

**LINCOLN-SUDBURY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

8:45 p.m. Public Session

Grange Hall

Present: Nancy Marshall, Chair, Radha Gargeya, Vice-Chair, Patty Mostue, Kevin Matthews, Gerald Quirk and Elena Kleifges.

Also Present: Scott Carpenter, Superintendent/Principal; Michael Connelly, Director of Finance & Operations; Friends of Lincoln Sudbury Softball (FOLLS) members: Susan Pruur, Jeff Bradley, Nancy Rubenstein, Nancy Kimball

Call to Order

Nancy Marshall called the Public Meeting to order at 8:45 p.m.

Presentation

Gerald and Nancy previously met with FOLLS to discuss information introduced at the last meeting regarding the softball field improvement initiative. There are four major sponsors of the initiative: FOLLS, Sudbury Park and Recreation, LS and both Lincoln and Sudbury CPA. FOLLS is set to contribute \$50,000 at this point. Lincoln needs district to be behind CPC request.

One major question is "who is responsible for management of the field and improvements planned?" Gerald needs to discuss with Kevin Rossley if he and his staff will be able to handle these responsibilities in the midst of other projects happening at LS, like the solar project that will start this summer. Hopefully the softball field improvements can begin in the fall, after the solar project is completed. The latest start time for the softball field is October, 2013 and it will take approximately two months to complete.

It is recommended that the scale of the softball field project be reduced to the first phase with the understanding that key issues regarding ADA compliance, irrigation and fencing be kept intact. If the scope of the project is less than what is being asked, the CPA request for funds can be scaled back. It is important to get this information before town meeting for this to happen.

Gale Associates provided the least expensive proposal but Kevin Rossley and Nancy O'Neil have raised concerns regarding working with Gale due to prior history. Gale will provide different personnel for this project, to be discussed with Kevin and Nancy.

Gerald noted that the intermunicipal agreement will not be completed by May but the project can proceed once he has discussed management with Kevin.

Vote to accept gift from FOLLS will take place at the next School Committee meeting.

Scott and Mike presented information regarding the current accounting software from IMG, known as IFIPS, utilized by the district. IFIPS is the financial interface of IPASS. Unfortunately, this software program has never been able to meet the minimum requirements for Lincoln Sudbury's general ledge system. After six months of evaluating and working with the IFIPS system, there are concerns with continuing to use this system. Strong recommendations were offered by Melanson and Heath Company after their assessment that the District make significant updates to the financial and accounting procedures.

Mike recommended the District invest in a new accounting software called Budget Sense which is used by 75% of all regional school districts in Massachusetts. The administration's recommendation is to lease the software with a July1, 2013 go-live date and the first payment of the lease being funded in FY-14. The District would then plan for ongoing expenses in FY-15.

The School Committee is in support of the above recommendation.

Chair Report

Nancy mentioned LSPO Spring for Technology Gala and encouraged all to attend. The School Committee will donate a basket of items from Sudbury and Lincoln and she asked for a contribution of \$20-25 per committee member.

Nancy reminded committee of Lincoln Town Meeting Saturday, March 23, 2013 beginning at 9:30am and mentioned idea of dinner/meeting to discuss ideas for next negotiations.

Nancy Marshall made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Gerald seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Adjourned at 9:45pm