

**LINCOLN-SUDBURY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, March 6, 2024**

**7PM**

**HYBRID**

**Present**

Ravi Simon, *Vice Chair*

Catherine Bitter; Lucy Maulsby; Kevin Matthews; Mary Warzynski

**Also Present**

Andrew Stephens, *LSRHS Superintendent/Principal*

Meghan Notari, *President of Teachers' Association*

Kirsteen Patterson, *Director of Finance and Operations*

Olivia Gottlieb, *LSRHS Student Senate*

Damen Kelton, *LICSW, METCO Director*

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04PM.

**Public Comment**

No Public Comment

**Student Senate Updates**

*Olivia Gottlieb, LSRHS Student Senate Officer*

- Revisions of the Student Senate Constitution were discussed.
  - An additional Officer position-"Lead Communications"
  - Reinstate the "Senate Ideas Forum".

**METCO Program Report Updates**

Damen Kelton, *METCO Director*

- Winter sports concluded for the METCO athletes.
- LS METCO hired a clinical school counselor.
- An anticipated film documentary is in progress- "WE ARE METCO", which will include Lincoln, Sudbury, and Boston residents.

## Presentation

- District Audit Review  
*Todd Jurczyk- Powers & Sullivan*  
[FY23 Audited Financials](#)  
[FY23 Audited SEFA](#)
- LS Solar Panel Analysis  
*Kirsteen Patterson, Director of Finance and Operations*  
[LS Parking Lot Solar Canopy Project - Savings Analysis](#)

## Information and Discussion

*Ravi Simon, Vice Chair of the School Committee*

- Reminder: The LS School Committee visits LSRHS on Friday, March 22, 2024.

*Andrew Stephens, LS Superintendent/Principal*

- LSSC Newsletter Discussion
  - According to LSRHS's attorney-"The LSSC Newsletter is not an open meeting law violation. Especially, if the shared items were previously discussed during a school committee meeting or made public. Therefore, the newsletter being signed by the entire School Committee or a member of the School Committee isn't a violation of the open meeting law."

*Ravi Simon, Vice Chair of the School Committee*

- The discussion regarding the status of the LSSC goals were tabled until the next School Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2024.

## Chairperson and Liaison Updates

### LS School Committee Community Outreach Listening Session

*Lucy Maulsby; member of the LS School Committee*

*Ravi Simon; Vice Chair of the LS School Committee*

- The virtual listening session was held on Wednesday, February 21, 2024. A couple of items mentioned during the listening session follows:
  - Concerns amongst guardians and students regarding leveling of classes. What does that look like for College?
  - Student athletes who have accelerated/advanced classes at the end of their day. Concerns around these students leaving the campus early and/or having to choose between excelling on the field/court or in the classroom.
  - Many parents/guardians were solely grateful for LSRHS.

### Wellness Policy Committee

Ravi Simon, Vice Chair of the School Committee

- The Wellness Policy Committee meeting was held Wednesday, March 6th at 7:45am. The committee discussed the current practice of cell phone usage within the classrooms. How are other districts handling this matter? And what is the state guidance concerning cell phone usage? Should there be a cell phone policy within the School Committee policy?

### 2.0 METCO Persuasive Seminar for School Committee Members

Cathie Bitter, member of the School Committee

- The seminar discussed a revised focus on ensuring that all students have an inclusive, equitable, and anti-racist environment for learning within their districts..

### Superintendent/Principal Evaluation Subcommittee

Mary Warzynski, member of the School Committee

- In keeping with the timeline, current members of the School Committee would like to vote on the Superintendent/Principal's final evaluation while still seated.

### **Teachers' Association Updates**

Meghan Notari, *President of the Teachers' Association*

- On Wednesday, March 6, 2024 "Liz City" attended the faculty meeting.
- Leslie Patterson and two members of the Math Department visited Concord Carlisle to observe classes and connected with their Math department's coordinator.
- The Math department celebrated "Pi Day" on 3.14 (March 14).
- All Town Concerts were held the week of March 4th.
- Junior Districts took place Friday, March 8, 2024 and Saturday, March 9, 2024 in LS's Auditorium.
- The '8th Grade Curriculum' event took place Thursday, March 7, 2024.
- The MLK Assembly was held Monday, March 11, 2024. LSRHS 2001 alumni, Dr. Dan Schnorr was the recipient of the MLK award.
- The 'Reality Fair', the "Arts Day Performance", and the "Senior Show" were held on Friday, March, 15, 2024.
- The UDL Discussion Group took place after school on Wednesday, March 13th.
- Winter sports concluded. Spring sports started Monday, March 18, 2024.
- The Science Department hosted "March *Mammal* Madness".
- During the February break, students and staff participated in the Costa Rica trip, New Zealand trip, and the French Language Cultural Tour in Quebec.
- The Racial Climate Community group held a meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2024.
- The Teachers' Association plans on hosting a Silent Auction/fundraiser on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 in support of the TA Scholarship.
- LS anticipates the School Committee visit on Friday, March 15th.

## **Superintendent/Principal Updates**

*Andrew Stephens, LSRHS Superintendent/Principal*

- Funding was provided by FOLSS, FOLSB, and Boosters to replace the softball teams' existing scoreboard. In addition to, a brand new baseball scoreboard and a shed.
- Teachers entered their course recommendations. Students will have the opportunity to enter their requests.
- Lincoln and Sudbury MS 8th graders were visited by Leslie Patterson last week to outline the process and courses.
- The "8th grade (Class of 2028) Curriculum Night" was held Thursday, March 7th at 7pm in the Auditorium
- Student Services held a "Grade 8 Open House" for parents at LSRHS on Wednesday, March 8th at 10:30am.
- Three trips occurred during the February break:
  - Costa Rica (science)
  - French Language Cultural Tour - Quebec
  - New Zealand Leadership program [New Zealand Leadership Program](#)
- April Vacation Trips:
  - Habitat for Humanity - Baltimore
  - Discover Rome & Sorrento
  - 20th Century Japan
  - Civil Rights Tour: Atlanta and Montgomery
  - Spanish Language & Cultural Exchange
- Anticipate a number of trips being organized for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Congratulations to LSRHS's athletic teams for a successful winter season!
- All Town Concerts - "Great to meet folks from each community and see kids from the middle and high schools perform together!"
- The annual MLK Award Ceremony was held on March 11, 2024
- The "Reality for Life" fair was held for seniors on March 12, 2024.
- SERF sponsored a College Fair on March 11th-16th.
- The Racial Climate Community Group meeting was held Wednesday, March 13th in Conference Room B at 6:45pm.

## **Director of Finance and Operations**

*Kirsteen Patterson, Director of Finance and Operations*

- A vote from the School Committee regarding the recommendation for the Excess & Deficiency as certified 2/1/24.  
[E&D Recommendation](#)

*Kevin Rossley, Director of Facilities*

- A vote from the School Committee MASSDEP Grant Award for the reimbursement of electric vehicle charging stations.  
[DEP Grant Award Notice](#)

### **Action Items:**

***VOTE: Mary Warzynski motioned to approve the MASSDEP grant. Kevin Matthews seconded the motion. No discussion. The roll call vote was unanimous.***

***VOTE: Mary Warzynski motioned to approve the Excess & Deficiency recommendation . Kevin seconded the motion. No discussion. The roll call vote was unanimous.***

***VOTE: Kevin Matthews motioned to approve the LS Baseball scoreboard donation. Mary Warzynski seconded the motion. No discussion. The roll call vote was unanimous.***

***VOTE: Mary Warzynski motioned to approve the LS Softball donation scoreboard. Kevin Matthews seconded the motion. No discussion. The roll call vote was unanimous.***

***VOTE: Mary Warzynski motioned to approve the LS Baseball and LS Softball shed donation. Kevin Matthew seconded the motion. No discussion. The roll call vote was unanimous.***

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Ravi Simon moved to accept the LSSC Minutes for February 6, 2024. As there were no objections or corrections to these minutes, they stand as approved, as read.

**Future Agenda Items**

- LSSC Goals progress discussion.
- Discussion of LSSC use of local publications for advertising LSSC events (ex. Listening Sessions).
- Discuss/explore whether the LS School Committee should be appointing potential LSRHS Administration as employees.
- Discuss the signature approval on the LS's School Committee Newsletter.

**Public Comment**

No Public comment

**Adjournment**

Ravi Simon 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 8:43pm.