

**LINCOLN-SADBURY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE  
AGENDA**

**Tuesday, January 24, 2012**

**6:00 p.m. Executive Session**

**Conference Room A**

Nancy Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**Present:** Nancy Marshall, Chair, Radha Gargeya, Vice-Chair, Patty Mostue, Elena Kleifges, and Kevin Matthews. Mark Collins was absent.

**Also Present:** Scott Carpenter, Superintendent/Principal and Judy Belliveau, Director of Finance & Operations.

**Executive Session**

On a motion by Mark Collins, seconded by Patty Mostue, a roll call vote was taken and all members voted in the affirmative to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters related to collective bargaining which, if not discussed in Executive Session, could be detrimental to the District's position.

**7:30 p.m. Public Session**

**Conference Room B**

The School Committee returned to Public Session.

**Present:** Nancy Marshall, Chair, Radha Gargeya, Vice-Chair, Patty Mostue, Elena Kleifges, and Kevin Matthews. Mark Collins was absent.

**Also Present:** Scott Carpenter, Superintendent/Principal, Judy Belliveau, Director of Finance & Operations, Lisa Weiss, Teachers' Association President, and Suzanne Burns, School Committee Secretary, as well as the visitors listed on the sign-in sheet attached to the approved minutes of this meeting, were also present. Emily Casey, Student Representative, and the METCO Representative were absent.

**Agenda Enclosures/Handouts**

Unapproved Minutes for January 10, 2012

Unapproved Minutes for January 17, 2012

**Call to Order**

Nancy Marshall called the Public Meeting to order at 7:35.

**Superintendent's Award for Excellence**

Scott Carpenter presented the Superintendent's Award for Excellence to two outstanding seniors: Jason Halsted and Kathryn Mueller. He described the awards, which are given based on academic factors, as well as the general well-roundedness of the students. In addition to having a GPA of 3.93, Jason Halstead's activities include being a three-season athlete and a camp counselor, to name a few. Kathryn Mueller, in the top 10 percent of her class, has taken on a demanding course load, including several AP classes. She is also a dancer and is a teaching assistant at a dance studio.

### **Approval of Minutes**

- Kevin Matthews made a motion to approve the minutes for January 10, 2012. Patty Mostue seconded the motion, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes.
- Patty Mostue made a motion to approve the minutes for January 17, 2012. Elena Kleifges seconded the motion, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

### **Public Comment**

L-S faculty member Rami Alwan suggested that the committee meet with Ameresco, an energy consulting and management firm and a provider for green energy solutions, to explore energy-saving ideas. Ameresco Solar provides solar panels, solar modules and solar equipment to solar installers, plus designs, specs and training in the latest solar technology. The meeting with Ameresco will be held Thursday. Nancy suggested that the School Committee may want create a Green Technology Subcommittee.

### **Student Representative Report**

Emily Casey was absent but sent her report through Nancy. She reported that the Student Senate met with the web team and worked with them to improve the mobile web page for LS, and felt that they were making good progress. She also reported that the Student Senate was busy planning another Anti-Stress Week for the end of the quarter.

### **Teachers' Association Report**

Lisa Weiss briefly reported that it was a busy exam week, but that it was also a good time for teachers to meet up and talk about how the next semester will go. The pace of school is so fast, so it was gratifying to be able to pause and engage in long conversations about the bigger picture.

### **METCO Representative Report**

There was no METCO Representative report.

### **Chairman's Report**

Nancy passed on that Tom Grandprey reported that 14 students who attended the Senior Festival this month auditioned for the All State program. The following students were accepted: For the Chorus: Adam Blake, Jesse Bogdan, Ori Ravid, Demi Sperazza, Sarah Stone, and Valerie Zhao. For the Band: Caitlin Chin, James Jhun, Haley Lynch, Anna Menkis, and Eric Qin.

Nancy reported that Rep. Tom Conroy would attend the next School Committee/Joint Finance Committee meeting February 14th. She also reported that Senator Eldridge was not available for that date, but that he is available on February 28<sup>th</sup>, if that is still available for the committee.

Nancy also reported that David Grace from the L-S History Department, will present a lecture and discussion, entitled "US Foreign Policy with Egypt: A Year After Arab Spring," sponsored by the Foundation for Educators at LSRHS on Thursday, February 9 at 7:00 PM, LS Lecture Hall A217. Donations gratefully accepted at the door.

Judges are needed for the Poetry Alive Competition. The finals will be again held at Bemis Hall in Lincoln, and they would love to have one or more School Committee members to judge. The date of the competition is Saturday, February 11th, 7-9:30 p.m. Nancy thanked Radha and Kevin for already volunteering. She also reported that if anyone is available during the daytime, they also need a judge for the daytime semi-finals on Wed, Feb. 8th, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

For those who weren't able to attend the Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center's presentation of "Cutting Class: Underfunding the Foundation Budget's Core Education Program" at the State House this past Tuesday, the Worcester Public Schools, joined by MASS and MASBO, are having them come to Worcester to present again. Please join us on Wednesday, February 15 at 7pm at Worcester's new North High School (150 Harrington Way in Worcester).

### **Liaison Reports**

There were no Liaison reports.

### **Superintendent/Principal's Report**

Scott Carpenter presented a preliminary budget for fiscal year 2013 in which he cited a potential shortfall of more than \$300,000, which could translate into job cuts, potentially the fifth consecutive year of staff reduction.

A 28% projected increase in the amount of out-of-district students for next year was one of the budget drivers contributing to the deficit. Currently, the school has an enrollment of 1,600 students and administrators are projecting about the same amount for next year. Staff reductions would inevitably mean larger class sizes, something that could seriously hamper the learning experience. Scott expressed this concern that every time L-S loses another staff member, it takes us further way from L-S' core goals.

Scott discussed the possibility of Extraordinary Relief, and stated that L-S could qualify for as much as \$621,000. How much of this money L-S receives could determine what next year looks like.

Judy Belliveau also talked about health insurance plan design changes, and pointed out that any cost avoidance realized by the district is due to staff members incurring greater costs in the form of higher deductibles and copays.

## Information & Discussion

- **Public Hearing on School Choice** There was no comment on School Choice by the public.  
Patty Mostue made a motion for the District to opt-out of School Choice due to fiscal constraints. Accepting School Choice would open L-S to allow students from other communities to attend the high school and the District already has class size concerns and fiscal issues. Kevin Matthews seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
- **Surplus Property Procedures** Judy Belliveau had distributed a draft of Surplus Property Procedures. The School Committee agreed to review and finalize the document, and to discuss and vote on it at the next School Committee meeting.
- **Concussion Policy** The School Committee reviewed final changes to the L-S Concussions Policy, the final draft of which had been sent out the previous day. Kevin Matthews motioned to approve the policy. Radha Gargeya seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The policy will be included in the school's Policy Handbook, as well as filed with the State Department of Public Health.
- **Capital Plan – Maintenance Vehicle** Discussion was deferred until next meeting.

## Action Items

- **Vote on School Calendar** The School Committee discussed the proposed school calendar for 2012-13. The proposal included a start date of Aug. 27 for teachers and Aug. 28 for students, and June 24, 2013 as the end date. Patty Mostue motioned to accept the proposed dates. Elena Kleifges seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
- **Vote on School Choice** See Information & Discussion, above.
- **Vote on Surplus Property Procedures** See Information & Discussion, above.
- **Vote on Concussion Policy** See Information & Discussion, above.

## Other Business

There were no other business items.

## Bill Schedules

There were no warrants to sign.

## Calendar of School Events

Thursday	01-26-2012	7:30 pm	Lincoln Budget Mtg	Pierce House
Tuesday	01-31-2012	Deadline	Sudbury Town Meeting	Warrant Articles

Tuesday	02-07-2012	7:30 pm	Joint FinCom Mtg	TBD
Monday	02-06-2012	7:30 pm	Sudbury CIPC Hearing	TBD
Thursday	02-09-2012	7:00 pm	Sudbury Level Staff	Town Hall
Monday	02-13-2012	7:00 pm	Sudbury No Override	Town Hall
Tuesday	02-14-2012	7:30 pm	Regular School Com	Conf Rm B
<i>Tuesday *</i>	<i>02-14-2012</i>	<i>7:30 pm</i>	<i>Vote Budget for Lincoln Town Mtg</i>	
Tuesday	02-28-2012	7:30 pm	Regular School Com	Conf Rm B
<i>Tuesday *</i>	<i>02-28-2012</i>	<i>7:30 pm</i>	<i>Public Hearing on Budget for Sudbury</i>	
Saturday	03-24-2012	9:30 am	Lincoln Town Meeting	Auditorium

### **Executive Session**

On a motion by Kevin Matthews, seconded by Elena Kleifges, a roll call vote was taken and all members voted in the affirmative to re-enter into Executive Session at 9:30 pm for the purpose of discussing matters related to collective bargaining which, if not discussed in Executive Session, could be detrimental to the District's position. The Committee will adjourn from Executive Session, not to return to Public Session.