

**LINCOLN-SADBURY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
Tuesday, April 25, 2023**

**7:02 PM**

**Zoom**

**Present**

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

**Also Present**

Bella Wong, *Superintendent/Principal*;  
Kirsteen Patterson, *Director of Finance and Operations*;  
Helen Sotiriou, *Co-Teachers' Association*; Olivia Gottlieb, *LSRHS Student Senate*;  
Angela Medeiros, *World Language Department Coordinator*

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm.

**Public Comment**

*Hank-Sudbury, MA.*

“The Surveillance system you are looking to upgrade/sought money for within LSRHS- I find intrusive in everyone’s privacy. The surveillance system is completely contrary to principles of academic freedom to the kinds of systems used by totalitarian governments. We should not be forced to bow down to big brother just to be able to attend school.”

**Presentation**

- Angela Medeiros, World Language Department Coordinator  
[4/25/23 World Language Presentation](#)

“If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart.” -Nelson Mandela

## Field Trips & Community Engagement thus far

- The German club hosted a 'Fun Friday' and 'Octoberfest' in the A/B connector at LS.
- Recent trip to Curtis and Lincoln middle schools, where LS students visited the 8th graders to discuss their experiences within the language department, and the five language options at LSRHS.
- LS Mandarin class collaborated with the Chinese American Association of Sudbury, where students performed.
- This is LS's second year offering the voluntary test/program for the '*Mass State Seal of Bi-literacy*' to the 11th and 12th graders. The test is offered in any language of the student's choosing. This year, there were 23 students who tested. We're currently anticipating the results.
- Latin 4S participated in a trip to the exhibit on the Trojan War; in support of a reading currently taking place in class.
- The language department partnered with the community, in sending 11 students to work with classroom teachers. As well as, participated in a school supplied fundraiser, which was donated to '*Hoops and Homework*'- in a non-profit after school program in Framingham.
- There were 3-4 students who attended the trip to Chinatown, and ate 'Dim Sum'.
- French students attended Curtis Middle School to present/teach lessons and review activities with the 8th grade students.
- The German Exchange will host this upcoming fall. Students will travel in the summer of 2023.
- LS's French exchange students traveled in February of 2023. While LS hosted April of this year.
- Spanish Exchange students will host next year. In the fall, Spanish Exchange students will travel in the spring.
- In April of 2024, The Latin program will take a trip to Italy.

## Information and Discussion

*Heather Cowap, Chair*

### Discussion/reading into the record the LSSC 2023 election results

The Lincoln Sudbury Regional School District elections were held in conjunction with the Lincoln/Sudbury elections on Monday, March 27, 2023. The results were received from Valerie Fox, Lincoln's Towns Clerk and Beth Klein, Sudbury's Town Clerk, as follows:

For a 3-year term – 2 members:

	Lincoln	Sudbury	Total
Lucy Mason Maulsby	919	1993	2912
Ravi Simon	659	2016	2675
Write-in	4	17	21
Blank	828	2680	3508

This was respectfully submitted by Donna Cakert, Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School District Clerk on April 3, 2023.

With sadness, we say goodbye to Candace Miller and Harold Engstrom. Nevertheless, we look forward to welcoming Lucy Maulsby and Ravi Simon.

### Remote meetings for the rest of the year

Heather Cowap: "The recommendation is to continue the School Committee meetings remotely. As of right now, we continue to have technical challenges in attempting to move into a hybrid model."

Kevin Matthews: "I believe it's important to get back to in-person meetings. When you really need to work out a problem, it drives people to work harder and faster towards that end."

Heather Cowap: "I agree with you. I'm not saying we would do another year, it would just be for the remainder of the academic year. We'll continue to discuss it with SudburyTV, and see what we can figure out."

### Last LSSC meeting

The last LSSC meeting for this school year will be Tuesday, June 13, 2023. Per the original 2022-2023 LSSC calendar, the last LSSC meeting was originally scheduled after the last day of school-Friday, June 16, 2023.

### Appropriation of LS 2022 Certified Excess & Deficiency Funds to OPEB Trust and LS Stabilization Fund

Kirsteen Patterson proposed an appropriation of the LS 2022 certified Excess and Deficiency funds (\$750,000) to be divided between the OPEB trust (\$250,000) and the LS Stabilization fund (\$500,000).

We're looking for the school committee to vote on this as an action item tonight. In 45 days the Selectboards of Lincoln and Sudbury will deem the appropriation as approved.

### **Student Senate Representative Report**

*Olivia Gottlieb, Secretary of the Student Senate*

- Thank you Ms.Miller and Mr.Engstrom for your dedication.
- The Student Senate will host the annual 'Staff Appreciation' banquet on Wednesday, May 10, 2023; just before the Faculty meeting.
- In the following weeks, our annual 'Student Senate Elections' will take place for any current 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students who are interested.

### **METCO Program Report**

No Report

### **Teachers' Association Representative Report**

*Helen Sotiriou, Co-President of Teachers' Association*

- Thank you Candace and Harold for your support.
- On Thursday, April 26, 2023-The School Committee will visit LSRHS.
- AP Exams start next week.
- A LSB production "PUFFS" (loosely based on 'Hogsworth') takes place on Friday, April 28th till Sunday, April 30th.

### **Chairperson and Liaison Updates**

No Updates

## **Superintendent/Principal Updates**

*Bella Wong, Superintendent/Principal*

- Thank you Helen Sotiriou, Mary Brunson, and Danielle Weisse for facilitating the School Committee visit day.
- There were a group of students who went to Baltimore, Maryland to assist in painting and installing tiles after the hurricane.
- There were 20 French Exchange students present at LSRHS the week before April break.
- There were 28 students and 5 adults who attended the trip to Iceland during the April break.
- The athletics fields are busy!
- There will be a 'State Track Meet' on Sunday, April 30, 2023.
- Laura Moynagh is hosting 'Jobs in the Trades' event on Wednesday, May 3, 2023

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

*Kirsteen Patterson, Director of Finance and Operations Report*

- "As a former Navy Electrician, I'll be representing the non-track trade workers at the "Jobs and Careers: Trades Event". I am very excited to participate in the event on Wednesday, May 3rd."
- The auditor for the E&D grant will be presenting the results of FY22. We're waiting for the auditor's availability.
- The S&P Global rating was submitted.

### **Action Items:**

***VOTE: Heather Cowap moved to accept the gifts from the Friends of LS Softball, Friends of LS Baseball, and LS Boosters to upgrade baseball and softball fields. Mary Warzynski second the motion. There was no discussion. Six (6) out of six (6) members of the School Committee were in favor via roll call vote.***

***VOTE: Heather Cowap moved to appropriate \$500,000 to the LS Stabilization Fund and \$250,000 to the LS OPEB Trust Fund. Kevin Matthews second the motion. There was no discussion. Six (6) out of six (6) members of the School Committee were in favor via roll call vote.***

### **Approval of Minutes**

Heather Cowap moved to accept the LSSC Minutes for March 21, 2023, March 23, 2023, March 28, 2023, March 29, 2023, March 30, 2023, April 4, 2023, April 5, 2023, and April 19, 2023, as there were no objections or corrections of these minutes they stand as approved as read."

### **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.

### **Adjourn to Executive Session**

Heather Cowap requested a motion to adjourn to executive session without returning to 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 8:30pm.