

LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND
MINUTES

DATE: April 10, 2017
PLACE: Lincoln Middle School
152 Jenckes Hill Road
Lincoln, RI 02865
TIME: 7:00 PM – Open Session

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

Others Present: Georgia Fortunato, Superintendent; Caroline Frey, Mark Gadbois, Barbara Maher, Kevin McNamara, Armand Milazzo, Lori Miller, Rosemary Stein, Maryann Struble

Convene Into Open Session

- a. Consider and Vote on Motion to Seal Executive Session Minutes
Motion by Goho. Seconded by Rapko-Bruckner. 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

John Sharkey spoke about the condition of the fields, specifically the Chet Nichols baseball field, and the ability of the Town to make the fields ready for varsity, Little League. He stated they do not have the right equipment or expertise and asked whose job is it. He stated there is water at the short stop and the mound isn't ready. John Picozzi stated he is working on this with the Superintendent and Armand Milazzo.

I. Consent agenda

Staci Rapko-Bruckner requested removing the Administrative Appointment.
Motion to approve the modified agenda by Goho. Seconded by Rapko-Bruckner. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

1. Salary Warrants
2. Expense Warrants
3. Approval of Disposition of Obsolete Textbooks
4. Out of State Field Trip Requests
5. Personnel Recommendations

Teacher Appointment

a. Bonnie Lavalley	To:	School Nurse Teacher – Lincoln Middle School
	Effective:	August 28, 2017
	Salary:	Per Contract

6. Approval of Regular Session Minutes
 - a. March 13, 2017
7. Approval of Executive Session Minutes
 - a. March 13, 2017

Administrator Appointment

- a. Adolfo Costa
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| To: | Principal – Lincoln Middle School |
| Effective: | July 1, 2017 |
| Salary: | TBD |

Motion to approve by Goho. Seconded by Rapko-Bruckner. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0. Joseph Goho thanked Heidi Godowski, stating she was moving to MA. As a parent, he has confidence in the Superintendent's recommendation.

II. Superintendent's Report

a. Citations

Superintendent Fortunato recognized **Kathryn Packard**, Journalist of the Year for the State of RI by the Journalism Education Association. Julie Zito presented Kathryn with a Certificate of Recognition.

The Superintendent announced the following winners in the 2017 RI State Science Fair:

Leo Bisbano – First Grant Honors for Most Outstanding Exhibit in Material Science – American Society of Metals and the Naval Science Award – Office of Naval Research

Colby Acciardo – First Grant Honors for Outstanding Science or Engineering Fair Project – US Air Force

Molly Reeves – Second Grant Honors

Nathan Kumar – Third Grant Honors

Bethany Reeve – Third Grant Honors

Kathryn Packard was presented a Certificate of Recognition by Julie Zito. The others will receive the Certificate from Principal McNamara.

Superintendent Fortunato introduced the following Future Business Leaders of American Awards:

Ashley Votta – First Place, Business Communications

Katharina Nolan – First Place, FBLA Principles and Procedures

Nicholas Albanese – First Place, Introduction to Financial Math

Matthew Mardo – First Place – Future Business Leader and State Who's Who Winner

Victoria Lane – First Place, Job Interview

Christina Gosselin – First Place, Local Chapter Annual Business Report

Sophia Drezek – First Place, Chapter Newsletter

Kate Swanson – First Place, Local Chapter Newsletter

Mackenzie Barakat – First Place, Local Chapter Scrapbook

Leila Loparto – First Place, Local Chapter Scrapbook

Julie Zito presented those present with a Certificate of Recognition. Those absent will receive the Certificate from Mr. McNamara.

Superintendent Fortunato reported a bus driver had a medical emergency. The following students called the bus yard and waited for emergency responders to arrive. Joseph Goho read the names as John Picozzi presented them with a Certificate of Recognition:

Jenna Andrews; Brooke Fetters; Drew Gleason, Zachary Russell, Justin Sutherland

b. Approval of 2017-18 Virtual High School Contract

Motion to approve by Rapko-Bruckner. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0. The Superintendent stated there are to VHS instructors. Parents pay for classes in the summer.

- c. Approval of LHS Early Release Days - 1/5/18 & 5/18/18
Motion to approve by Goho. Seconded by Rapko-Bruckner. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- d. Approval of Elementary Early Release Days – 10/11/17 & 3/14/18
Motion to approve by Goho. Seconded by Rapko-Bruckner. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- e. Financial Report/Charter School Update
The Business Manager reported she added an electric bill and a charter school tuition to the list of expenses. She is still projecting a zero variance. Last week they received a medical bill for \$170,000 and one this week for \$97,000. They have paid 4.3 million with a deduction of \$150,000 for the stop loss. They are 79% spent YTD and will be on track. Medicaid revenue is \$551,000, but that means more tuitions. March was chilly and Lori Miller will know the utility numbers in May.

III. Awarding of Bids

- a. Live/On-Demand Website Video Integration
Lori Miller reported the following bids for Live/On-Demand Website Video Integration:

	<u>Initial Cost</u>	<u>Monthly Cost</u>
ClerkBase	\$1,500	\$750
Granicus	5,400	949

The Business Manager recommended ClerkBase at \$1,500/\$750.
Motion to approve Rapko-Bruckner. Seconded by Goho.
Julie Zito commented it was a lot of money for non-education and thought the public should be involved. Mary Anne Roll thought they should be able to determine the number of people who use the website. Mark Gadbois confirmed they can do that. Joseph Goho had asked to have this on the agenda but was surprised at the cost. Lori Miller stated the contract would be for one year. Motion carried 5-1, with Julie Zito voting against.

IV. Correspondence

- a. Letter from Ms. Riordan requesting waiver of facilities fees for the ACS Northeast Tri-Town Relay for Life Vendor Fair on 4/29/17
Chairwoman Donabedian read the letter requesting waiver of facilities fee.

V. Civic Use of Buildings

- a. ACS Northeast Tri-Town Relay for Life Craft & Vendor Fair – 4/29/17 @ LHS, including waiver request
Motion to approve by Roll. Seconded by Rapko-Bruckner. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- b. Driver Education Classes – Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 6/20/17-8/25/17 @ LHS (Makeup Days on Mondays and Fridays as needed)
Motion to approve by Rapko-Bruckner. Seconded by Goho. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
It was noted the fee was already waived.
- c. Lincoln Youth Soccer – 4/11/17 – 6/4/17 - 5:30 – 8:30 PM @ LMS Field and
- d. Lincoln Youth Soccer Camp 4/17/17 – 4/21/17 - 9 AM – 3:00 PM @ LMS Field
Motion to approve by Rapko-Bruckner. Seconded by Goho. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
The Business Manager reported Youth Soccer is aware there is a fee for lights, if they need them.
- e. Lincoln Sports Camps –Camp Stixx 6/20 – 6/22/17 @ LHS; HoopAdemics 8/1/-8/4/17 @ LHS
Motion to approve by Goho. Seconded by Zito. Motion carried 5-0, with Rapko-Bruckner recused.
- f. RI Rush Soccer Tryouts – Ferguson Field – 6/5/17 & 6/10/17
Motion to approve by Goho. Seconded by Rapko-Bruckner. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

VI. New Business

a. Lincoln High School Baseball Field

John Picozzi explained he requested this be on the agenda, stating he will do what he can to take care of this. He has talked to the Superintendent and the Buildings and Grounds Director. They will be including the High School Principal, the Athletic Director and the Town Administrator. Picozzi stated the field is the school department's responsibility from March to June and the rest of the season is the town's. Mary Anne Roll noted the problem with Nichols Field has come up every year; all the fields are overused.

b. Adoption of Resolution on Concealed Carry in K-12 Schools

The Chair explained it was approved last year. The Resolution provides that no one can carry in schools other than law enforcement.

Motion to approve by Goho. Seconded by Rapko-Bruckner. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

VII. Subcommittee Reports

Staci Rapko-Bruckner reported the Policy Subcommittee met March 4th. Mary Anne Roll reported the Wellness Subcommittee concentrated on Sexual Health, Mental Health and Nutrition. She stated the Principal at Saylesville reported on a survey with results showing there are some issues. They had a presentation on gender identity. It was brief and to the point. They will look at the policy from RIDE. The goal is to bring something forward to the policy committee. Roll reported the high school student Thought this is a good time to look at transportation regarding the late start time for the high school. Joseph Goho reported on Culture and Climate, stating they want the survey to be a collaborative effort with input from faculty. They agreed on some types of questions they would like to see and not like to see. Mary Anne Roll thinks it is worth doing, but wasn't sure if May is the right time or to wait until the fall.

VIII. School Committee Reports

a. Lonsdale Elementary School Update

John Picozzi commented on all the positive feedback on Lonsdale Elementary and recognized Principal Stein. He noted he was there today for reading week.

Julie Zito reported the Stage 2 Building Committee submitted the package to RIDE and expect to hear by the next School Committee meeting.

IX. Community Comment

Fred Hoppe thought the last survey gave them some good information. He wanted to give a shout out to his baseball colleagues, noting he started coaching in Lincoln in 1995. He also welcomed Bonnie Lavalley to the middle school staff. Catherine Leicy thanked the committee and the Superintendent for listening to their concerns. Her son has experienced some accidents and she is embarrassed by the condition of the fields. Mr. Rodrigues stated something needs to happen fast. Another parent commented on the drainage problem; the infield is atrocious and the mound isn't right. The Town won't let anyone do anything. Julie Zito stated this belongs with the Capital Development Committee with Town Administrator Almond and council members. John Sharkey suggested rolling the lips and spreading infield mix. Joseph Goho observed there is a short term and long term problem. Sharkey commented there weren't even rakes at the field. Another parent said there was a fix in 2010, but the infield gets rock hard and hopes that will get addressed. Goho stated there was a game this week, next week and asked who rakes the field. Armand Milazzo stated they do with a machine. They cut the grass, line the fields. He would think the coach would rake and put the cover over the mound.

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X. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:38 by Goho. Seconded by Rapko-Bruckner. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

STACI RAPKO-BRUCKNER, CLERK

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