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**LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE
LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND 02865
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: April 11, 2016

PLACE: Lincoln Middle School – Large Group Room
152 Jenckes Hill Road
Lincoln, RI 02865

TIME: 6:00PM Work Session – Lincoln Middle School Library

There was no Right to be Heard.

Members present: Kristine Donabedian, Chairperson; Tracey Cavanaugh, John Carroll.

Also present: Georgia Fortunato, Superintendent; Lori Miller, Business Manager

Motion to convene into Open Session by John Carroll at 6:06 PM. Seconded by Tracey Cavanaugh. Motion approved 3-0.

Approval of April 6, 2016 Budget Subcommittee Minutes. Motion made to approve by John Carroll. Seconded by Tracey Cavanaugh. Motion Approved 3-0.

Discussion concerning proposed reductions to 2016/2017 Operating Budget. Superintendent Georgia Fortunato expressed deep concern with respect to reductions impacting student learning and achievement. Discussions continued around School Department having to identify upwards of \$800K in additional reductions. Chairperson Donabedian reiterated the goal should always be to preserve academic levels, preserve athletics and preserve the high based standards in all Lincoln schools. Discussions continued over increasing medical claims increasing. Also concerns regarding projected state aid may be lower than anticipated. Continued discussions centered around areas in budget which could be further reduced. School Department reiterated to Budget Board to advocate for increase in local school appropriation in light of these challenges in 2016/2017 Operating Budget. Carl Brunetti, Chairperson Lincoln Budget Board, who was in attendance at the meeting, stated he would bring the deep concerns raised by the School Department back to full Budget Board for discussion and further consideration.

Motion made by John Carroll to adjourn at 6:57 PM. Seconded by Tracey Cavanaugh. Motion approved 3-0.

John Carroll

Date