

Lincoln School District Board Meeting Minutes DRAFT
August 4, 2022, 10 AM-12:15 PM
Lincoln Town Office

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Attendees: Paul Forlenza, Jen Oldham, Mary Gemignani, Jeanne Albert, Van Talmage, Abby Reynolds, Karen Lueders, Floyd Davison (on zoom)

Agenda

Item	Time	Topic	Action Taken
	10:00am	Call to Order Note Taker: Abby	
1.	10:05	Public Comment	Action:
2.	10:10	Review and approve minutes from 7/21/2022	Action: PO moved to approve. Motion passes with unanimous vote.
3.	10:15	Accept Paul Forlenza's resignation Appointment of Mary Gemignani – 1 year term PF comment: I'm so glad that Mary is stepping up to join the board. She has so much expertise and knowledge to add here Thanks everyone for their work, both on the board and in SCS and beyond. Absolutely convinced Lincoln will be successful in this effort. Sally Ober swears in Mary Gemignani with the oath of office.	Action: AR motions to appoint Mary Gemignani to the board for the remainder of Paul Forlenza's term. Motion passed with unanimous vote.
4.	10:31	Additions to the agenda: - JO and JA to meet with Jamie Kinnarney from WRVU - Main talking points	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion of AUG 18 meeting and planning and budget - Determine new board meeting time to start week of 8/22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monday at 6 at the school with Thursday at 6 as a second choice option - Abby to reach out to Tory 	
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6.	10:45	<p>Exit Agreement and Bank Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Andrew, Jen, Nick Lowe, Floyd Davison to meet next week - Proposal related to reserve funds and ESSER funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relationship to conversation between SBE and Ripton related to reserve funds - Update expected next week on this <p>Bank Account Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Everything is in place for opening the account, Jen or Van will do this - Need to define a process for use of the funds - Need to determine details related to any private donations, specifically around whether donations are tax deductible - Refer this question to counsel and then possibly the tax department 	
7.	10:55	Discussion of SPED planning— move to end before individual foci	
8.	11:15	<p>Discussion of process to respond to SBE email about SU assignment (written response due September 1):</p> <p>“[The SBE requests] that by, no later than September 1st, you submit to the Board in writing your preferences for each of the following potential outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assign the Lincoln School District to an existing, multi-district Supervisory Union <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Which SU would be preferred and why? b. What other SUs have been considered and why are they not preferred? 	Jen to create scope of work for a possible consultant to pursue Option 3 as well as reach out to SBE for any indication about whether they would go in this direction with their SU assignment

		<p>2. Create a new SU that includes the Lincoln School District and one or more other town school districts and/or union school districts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Which other town school districts and/or union school districts and why?b. How do your preferences change if one or more of these town school districts and/or union school districts abandons its withdrawal efforts? <p>3. Designate the Lincoln School District as a supervisory district in order to provide its own supervisory services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. How will Lincoln ensure the provision of supervisory union services, including those services necessary to meet education quality standards and other state and federal laws? <p>4. Deconstruct a Supervisory District into an SU that will provide supervisory union services to the Lincoln School District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Which SD and why?b. What other SDs have been considered and why are they not preferred?c. SDs are the "preferred governance structure" as determined by the General Assembly; what grounds would support the Board deconstructing an SD into a less desirable structure to accommodate Lincoln? <p>Discussion of these options should consider 1) are there any options outside of these 4 that we should consider 2) how do the SBE/Ripton meetings impact our work here</p> <p>Preferences for each of these outcomes needs to be submitted but we also need to consider which of these we want to prioritize.</p>	
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Considerations for Option 1:

- What is the impact of a specific SU on 1)faculty and staff (contracts, etc.) 2) family and student experience
- What is the process to leave an SU vs leaving a USD
- Reality of a political process and/or political pressure
- Ripton reaching out to others including Windham
- Need to 1) reach out to others around the perspective related to non-contiguous 2) reach out to Ripton about follow up conversations related to SU assignment 3) ask any of these entities about purchased services (including ID-ing as a group what services these would be)

Considerations for Option 3:

- Can we keep working on that to leave the option open
- Amount of work this would require
- Where does this option fall in our priorities
- High cost
- Is this a place to look for more community engagement (KL)
 - Reinforce the narrative around local control, self reliance
 - Is this a path we should pursue
- Can we get any kind of indication from the SBE given the level of cost and expertise required here
- PF: education tax went down, so is there room to go to the town and ask
- Need to provide a concrete timeline to SBE if going to prefer this direction
- What about more pro bono work, ask for volunteers with expertise
 - Student Support Services, SpEd
 - Human Resources
 - Technology

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contracts, Collective Bargaining - Transportation - Food Services - Data <p>Have we considered purchased services? Need to research this more to understand what could be possible, what are the costs, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Harwood - CVSD - WRVU <p>Considerations for Option 4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Realistically not the preferred SBE option but worth reaching out to Harwood and CVSD for this <p>Keep working on parallel tracks for now Reaching out to both SUs and SD to ask about either taking us on OR purchased services Work on Option 3</p> <p>Next week: What do we want to provide to SBE in response to this email? (LONGER DISCUSSION, and will have more info next week)</p>	
9.	11:45	<p>Discussion of what to provide at September SBE meeting per May 18, 2022 SBE order: “The State Board of Education INVITES the representatives of the Lincoln School Board to attend the State Board’s regular September 2022 meeting to present its proposals regarding the provision of supervisory union services, including those necessary to meet education quality standards and other state and federal laws, and to answer State Board questions.”</p>	
10.	11:55	<p>Immediate Priorities and Individual Board Member Foci –what are all the moving pieces, who can take the lead of various issues</p>	<p>Paul to send the list of what is in his mind from his ongoing work</p> <p>Abby to reach out to Coco about any availability for</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attorney question: how long will the town pay for the current lawyer, who is the right lawyer for us - Timeline related to voting, dates (Paul has most current version and will update and send) - Agendas - Policy review on hold - All: continue to attend SCS meetings - Jen: Overall picture of how to get to July 1, leading the process related to the September 1st update to SBE - Jeanne: Legislation, financial work, statutory questions, equalized pupils and impact - Mary: SpEd planning, contracts, community outreach - Abby: agendas, minutes, policy work, community outreach <p>Major items for next week agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chris (and Deirdre?) from NEA - Determine what to provide to the SBE - Preparation for 8/18 - 8/11, May need to push the timing to 10 	<p>minutes on Mon or Thurs at 6 or 6:30</p> <p>Jeanne to reach out to NEA political director</p> <p>Jeanne to work on number for Phase 2</p> <p>Jen to work on Phase 1</p> <p>Van to reach out to People's about terms of a bank loan (transition budget #2)</p> <p>Karen to draft communication to emergency appropriations community</p> <p>Major items for next meeting: Invite Chris Guros - NEA</p>
	12:15	Adjourn	Mary motions to adjourn 12:42