

LINCOLN-SUDBURY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE MINUTES
October 1, 2019

7:30 pm

Conference Room B
LSRHS
390 Lincoln Road
Sudbury, MA 01776

Present

Ellen Joachim, Chair; Carole Kasper, Vice-Chair; Cara Endyke-Doran; Kevin Matthews; Candace Miller; Patty Mostue

Also Present

Bella Wong, Superintendent/Principal; Josh Gilman, Teachers' Association Co-President; Emma Spector, Student Senate

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

After consideration of the draft of Minutes for June 25, 2019, Ellen Joachim requested a motion to approve the minutes. Carole Kasper offered a motion to approve the minutes once edits were in place. Patty Mostue seconded the motion and all were in favor except for Kevin Matthews who abstained.

Presentation

There was no presentation.

Public Comment

Dr. Matzimoto presented a question regarding the MCAS re-test. She inquired whether or not students would have a modified schedule in order to take the test to ensure that they would not miss class time. Ms. Wong responded that students within the upper 25%, may retake the test. Those students retaking the test may miss class time since the test must be offered on the DESE time table. The students deciding to retake the test will be permitted extra time to complete classroom work.

Recognitions

Fifteen students from Spain are currently visiting LS on the Spanish Exchange with 2 chaperones. The group will be here for two weeks from September 25th to October 8th. They will live with LS host families, attend classes, and enjoy a field trip to NYC. Our thanks to LS host families and to Angela Medeiros as the primary organizer for this exchange.

Laura Moynagh, LS Vocational Counselor, held a student job fair in the AB Connector on September 25, 2019. There were 10 employers from Boston and Sudbury that attended the job fair.

Student Senate Report

Emma Spector reported that the election of 9th Grade candidates is complete with seven 9th grade students added to the Student Senate for a total of 29 students. Senate is working with the LS tech team to discuss branding and increasing the senate's "reach" to students.

Chairman's Report

Ellen Joachim reminded members that the Dorothy Presser workshop will take place at 7:30pm on October 15th. An abbreviated LS School Committee meeting will take place before the workshop.

Pat Brown gave an update on the LS Academy at the most recent Sudbury Selectmen's meeting. There were questions regarding the operating expenses and progress of the program.

Liaison Report

Carole Kasper reported on the Strategic Planning Steering Committee which will meet on Thursday, October 3rd, 2019.

Lincoln Public Schools K-8 held a meeting on the Portrait of a Graduate for students graduating from Lincoln Public Schools.

Ms. Kasper will be attending the Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools meeting which will be held on Tuesday, October 8th, 2019. State legislators will be present at that meeting.

LS School Committee listening sessions dates were reviewed. LS School Committee will hold office hours at DeCordova Cafe in Lincoln on October 2, 2019 from 9:00-10:00am, and at Goodnow Library in Sudbury on October 24, 2019 from 6:30 to 7:30pm.

Superintendent/Principal Report

Ms. Wong reported that she would relay to the committee members the substance of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee's rescheduled meeting to which no school committee members could attend.

Ms. Wong expressed her gratitude to the Town of Lincoln for organizing a BBQ to celebrate town employees in Lincoln.

Ms. Wong reported that the FY19 End of Year Report was submitted on Friday, September 29th, 2019 and lauded the work of Peter Rowe; Kevin Mahoney, District Treasurer; and Dennis Keohane, Town of Sudbury Treasurer. The projected surplus at the end of FY19 was approximately \$50,000.

Last spring, the LS School Committee, Lincoln and Sudbury Finance Committees, and Lincoln and Sudbury Boards of Selectmen approved the use of up to \$350,000 from the FY18 Excess & Deficiency Fund for the renovation of 420 Lincoln Road and up to \$300,000 for the operating costs of the LS Academy. Ms. Mary Jane Handy of the Department of Revenue has clarified that the approval for use of up to \$350,000 for construction carries forward to this fiscal year. The \$300,000 for operating costs must be re-approved once the E&D is newly certified for FY19. Ms. Wong relayed this information to the town boards, town managers and the LS School Committee last week. After review by auditors was completed on October 8th, 2019, LS expects to submit the application for re-certification in mid-October. Meanwhile, the renovation project for 420 Lincoln Road has been posted for bidding and bids are expected at the end of October.

Ms. Wong provided a school transportation update. There is a possibility of adding a bus to the Lincoln routes to improve on-time arrival and length of ride for Lincoln students. Ms. Wong appreciates the collaboration with First Student in providing the best ridership experience possible for students.

In Summer 2019, Sherry Kersey and Kevin Rossley successfully applied for a Safer Schools and Communities Initiative Grant for local equipment and technology which will permit replacement of all white phones in the school which are used for internal communication within the school.

The Annual Capital Requests for FY21 from Lincoln have been submitted for your approval. We anticipate the annual capital requests for FY21 from Sudbury soon. The first capital request is to replace the chain link fence surrounding Turf 1 and Turf 2 fields. The current chain link fence was installed when the school was built in 2004. The purpose of the fence is to keep animals away from the turf fields. An aerial lift dated from 2004; a pickup truck from 2010 and a minivan dated 2011 are requested to replace existing equipment. The capital plan for LS for the next five years will show a request for a new vehicle each year to keep the vehicle stock in good condition. The School Committee's approval will signify that the school committee members affirm the need for the capital requests. The Towns of Sudbury and Lincoln will then consider the requests for ultimate approval.

VOTE: Candace Miller moved to approve the capital expenditures for a chain link fence at a cost of \$125,000; an aerial lift at a cost of \$36,000; a pick-up truck at a cost of \$40,000; and a van at a cost of \$45,000. Kevin Matthew seconded the motion. There was no further discussion; all were in favor.

Ms. Wong informed the committee members that the Town of Sudbury has negotiated a mitigation fund to improve school technology. Four hundred thousand dollars has been allotted to Lincoln-Sudbury for technological improvements. The annual technological replacement cycle remains in the regular budget, the new funds will be used for improved lighting systems etc.

In the five year capital plan, LS has submitted a request to replace the Community Stadium Field. A summer 2021 replacement of the field is planned which falls within FY22. The estimated cost for replacement of the community field is \$650,000. The original 2004 roof of LS will also need to be replaced during the summer of 2021. The projected price is \$4,000,000. A cost of this size is typically funded through a multi-year bond. The debt for the cost of construction of LS will retire in FY26.

Director of Finance and Operations Report

The Director of Finance and Operations was not present.

Information and Discussion

Ms. Wong informed the committee of actions being taken by LS to educate students regarding the dangers of vaping/smoking. She reminded the members that Governor Baker has placed a 4 month moratorium on vaping products. LS has planned a number of activities to address the hazards of vaping/smoking. On October 21st, LS will hold a cessation of vaping/smoking day and on October 23rd, the results of the Metrowest Youth Health Survey will be presented including the upward trend of e-cigarette use among students. In December, the League of Women Voters will be holding a panel discussion on the subject.

The release of the aggregate MCAS scores indicate that LS 's overall classification is "not requiring assistance or intervention" and progress toward improvement is "meeting or exceeding expectations". As a school district, LS' overall classification is "not requiring assistance or intervention"; progress toward improving targets is "substantial progress toward targets." LS

School District includes out-of-district students whose scores are included in the overall scores attributed to LS.

Our RCTF is presenting to the faculty the reports created by Richard Cole on October 2nd. Parents and students will hear the presentation on Friday, October 4, 2019. The information provided by Richard Cole will provide three initiatives that LS will work on for the coming year.

The first School Council meeting will be held on October 2nd, 2019.

Teachers' Association Report

Josh Gilman, Co-President of the Teachers' Association, reported that the Shakespeare classes will attend "King Lear" in Boston. The History Department has launched its new course which has generated a great deal of connection within the department which has been beneficial for the department. Many teachers are active in various committees that will run throughout the year and are outside their teaching responsibilities. The faculty is grateful for the opportunity to assist in leading school endeavors.

Action Items

Vouchers were signed.

Calendar

Warnings	October 1, 2019
LSSC Listening Session	October 2, 2019
Yom Kippur	October 9, 2019
Columbus Day	October 14, 2019
LSSC Meeting	October 15, 2019
LSSC Workshop	October 15, 2019

Adjourn to Executive Session at 8:45pm

Vote: Carole Kasper moved to Executive Session to review and approve executive session minutes related to collective bargaining, contract negotiations with union and non-union personnel and/or litigation issues because to do so in public session would be detrimental to the District's position. Ellen Joachim seconded the motion. All were voted via roll call.

To view video of the meeting, please go to: <https://sudbury.vod.castus.tv/vod>

Respectfully submitted,

Francy Zingale