

**LINCOLN-SUDBURY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
JUNE 3, 2020**

On March 12, 2020, Governor Baker issued an Executive Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20. With that in mind the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School District Committee will be holding this meeting virtually. The meeting will be available for public viewing via television and SudburyTV.org. The public will be able to submit questions or comments via email to SCquestions@lsrhs.net on Thursday 6/03 starting at 6:45 pm until the end of the meeting.

Present

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

Also Present

Bella Wong, Superintendent/Principal; Peter Rowe, Director of Finance and Operations; Paula Myers, ExecTA; and Andreas Masiokos, Student Senate Representative; Takia Myers, LS METCO Parent Representative.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Presentation

There was no presentation.

Recognitions

Ms. Wong congratulated the faculty members who received FELS awards: Rachel Cooke, Laura Moynaugh, Dennis Phillips, Colleen Demers, Aida Ramos, Jennifer Cameron, Nancy Dion, Danielle McAuliffe.

The Class of 2020 enjoyed a car parade on Saturday, May 30th. The seniors were divided by house. Ms. Wong extended her gratitude to the Sudbury Police and particularly Kim Walch for managing the event. Kathleen Thompson, Shari Idelson, and Sandy Crawford were instrumental in organizing and overseeing the parade. It was a joyful event with community members and elementary and middle school teachers lining the parade route.

On June 2nd, the Senior Scholarship Ceremony was broadcast to the community via SudburyTV and an LS YouTube link. Ms. Wong extended her gratitude to members of the community that provided the scholarships and to Charles Despotopulos who pulled

together the video segments for broadcast as well as the photographs of students being awarded a scholarship. She congratulated the students who were awarded scholarships.

The Cum Laude broadcast will be aired at a date to be announced. Ms. Wong also spoke with Marilyn Martinez, Chairman of the Sudbury Foundation which provides the Atkinson Scholarships. The foundation plans to send mementos to the students who were awarded scholarships.

Student Representative Report

The LS School Committee welcomed Andreas Masiakos who will be the LS Student Senate representative. Andreas reported that students were adjusting well to virtual learning and that the students appreciated teachers being available for meetings outside of class time. Seniors have been happy with the car parade and other festivities. The student senate welcomes new student members on Monday, June 8th, 2020. Ms. Joachim extended her thanks to Emma Spector, our 2019-20 department Student Representative.

METCO Parent Representative Report

There was no METCO Parent Representative Report.

Teachers' Association Report

Paula Myers acknowledged Ms. Wong's email to members of the LSRHS regarding the death of George Floyd and its racial import. The Racial Climate Task Force and Visions have been working on ways to support students and staff as they work through the recent events that have ensued from the event in Minneapolis. Counselors are prepared to support students individually and are sending out resources to students. LS Library will be dedicating part of its webpage to social justice, equity and anti-racist reads and resources. LS teachers will be incorporating the same topics in their class presentations.

The LSTA awarded two scholarships in memory of Paul Vernon, a guidance director at LS from 1958-1965, to Carter Bevins and Lilian Gainer. LSTA wishes them the very best in their future endeavors. The Wellness Department encouraged faculty and staff to submit mileage from the cumulative exercises of all staff. There were 400 AP exams school wide assisted by LS Faculty. Finally, the LSTA congratulated Kathleen Thompson, Shari Idelson, Sandy Crawford, and Leslie Patterson for their efforts in celebrating the Class of 2020.

Chairman's Report

Ellen Joachim reported that she had heard very positive feedback from the car parade. She appreciated that a great deal of effort had been put into it and was thankful to LS Faculty and Staff as well as the local police.

Lincoln FINCOM will be meeting on June 4 to address questions from the public in preparation for the Lincoln Town Meeting to be held on June 13th. The LS School Committee members from Sudbury will not be expected to attend as an effort is being made to keep attendance limited.

The EDCO Board is meeting June 5 to discuss the termination motion filed by Lexington Public Schools.

Liaison Reports

Carole Kasper will be participating in the Lincoln FINCOM meeting as well as Lincoln Town Meeting representing the LS School Committee and will share information from the meeting.

The Strategic Planning Steering Committee continues to work apace. Subgroup work will be pulled together in a draft document during the current week to prepare it for submission to stakeholder groups. It will then be presented to the Administrative Team, the Academic Council, faculty, student leaders, and School Council. It will be presented to the LS School Committee on June 30th, 2020 by Leslie Patterson and Dan Conti, the Strategic Planning Steering Committee Co-Chairs.

Superintendent/Principal Report

Ms. Wong reported that there are current protests and demonstrations in response to the George Floyd's death at the hands of police have been occurring. LS student Kaleigh Berrera organized a peaceful demonstration in Sudbury at 4-6pm. She was very thorough in letting town leaders know that this would be taking place. Ms. Wong also commended the faculty for supporting students during this troubling time.

Updates regarding COVID-19

The Commissioner of the Department of Education has promised guidance updates today or tomorrow. We are awaiting guidance regarding our in-house summer programs in REACH, LINK, LS Academy, and EXCEL. Other guidance concerns plans for the fall semester, which will come out on June 15th. The last day of the 2019-20 academic year for LS teachers will be June 19th. 85 to 90% of the forthcoming guidance from the state is expected to be mandatory. School systems will have to appeal any guidance they disagree with. We will have to plan for a hybrid model in which a portion of learning will be off site and online. Opening school will involve safety issues, development of a learning plan, operational issues such as food service and transportation, and allocation of resources (budget, personnel, capacity to implement mandatory guidances) as well as avenues of regular communication.

A survey will be sent to families requesting information regarding the family intention to return students to school and will they intend to utilize school transportation. Mandated busing extends through grade 6. The survey will give valuable information to LS regarding school reopening. Daily safety protocols will be put in place and resource allocation will determine how they will be funded.

Update on senior events

The property exchange for the senior class took place Monday through Wednesday this week. Textbooks, laptops, library books etc. were accepted from the seniors and caps and gowns were distributed to seniors. Senior grades are being submitted by faculty for the senior class. The Conferral of Degrees will take place on June 7th, our former graduation ceremony date. Ms. Wong expressed her hope that as many seniors as possible would participate in this event. The survey results for holding a live graduation ceremony illustrated that LS families were in favor of having a live event which would be held the last

weekend in July or first weekend in August. Transcripts for seniors will be sent out during the second week in June to colleges.

For the LS School Committee meeting on June 16th, School goals will be presented. On June 30th, the Strategic Planning Steering Committee Co-Chairs will address the LS School Committee.

EDCO Update

The EDCO Board will have to vote on the Lexington request for termination of its membership. Belmont has rescinded its vote to withdraw from the EDCO Collaborative. Newton discussed the withdrawal question and voted NOT to withdraw.

Director of Finance and Operations Report

Peter Rowe reported that the Business Office is busy closing out the year and touching base with Department Coordinators. Efforts to facilitate Kirsteen Patterson's transition are underway.

Peter Rowe, Kevin Rossley, and Kristen Gentili of Aramark Food Services have met to discuss changes that may be necessary to offer food service to students in the fall. There will be changes to the cash register area to protect the cashier and perhaps automation of the payment area. In addition, there is the issue of capacity in offering food service for students that includes social distancing will need to be determined. LS offers a free and reduced lunch program so some sort of food service will be required.

Bella Wong added that LS was working on the CARES Act Application for 2020-2021, It will be completed by June 30th. Monies awarded will be used for safety training and personal protection equipment.

Use of Excess and Deficiency funds in the amount of up to \$500,000 for COVID19 related expenses and unanticipated tuition expenses and funds in the amount of \$375,000 for the Stadium Field replacement have been approved. We have also received permission to access funds for a 1/12th FY21 budget.

Information and Discussion

There was no information and discussion.

Action Items

Vouchers 1120-1125

Vote on Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Closure of Schools due to COVID-19: Carole Kasper moved that the School Committee accept the Memorandum of Agreement regarding closure of schools due to COVID19 between the Lincoln Sudbury School Committee and the Lincoln Sudbury Teachers' Association as defined by the Chair. Patty Mostue seconded the motion. All were in favor via roll call vote.

Vote on EDCO membership

Ellen Joachim determined that it would be premature to vote before the EDCO meeting taking place this week.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes for May 21, 2020, will be taken up at the June 16, 2020 meeting.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Future Agenda Items

Candace Miller requested continued updates on issues related to COVID19 and an update on the change in school start time.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Calendar

LS Conferral of Degrees	June 7, 2020
Lincoln Town Meeting	June 13, 2020
Lincoln Town Election	June 15, 2020
LS School Committee	June 16, 2020
Sudbury Town Election	June 23, 2020
LS School Committee	June 30, 2020
LS Graduation Class 2020	July 25, 2020

Adjourn

Patty Mostue offered a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Carole Kasper. All were in favor via roll call, there was no discussion. The meeting ended at 8:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Francy Zingale

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