

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TUESDAY, MAY 11, 1982

Present: Chairman William J. Cossart, John E. Murray and Anne W. Donald.

The statutory requirements as to notice having been fulfilled, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Cossart.

Joint Meeting with Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School District Committee (LSRSDC)

Present: Chairman Richard F. Brooks, Alan W. Cherish, Lynn B. Donaldson, Alan H. Grathwohl, LSRSDC; Bradford Sargent, Principal, Lincoln-Sudbury High School; John H. Wilson, Director of Administrative Services; Marcia A. Roehr, Treasurer/Secretary, Regional Committee; Douglas Lewis, Custodian; Sandra Topalian, Director, Lincoln-Sudbury West; D. Bruce Langmuir, Chairman Michael Melnick, Dan Woolley, Permanent Building Committee.

Chairman Cossart welcomed representatives of Lincoln-Sudbury High School and Lincoln-Sudbury West and convened a joint meeting at their request for the purpose of discussing the use of Loring School by Lincoln-Sudbury West.

Referring to the fact that 1982ATM articles 34 and 36 for the Disposition of Fairbank and Loring Schools did not pass, Chairman Cossart stated that the Selectmen find themselves responsible for determining the best use of these buildings. Speaking for the Board, Chairman Cassart stated: 1) that the Selectmen are primarily interested in an outright purchase, and secondly, would be interested in an appropriate lease, but in either case, are directed toward protecting the interest of the neighborhoods; and 2) that the Selectmen question whether or not it is financially sound for the Town to continue the L-S West program and whether there is a financial incentive in going to Loring School to accomplish these educational requirements.

Chairman of LSRSDC Richard F. Brooks referenced a communication dated May 4, 1982, to Mr. Harold Cutler from the Police Chief regarding the use of Fairbank School by L-S West, in Mr. Brooks' opinion satisfying the question of vandalism, traffic, safety and related problems in relation to L-S West being located there.

Responding to LSRSDC member Alan Grathwohl, Selectman Murray stated there would be an opportunity for abutters and others to speak at the Board's meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 18th, rather than this evening.

Mr. Brooks outlined the plans for L-S West as follows:

- LSRSDC would lease Loring School from the Selectmen with L-S West being the primary tenant; remaining portions would be sub-let by the LSRSDC;
- the major difference in occupying the Loring School would be that the LSRSDC would be responsible for the maintenance of the building and grounds - they would have a full-time custodian. Mr. Brooks commented that there is much more deterioration at Fairbank School than at Loring. Later there was discussion regarding who would be responsible for grounds and maintenance of the building depending on the lease arrangements;
- the LSRSDC would like to occupy Loring School during the summer in order to prepare it for fall.

- the LSRSDC prefers a five-year lease to provide continuity for the students.

Chairman Cossart introduced Custodian Security Guard for the excessed school buildings, Douglas Lewis, who reported on the general condition (including the boiler) of Loring School, specifically regarding the condition of the roof, as compared to the condition of the Fairbank School roof.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson referenced a report from Gale Engineering Company, Inc., dated May 10, 1982, regarding the roofing system at the Loring School and commented that, because the report had just been received, the Board and the Permanent Building Committee had not had sufficient time to review the same.

Mr. John H. Wilson, Director of Administrative Services, reviewed a financial statement for Lincoln-Sudbury West comparing the cost of that program at Fairbank School, the Loring School, and the cost to the Town if the program were dissolved. This comparison showed the need for additional money if L-S West were to be relocated to Loring School from Fairbank School. There was a consensus that there would be a financial savings to the Town in any case not to dissolve the program and have a situation where these students would have to be tuitioned out. (Mr. Brad Sargent explained that the total student population at L-S West had been core evaluated, and that L-S West is a mandated Chapter 766-approved school.)

The Selectmen expressed some concern regarding the LSRSDC's intention to sub-lease the building, thereby creating a situation where Lincoln would become a benefactor of part of the sub-lease arrangements. Selectman Cossart indicated that, if the Board made a decision to have a lease situation at Loring School, L-S West would lease only the amount of space needed for the program so as not to become involved with any sub-leasing situations.

Additionally, the Selectmen expressed strong concern that L-S West not become a magnet school - that only Sudbury/Lincoln students attend L-S West.

There was some discussion regarding cars being used by L-S West students and the impact of that additional traffic on the neighborhood. Mr. Brooks stated that some students need to drive to school because of after school job commitments.

At the conclusion of discussion, the Selectmen requested that the LSRSDC provide the Board with a written, more detailed proposal projecting costs (including repairs) and related matters on a 3-5 year basis.

Chairman Cossart stated that the Selectmen planned to meet with the Lincoln Board of Selectmen; the Regional School Committee asked to be informed of that meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard E. Thompson  
Executive Secretary-Clerk