science and math professional development. They are working on embedding math. At the elementary level, kit training and upgrades are needed. Shared teaching would be very powerful. Mary Anne Roll asked about the kids with an IEP struggling in science and Dr. Frey thought the skills learned in reading should help evaluate what you do in science. It's more powerful if the topic is related in other classes, such as reading. Stacy Rapko-Bruckner expressed concern for students and the older they get the bigger the gap.

b. Lonsdale Roof Update

The Business Manager reported the roof is 90% complete. There is one section under the windows they are having a problem with the warranty. There is one drain that could not be unclogged so another drain had to be put in. Mary Anne Roll asked when the problem started and Lori Miller said it was with the roof assessment and the way the roof was done. She is hoping to have this resolved tomorrow.

c. Report Out Vote Approving Final CBA for Council 94

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

d. Financial Report/Charter School Update

Lori Miller reported she is still projecting a zero variance. There is an issue with life insurance. She will be looking for an adjustment in the budget next month. Charter Schools are holding steady with 38 students at Davies, one at Foster Gloucester Career and Tech, two have left the International Charter school probably to come back. There are three at the Village Green School. Medical claims are on target. They received a large bill last week and a large credit because the rate was wrong since the bill was from last year. She will owe the stop loss company for that. The Superintendent noted that the budget is frozen so administrators must contact her for purchases.

III. Awarding of Bid

a. Athletic Training

Lori Miller reported the trainer will be working with athletes Monday to Friday from 2:00-8:00 PM and will be at the games. She recommended the bid by Northeast Sports Training & Rehab for \$23,619.92 for the 2015-2016 season and \$35,424.00 for the 2016-2017 seasons.

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

IV. Correspondence

The Chairwoman read a letter from a parent, Gabriel DeFeo, regarding state and national background checks for volunteers and people entering the schools. She also read her response. The Chair read a second correspondence from Representatives Justin Price and Robert Nardolillo requesting the School Committee join the Coventry, West Warwick and Little Compton committees to pass a resolution to reverse the mandatory HPV Vaccine for seventh grade students. Donabedian was considering referring it to the policy subcommittee. Mary Anne Roll felt it was a communication issue, not a policy issue. The chair stated she was not looking for a policy but to discuss as a resolution. It will be added to the next agenda.

V. School Committee Reports

Mary Anne Roll reported the communications subcommittee held a meeting on October 13th and they received an update from Justin Martin on the communications plan. They are about ready for the parent survey to be sent out to families in Lincoln. There was a preliminary discussion on Ferguson Field and the revision of the form. She would like to separate the policy from the procedural issues so administration can deal with the procedures. They considered the recommendation of the LTA to create a standing committee to address culture and climate in the schools. They agreed with the Superintendent's recommendation to create Culture and Climate subcommittees in each school. The Superintendent will provide quarterly reports to the School Committee. Roll reported RIASC met at the Hassenfeld Institute at Bryant University regarding PARCC, which was very informative. There were a couple of good things with Health & Wellness. There was an information night entitled "Mountains or Molehills – Sensitive Topics to Discuss with Teenagers" with 18 parents present. Mary Anne attended the RI Healthy Schools Coalition Breakfast for School Leaders at the Crowne Plaza. Roll also noted this was the ten year anniversary for the district walk.

Kristine Donabedian reported there was a budget subcommittee meeting with the Superintendent, Lori Miller and Maryann Struble in which they tried to flag new issues. One was to keep an eye on Medicaid which is a source of revenue for the district. They also discussed the process and decided the budget would be presented to the full school committee. Then the subcommittee will meet with the Superintendent in a public meeting. And finally, the Superintendent will present her proposed budget to the entire school committee for their approval. Julie Zito reported that the Stage 1 Renovation Building Committee has met with the consultant and will be meeting again next week.

VI. Community Comment

Mr. DeFeo noted he received an email from his son's teacher about his son crying in the closet during a safety drill. He expressed concern for the background checks done for volunteers in the school, thinking a national check should be done, not just a state check. Mary Anne Roll invited Mr. DeFeo to attend the communications subcommittee meeting. Stacy Rapko-Bruckner suggested having someone from law enforcement there as well.

VII. Adjourn

Motion to approve adjourning at 8:25 PM by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Rapko-Bruckner. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.