

**LINCOLN-SUDBURY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
Tuesday, December 10, 2024**

6:30PM

REMOTE

Present

Ravi Simon, *Chair*; Cathie Bitter, *Vice Chair*;
Maura Carty, Cara Endyke-Doran, Kevin Matthews, Lucy Maulsby (absent)

Also Present

Meghan Notari, *President of the Teachers' Association*
Kirsteen Patterson, *Director of Finance and Operations*
Leslie Patterson, *Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment*
Emily Phillips, *L-S Counselor*
Andrew Stephens, *LSRHS Superintendent/Principal*
Kurtis Thompson, *Odyssey Advisors*

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:33PM.

Motion to Enter into Executive Session with Return to Open Meeting

Ravi Simon motioned to enter the executive session with return to the open meeting.
Kevin Matthews second the motion. Five(5) out of five(5) members of the School Committee were in favor via roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:34PM.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7PM.

Public Comment

No Comment(s)

Student Senate Updates

No Updates

METCO Program Report Updates

No METCO Updates

Teachers' Association Updates

Meghan Notari, *President of the LSRHS's Teachers' Association*

- LSRHS's Advisory team hosted a three week competition- "House Cup Challenge" between each of the in school Houses- North, East, South, and West.
- Andrew Stephens facilitated 'drop-ins' for Advisors to provide their opinions regarding the Advisory program moving forward.
- LS Staff and Faculty attended the annual 'LS Gathering' in Maynard on Wednesday, December 18.
- Interim reports for the second quarter were forwarded to parents/guardians.

Presentations

- [L-S OPEB Report as of 6/30/24](#)
Kirsteen Patterson, *Director of Finance and Operations*
Kurtis Thompson, *Odyssey Advisors*

School Committee members appreciated the OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits) Report; as well as the management of the OPEB. However there appears to be a health care cost inflation that appears to be affecting all LSRSD retirees. The school committee continued to ask questions to understand the process in how contributions are made towards one's pension/retirement.

- [L-S Strategic Plan Objective: Narrow the Opportunity and Achievement Gap](#)
Leslie Patterson, *Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Curriculum*

School Committee members appreciated the comprehensive presentation Leslie Patterson provided to the School Committee regarding the 'MCAS Results and Closing Gaps' for students at LS. A School Committee member suggested creating a graph to compare LSRSD's 'MCAS Results' and 'Closing Gaps' with comparable districts. The committee continued to ask questions, and offered feedback for next year's presentation.

- [MWAHS Presentation](#)
Emily Phillips, *L-S Counselor*

School Committee members appreciated the candid presentation regarding the MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey (MWAHS). With the abundant data/information provided, School Committee members suggested further consideration and discussion of the results. The committee continued to ask questions, offered feedback, and discussed several ideas to support all wellness programming, as well as the mental health aspect for adolescents.

Information and Discussion

Andrew Stephens, *LSRHS Superintendent/Principal*

- **EV Bus Grant Application**

- [CSB 2024 Rebate Board Awareness Form](#)
- [2024 Rebate Third Party Approval Form](#)
- [CSB 2024 Rebate R4 Utility Partnership](#)

- LSRSD has an opportunity to apply for an electric school buses rebate grant. The deadline to apply is January 9, 2025.
- The School Committee agreed to move forward with the grant application. Members look forward to additional information regarding the potential to bring electric school buses to the district.

- **LS 2025-2026 Calendar**

- [DRAFT 2025-2026 L-S School Calendar](#)
- School Committee members suggested differentiating the 'Last Day' of the school year from the 'Final Assessments' week on the 25-26 school calendar.
- With the mentioned changes added, the School Committee aims to approve the '2025-2026 LS School Calendar' at the next School Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

Chairperson and Liaison Updates

Ravi Simon, *Chair of the LS School Committee*

- Anticipate a "School Committee Listening Session" early January of 2025.

Superintendent/Principal Updates

Andrew Stephens, LSRHS Superintendent/Principal

- The 14th annual 'Warriors 4 Warriors' benefit (LS hockey game vs. Concord Carlisle) took place on Saturday, December 13th at New England Sports Center at 3pm. This fundraiser is intended in memory of LS Graduate 1st Lt. Scott Milley who gave his life in service to our country. Alongside with many other veterans and their families.
- Middle School faculty from Lincoln and Sudbury Public Schools visited LS on Wednesday, December 11th to meet with their subject counterparts to discuss curriculum and instruction.
- The Business Office hosted an 'Employee Wellness' event on Wednesday, December 11th outside of the LS Cafeteria. Healthy snacks and great information geared towards a healthy well-being was provided.
- During the month of December, LS Advisory coordinated a 'House Cup' challenge. Students of all grades participated in a series of fun challenges to earn points for their 'House'.
- LS Student Senate hosted 'Spirit Week' (12/16-12/20).
 - Monday: LS Gear
 - Tuesday: Teachers dress as students-Students dress as teachers
 - Wednesday: Anything but a backpack day
 - Thursday; Class Colors
 - Friday: PJ Holiday Day
- School Cancellation/Delay Decision Process & Schedules:
 - Evaluate the weather forecast throughout the evening before and early morning of the potential school day.
 - Communication is held with LS Facilities Director, the Sudbury and Lincoln Superintendents, the Department of Public Works to understand the "up to the minute" conditions of the outlying roads and LS parking lots and sidewalks.
 - Here is a link to all of the block schedules: [All Schedules](#)

Director of Finance and Operations

Kirsteen Patterson, *Director of Finance and Operations*

-First View Pricing Doc with Option Years

-Recommendation for 1st Year Option

- The regular yellow bus transportation bid was conducted in 2022 partnered with Sudbury Public Schools and approved by both Sudbury and LS School Committees for the original contract term of 3-Yrs from 2023-2025. Two additional years were included in the bid as option years subject to approval.
- Sudbury School Committee voted to accept Option Year-1 for the school year 2025-2026.
- This option is cost effective to continue not only the bus transportation partnership with SPS, but to exercise LS's option years for budget control.
- There's a recommendation for a motion to approve the Option Year 1 of the yellow bus transportation contract with First Student for School Year 2025-2026.

-Updated Budget Calendar - 2nd Draft

- The Budget Pressure meeting was confirmed for Monday, December 16th.
- The Lincoln Budget Workshop was confirmed for Tuesday, December 17th.
- Sudbury's Multi-Year Worksheets meeting plans to take place on Friday, January 17, 2025.

Additional Updates

- Anticipate rescheduling the January 28, 2025 LS School Committee meeting (or holding an additional meeting) to include the Governor's budget information, which is slated to be released on Thursday, January 30, 2025.
- Anticipate the vote of the LS Budget to take place on Tuesday, January 28th.

Action Items:

-VOTE: Maura Carty motioned to approve the 'Option Year-One(1) of the '2025-2026 Bus Contract'. Cara Endyke-Doran second the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

-The LSSC Minutes for December 3, 2024 were approved.

Public Comment

No Comment(s)

Adjournment

Ravi Simon motioned to adjourn the meeting. Maura Carty second the motion. Five(5) out of five(5) members of the School Committee were in favor via roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:34PM.

