

LINCOLN-SUDBURY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
Tuesday, January 9, 2024

7PM

REMOTE

Present

Cara Endyke-Doran, *Chair*; Ravi Simon, *Vice Chair*;
Catherine Bitter; Lucy Maulsby; Mary Warzynski

Also Present

Andrew Stephens, *LSRHS Superintendent/Principal*
Helen Sotiriou, *Co-President of Teachers' Association*
Kirsteen Patterson, *Director of Finance and Operations*
Daniel Conti, *English Department Coordinator*
Danielle Weisse, *English teacher*
Mikhal Shvartsman, *LSRHS Student Senate*

Call to Order

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

Public Comment

Maura Carty-Sudbury, MA.

"What a fabulous event the Warriors 4 Warriors event was in December. It was a huge Community event, and It was very well attended. Thank you Andrew Stephens for attending the event."

Student Senate Updates

Mikhal Shvartsman, *LSRHS Student Senate Officer*

- The Winter Fundraiser was a huge success. All proceeds went to Sudbury Food Pantry.
- Spirit week was great! The event was a great bonding activity for the LS community.
- At the next Student Senate meeting, LS students and administration will collaborate and discuss what's working for LS and/or what's not working for LS.

METCO Program Report Updates

No Report

Presentation

English Department Presentation,
Daniel Conti, *English Department Coordinator*
Danielle Weisse, *English Teacher*
[English Department Presentation 1/9/24](#)

Information and Discussion

Andrew Stephens, *Superintendent/Principal of LSRHS*

- As a reminder, the 2024-2025 LSRHS calendar has to be approved.
[DRAFT LS School Calendar 2024-2025](#)

Chairperson and Liaison Updates

LS School Committee Community Outreach Listening Session

Cara Endyke-Doran; *Chair of the LS School Committee*
Cathie Bitter; *member of the LS School Committee* and

- The virtual listening session on Monday, December 18, 2023 was a success. A couple of items brought up during the listening session follows:
 - The lack of cell coverage on the school grounds. Will there be discussions held with the town regarding the cell service on campus?
 - How can ninth and tenth grade students access information pertaining to college?
 - What is the difference between advanced level and excel advanced level classes? How is the leveling determined?
 - Can the bus route information be posted earlier in the school year?

Alumni Survey Update

Mary Warzynski; *member of the LS School Committee*
Ravi Simon; *Vice Chair of the LS School Committee*

- There have been two meetings thus far regarding the "Alumni Survey". The "Alumni Survey" continues to remain at the preliminary level.

Further Updates

Cara Endyke-Doran; *Chair of the LS School Committee*

- The School Committee is scheduled to visit LSRHS on Friday, March 22, 2024.
- This spring, Lincoln and Sudbury school committees are considering collaborating with LS's school committee to hold a 'Tri-District' meeting or

attending a MASC training with the sending towns' school committees in attendance. If a Tri-District meeting is held, the school committees would discuss different strategies regarding student achievement and other important district items.

Teachers' Association Updates

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

- Thank you Lucy Maulsby and Mary Warzynski for attending and judging the 'Gingerbread Houses' contest.
- On Monday, January 8, 2024, there were five faculty members from the Math department who visited Lexington High School. The visit was intended to gain additional ideas regarding curriculum.
- The Mid-Year assessments are scheduled to take place on Thursday, January 18, 2024-Tuesday, January 23, 2024.
- The Girls Basketball team picked up Christmas trees.
- Congratulations to the tenth grade student who qualified for the Biathlon Junior Math Olympics in Korea!

Superintendent/Principal Updates

Andrew Stephens, *LSRHS Superintendent/Principal*

- The Warriors for Warriors Benefit Hockey Game last month was extremely well attended. The efforts made to commemorate the memory of LS Graduate 1st. Lieutenant Scott Milley, who gave his life in service to our country was breathtaking.
- Thank you and shout out to Senior Lauren Cacciatore for being a good sport and bringing such positive energy to the photo booth!
- Last month, LS hosted the IDEAS (Initiative for Developing Equity & Achievement for Students) High School Conference. We hosted over 100 students and advisors from 16 Massachusetts schools who participated in a number of activities and discussions with an equity lens. It was a powerful and a highly educational event for the students and adults!
- The Racial Climate Community Group (RCCG) had a meeting on Wednesday 1/10 in Conference Room B at LS. Please see LS News & Happenings for specific information on how to register for upcoming online access.
 - In recent months, the Racial Climate Community Group gatherings have been truly engaging and collaborative, featuring insightful discussions with student and faculty panelists exploring their racial identity and personal experiences with race. Moving forward, the next session will spotlight a diverse panel of parents sharing their family's unique journey and experiences with race within our community.
- The vending machines are finally in the building! Students can purchase a healthy

beverage and snacks as well as prepared meals. They can use either apple/google pay or their lunch account for the meal machine.

- Mid Year Assessments were held on January 18-23. The schedule was sent to students and families. In Advisory on Thursday 1/11, the Juniors and Seniors worked with the Ninth and Tenth graders to help plan and organize their time to prepare for the assessments.

Director of Finance and Operations

Kirsteen Patterson, Director of Finance and Operations

- The district's audits were completed and submitted in record time. In addition, the district did not receive a management letter for FY '23.
- All three vending machines were delivered. There was a minor setback regarding the low connectivity/signal with the pin pads. There were robust antenna units ordered to speed up the process. Items in the vending machines are all qualified food items under DESE.
- The Sudbury Fincom meeting will be held on Monday, January 29, 2024 at 7pm, to review the FY '25 budget requests and proposal. In addition, the 'Sudbury Joint Meeting' with the Selectboard, Fincom, and CIAC will be held on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 7pm. [UPDATED FY25 Budget Calendar/Timeline](#)
- All FY '25 warrant articles are expected to be submitted before Wednesday, January 31, 2024. Please be advised that the WiFi project will not need to be on a separate warrant article, being that the cost decreased to the threshold for the town managers' budget. As a reminder, the following warrant articles will require a vote of approval on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, before the due date on Wednesday, January 31, 2024.
 - [2025 Exterior Stairwells](#)
 - [2025 Building Lighting Controls](#)

Further Updates

- [FY '24 2nd Quarter Financial Report Summary](#)
- [FY '24 2nd Quarter Financial Report](#)

Action Items:

VOTE: Cara Endyke-Doran motioned to approve the 2024-2025 LSRHS School Calendar as proposed. Cathie Bitter seconded the motion. No discussion. Five out of five members were in favor via roll call vote.

Approval of Minutes:

Cara Endyke-Doran moved to accept the LSSC Minutes for December 5, 2023. As there were no objections or corrections to these minutes, they stand as approved, as read.

Future Agenda Items

- Discuss/explore whether the LS School Committee should be appointing potential LSRHS Administration as employees.
- Approval of FY '25 warrant articles

Public Comment

No comment

Adjournment

Cara Endyke-Doran motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mary Warzynski second the motion. Five(5) out of five(5) members of the School Committee were all in favor via roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:12pm.