

**LINCOLN-SADBURY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
Tuesday, April 4, 2023**

7:15 PM

Zoom

Present

Heather Cowap, *Chair*; Cara Endyke-Doran, *Vice Chair*;
Harold Engstrom; Kevin Matthews; Candace Miller; Mary Warzynski.

Also Present

Bella Wong, *Superintendent/Principal*; Kirsteen Patterson, *Director of Finance and Operations*; Danielle Weisse, *Teachers' Association*; Mark Sobkowicz, *Computer Science Department*

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm.

Public Comment

No public comment

Presentation

- Computer Science Department, *Mark Sobkowicz*
[Computer Science Presentation](#)

“Current Breakthrough”-Beginning with the class of 2026, there will be a requirement to take a CS class while at LS. In response to the Digital Literacy and Computer Science Frameworks, released in 2017. This replaces the Computer Technology requirement, which included a wider range of both CS and FATA courses. Due to this big change, CS staff and teachers get to see every student in LSRHS. This change also increases staffing.

PORTRAIT of a GRADUATE

Computer Science particularly fits into the “*Innovative and Creative*” section of the ‘*Portrait of a Graduate*’.

Project Based Learning: Students building items using computers.

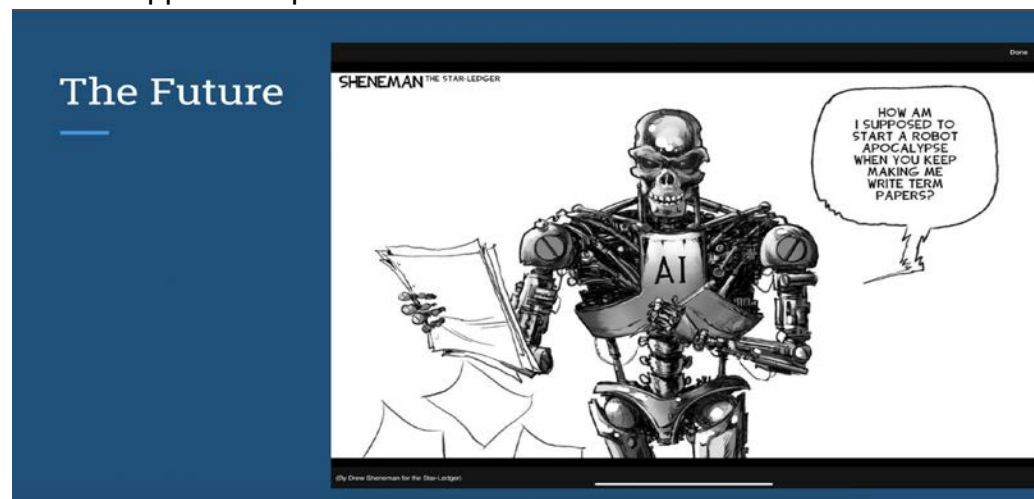


Available Courses

- Creative Computing: Students creating/utilizing spreadsheets and other tools.
- Game Programming
- Intro to Programming (Popular): Learning about functions.
- AP Computer Science Principles: No prerequisites needed; adapted from Harvard's CS50 course.

Advanced Courses (Next Year)

- Java Programming
- Mobile App Development



Information and Discussion

Heather Cowap, Chair of the School Committee

- This week, Governor Healey extended remote meetings till March of 2025.
- Heather Cowap recommended the LSSC meetings to remain virtual till the end of the school year. During the upcoming summer, the School Committee will hone in on the technology challenges to then determine how to proceed with hybrid meetings. We will discuss further at the next scheduled LSSC meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 2023.
- The last day of school for Seniors will be Thursday, May 25, 2023.
- The last day for students will be Friday, June 16, 2023
- The last day for teachers/staff will be Tuesday, June 20, 2023; to allow individuals to commemorate 'Juneteenth'.
- Should the last LSSC meeting be on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 OR Tuesday, June 13, 2023? The School Committee will discuss further at the next scheduled LSSC meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 2023.
- Harold Engstrom's and Candace Miller's last meeting will be Tuesday, April 25, 2023. Thank you Harold and Candace, you will be missed!

Student Senate Representative Report

No Report

METCO Program Report

No Report

Teacher's Association Representative Report

Danielle Weisse, President of Teacher's Association

- On Friday, March 17th, LS Musician's Union raised money for earthquake relief for Syria and Turkey. Thank you Dan Shuler, Susan Frommer and Dylan Woodward (alumni of LS) for organizing the event.
- Thank you History teachers- Chris Herbert and Timothy Cobbett for facilitating/organizing the "Mock Trials".
- Ambulances and Fire Departments visited Wellness Classes. Thank you to the Wellness Department.
- LSRHS's Library organized "March Madness", using the bracket system to choose books to compete with each other. Thank you Librarian Ellen Chu!
- Carly Evans facilitated/organized the play "The True Story of Hansel and Gretel" on Saturday, March 25, 2023. Performances were done by the 9th and 10th graders of LS. The evening show included child activities and sensory friendly performances.

- On April 4, 2023, Tom Grandprey facilitated the “Jazz Night” concerts.
- New program- “Conservatory Block” starting up soon for students before school starts. This program is for students who aren’t able to participate in Music/Art classes during the school day, due to required classes one must participate in.
- The ‘Self Defense’ graduation took place on April 4, 2023.
- On Saturday, April 1, 2023, six (6) of LS’s young women in science competed in a “Women of Science” competition at Bedford High School. LS finished 3rd and 4th place out of 23 teams. Thank you Maureen Bolton!
- The MVP Assembly on Healthy Relationships will take place on Thursday, April 13, 2023 for LS’s 10th graders. Thank you Lori Hodin!
- Affirming Lori Hodin for pairing with the MLK Advisors to bring an “Identity Fair” together in May of 2023.
- French Exchange students are here at LSRHS.
- Quarter three (3) ended.

Chairperson and Liaison Updates

Kevin Matthews, Chair of Superintendent/Principal Subcommittee

- Reminder- Full School Committee meeting tomorrow, April 5, 2023 at 6:30pm to determine the new Superintendent/Principal of LS this upcoming school year.

Superintendent/Principal Updates

Bella Wong, Superintendent/Principal

- The annual ‘Senior Class Show’ took place on Friday, March 24, 2023. Thank you Peter Elenbass, Tom Lewis, Amy Jacobs, and Melanie Mahoney.
- On Monday, March 27, 2023, the Lincoln and Sudbury election took place. Congrats Ravi Simon and Lucy Maulsby! Farewell and thank you Candace Miller and Harold Engstrom for serving us.
- On Tuesday, March 28, 2023 and Wednesday, March 29, 2023; MCAS took place. In addition- An observer was sent out from DESE on the mentioned dates..
- Athletic Director Art Rielly retired on Friday, March 31, 2023. Michael McCaffery stepped in as the interim Athletic Director until July 1, 2023, then Dan Lee will officially proceed as the Athletic Director.
- Hiring process for East House’s Associate Principal is currently underway.
- After ten (10) years, the “Wall of Recognitions” have reconvened. Prepare for an invitation to be extended to the School Committee.

Director of Finance and Operations Report

Kirsteen Patterson, *Director of Finance and Operations Report*

- The Excess and Deficiency was certified and approved at \$1,507,183. The business office will be drafting recommendations for designating a portion to OPEB and Stabilization funds before June 30th.
- FYI- Warrant Article for Sudbury LS Capital (security camera replacement project) was identified as a revision for the article number.
- In-person *'Employee Benefit Fair'* on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 11:45am-1:08pm. Thank you Alicia Palmer!
- On-site visit on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 for the food service RFP. RFP scheduled to open and review Friday, May 5, 2023. The business office will be asking the *'Wellness Policy Review Team'* on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 to review the RFP submissions at the public opening.

Approval of Minutes

- Approval of the March 21, 2023 and March 23, 2023 'Minutes' were postponed to the April 25, 2023 School Committee meeting.

Future Agenda Items

- Create a protocol for students ordering/purchasing food during class time hours.
- Invite a local legislator to speak on behalf of all the commonwealth special education private school placements increasing to 14% at a SC meeting.
- Continue to develop/implement a hybrid school committee meeting policy and hone in on the technology issues.

Public Comment

No public comment

Adjournment

Heather Cowap requested a motion to adjourn the open session. Candace Miller seconded the motion. Six out of six members of the School Committee were in favor via roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.