

**LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
LINCOLN, RI 02865  
MEETING MINUTES  
BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE**

DATE: December 20, 2017

PLACE: Lincoln High School - North Wing Conference Room  
135 Old River Road  
Lincoln, RI 02865

TIME: 5:00PM

Members Present: Kristine Donabedian, Joseph Goho, Staci Rapko-Bruckner

Also Present: Georgia Fortunato, Lori Miller, William DiBiasio, Michael O'Connell

Kristine Donabedian called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Motion was made by Joseph Goho. Seconded by Staci Rapko Bruckner.

- I. Committee Approved January 23, 2017 Budget Subcommittee Minutes 3-0.
- II. Michael O'Connell, budget board member, presented historical data that he gathered from various sources and proposed a discussion of alternative ways of going through the budget process. Committee listened and engaged in conversations. Some of the topics discussed were the variable and mandates that the school department has no control over such as but not limited to, special education out of district tuition, medical, charter and state school tuitions. Mr. Goho discussed a scenario of hiring quality mental health workers and in turn could potentially save the district money by being able to provide intervention that would keep more students in district. The declining enrollment was discussed in reference to the increased poverty levels of students enrolling. The increasing need of students that require specialized instruction and support on both the regular and special education populations was emphasized. Mr. O'Connell thanked committee for taking the time to meet and hear his thought process on the budget.
- III. No Community Comment

Kristine Donabedian called to adjourn at 5:55 pm. Motion was made by Staci Rapko Bruckner. Seconded by Joseph Goho.

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Staci Rapko Bruckner

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