

**LINCOLN-SUDBURY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, February 4, 2020**

**6:45 PM**

**Conference Room B**

**Present**

Ellen Joachim (Chair), Carole Kasper (Vice Chair), Patty Mostue, Kevin Matthews, Candace Miller, and Cara Endyke Doran

**Also Present**

Bella Wong (Superintendent Principal), Peter Rowe (Director of Finance and Operations), Paula Myers (ExecTA); Emma Spector (Student Representative)

**Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:47 pm.

Candace Miller moved to enter executive session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation because to do so in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the District's position as declared by the Chair and to return to open session. Kevin Matthews seconded the motion. By roll call, all were in favor and the Committee entered executive session at 6:48 pm.

The open meeting resumed at 7:30 pm.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment

**Recognitions**

The L-S Friends of Music will hold its 8th Annual Mattress Fundraiser in the Cafeteria on February 9th from 10 to 4pm. The Music Zoo will be held that day from 1-3pm and there will be a Chamber Concert in the Auditorium at 2pm. The "Music Zoo" is an interactive event where children ages 5-13 will be ushered through stations featuring a variety of musical instruments which they can touch, try, and listen.

Singing Valentines will take place at school on Friday, February 14th. This year there will be three singing quartets. Funds raised will benefit the LS Cambodia School and Music Department field trips. This is the 10th annual Valentine Fundraiser at LS.

**Student Representative Report**

Emma Spector reported that the Student Senate recently held its holiday fundraiser. Funds raised were dedicated to the Ando Family Fund as well as the Tannenbaum Fund. On February 5, faculty members will be meeting with Student Senate representatives to discuss the E-term idea for the end of the school year. The Senate Steering Committee is planning to hold elections so that becoming a member of the committee is an elective process.

**METCO Parent Representative Report**

There was no METCO Parent Representative Report.

**Teachers' Association Report**

Paula Myers reported that the LS Teachers' Association has voted to approve a 5 minute decrease in ACA Block for the coming school year to accommodate the new start time of 8:25 am. There was concern regarding the shortening of ACA Block which is used by faculty to meet with students, make up time, as well as for teacher meeting time.

Meetings will take place on February 5th between LS faculty teaching 9th graders and middle school teachers to discuss incoming 9th grade students and continuity of curriculum. Quarter 1 grades are due and the new semester has begun.

### **Chairman's Report**

EDCO is having its first school committee round table of the year on February 5, at 9:30 am.

### **Liaison Reports**

Candace Miller reported that a firm date has not yet been set with Dorothy Presser. She also reported that she had fielded a question from a Lincoln parent regarding the afternoon bus schedule. Bella suggested that the parent get in touch directly so that a solution could be explored.

Carole Kasper reported that the "Life at LS" transition meeting on February 3rd for 8th grade parents had been a success on February 3rd. She thanked Sharon Hobbs, Sandy Crawford and Virginia Blake for their involvement and support of such an informative evening as well as veteran LS parent panelists who attended and shared information, including: Christine Pillar, Sabra Alden, and Mimi Borden.

A date for the Tri-District Meeting has not yet been set and will not be set until legislators have responded. Additionally Ms. Joachim reported that the Sudbury Transportation Meeting has been looking into options for transporting students. Ms. Joachim thanks the transportation committee for looking into this.

### **Superintendent/Principal Report**

Ms. Wong reported that the OPEB Trustees will be meeting on February 26, 2020 at LS in Conference Room A at 7pm. The meeting will be posted and anyone can attend.

Ms. Wong reminded the Committee Members that the Racial Climate Task Force community forums will be taking place on February 6th in Boston at 6:30pm and at LS on February 13th in the Choral Room at 6:30 pm. All are encouraged to attend - students, staff, faculty, parents, and community members.

Ms. Wong shared that she has been invited to consult with the Diversity Inclusion Belonging Task Force at Harvard University to aid in creating a strategic implementation plan that they hope to have in place by next spring. This complements work on diversity inclusion at LS and she has shared work being done at Harvard with LS faculty.

Sandy Crawford has organized a Narrative Project in which personal narratives are shared. Ms. Wong informed the Committee Members that training for the Narrative Project has been funded by SERF.

Ms. Wong presented the FY21 Budget for vote by the Committee Members. The funding gap has diminished due to a lesser than expected increase in medical insurance rates. The blended increase for the three insurance plans came to 2.4%, which is less than the assumed percentage rate of roughly 12%. This enables a decrease of \$115,000 in the funding gap. The

remainder of the funding gap will be closed through FTE reductions. The revised FY21 budget is posted on the website.

Ms. Wong submitted the warrant articles for the Sudbury Town Meeting a few hours late so they will not be included in the warrant for the May Town Meeting. The pick up truck and the student van capital requests are not impacted and will move forward. The chain link fence request is impacted. The chain link fence may be presented at a subsequent Sudbury Town Meeting. Lincoln has approved of all 4 capital requests. The warrant articles were intended to be placeholders at the Sudbury Town Meeting. However, it is possible to achieve approval for the requests through other means. Ms. Wong will bring the request to use E & D funds for the stadium field to the Boards of Selectmen once E & D is certified.

### **Director of Finance and Operations Report**

There was no Director of Finance and Operations Report.

### **Information and Discussion**

There was no information and discussion.

### **Action Items**

Vouchers #1076-1080 were signed.

***VOTE on ITEM 1: Kevin Matthews offered a motion that the Lincoln Sudbury Regional School Committee approve the FY2021 Operation Budget including OPEB funding at \$33,312,390. There are revenue offsets totalling \$3,526,725. Total member community assessments are \$29,785,665 of which \$3,602,956 is assessed to the Town of Lincoln and \$26,182,709 is assessed to the Town of Sudbury per the assessment schedule. Candace Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed.***

***VOTE on ITEM 2: Kevin Matthews presented a motion that the Lincoln Sudbury Regional School Committee approve the FY2021 Debt Service budget of \$602,950 with \$73,379 assessed to the Town of Lincoln and \$529,571 assessed to the Town of Sudbury per the assessment schedule. Candace Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed.***

Ms. Wong thanked the many community members of both Lincoln and Sudbury that participated in the meetings leading up to the final budget. She extended her thanks to all involved for without their effort the process could not be accomplished and was moved by their profound sense of civic duty.

***VOTE ON SCHOOL CHOICE; Kevin Matthews recommended that the Lincoln Sudbury Regional School District withdraw from participating in School Choice for the 2020-2021 school year as provided in Section 12B of Chapter 76 of the Massachusetts General Laws because of financial considerations. Candace Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor.***

### **Approval of Minutes**

Candace Miller offered a motion to approve the Minutes for December 13, 2020 and the Minutes for January 28, 2020. Patty Mostue seconded the motion, all were in favor.

### **Other Business**

There was no other business.

### **Future Agenda Items**

Communications and New Member Materials.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Calendar**

Jazz Concert	February 6, 2020
Richard Cole, RCTF Forum, Boston	February 6, 2020
Last day to file Intention to Run LS School Committee	February 6, 2020
Last day to submit Nomination Papers to Registrar	February 10, 2020
College Admissions Seminar	February 11, 2020
Richard Cole, RCTF Forum, LS	February 13, 2020
February Recess	February 17-21, 2020
LS School Committee Meeting	February 25, 2020

### **Adjourn**

Candace Miller moved to adjourn the regular meeting and move to Executive Session to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel (superintendent) or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel (superintendent).

To review and approve executive session minutes related to collective bargaining, contract negotiations with union and non-union personnel, the deployment of security personnel and/or devices, and/or litigation issues because to do so in public session would be detrimental to the District's position and not to return to regular session.

By roll call, all were in favor and the open meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Francy Zingale

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