

**LINCOLN-SUDBURY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
Tuesday, May 14, 2024**

7PM

HYBRID

Present

Cara Endyke-Doran, *Chair*, Ravi Simon, *Vice Chair*
Catherine Bitter; Maura Carty, Kevin Matthews, Lucy Maulsby

Also Present

Andrew Stephens, *LSRHS Superintendent/Principal*
Olivia Gottlieb, *LSRHS Student Senate*
Frances Yee, *LSRHS Student Senate*
Meghan Notari, *President of the Teachers' Association*

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION

VOTE: Cara Endyke Doran motioned to nominate Ravi Simon as LSSC 'Chair'. Cathie Bitter seconded the motion. While Vice Chair, Ravi has taken the initiative in so many different roles of responsibilities. He has done a really great job and really shown some great leadership this past year. Four out of six members were in favor via roll call vote. Kevin Matthews abstained.

- Ravi Simon was appointed as 'Chair' of the Lincoln Sudbury Regional School District.

VOTE: Ravi Simon motioned to nominate Cathie Bitter as LSSC 'Vice Chair'. Lucy Maulsby seconded the motion. In the last year, Cathie has stepped up to take on many responsibilities. Cathie has been seen at a variety of events. As a fellow School Committee member, I really appreciated her thoughtfulness and commentary surrounding the high school. Five out of six members were in favor via roll call vote. Kevin Matthews abstained.

- Cathie Bitter was appointed as 'Vice Chair' of the Lincoln Sudbury Regional School District.

OPEN MEETING CONTINUED:

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Student Senate Updates

Olivia Gottlieb, *LSRHS Student Senate* & Frances Yee, *LSRHS Student Senate*

- On May 8, 2024, the Student Senate provided snacks to Teachers/Staff for “Teacher Appreciation” week in the A/B connector.
- The next/last Student Senate meeting was held on Wednesday, May 22, 2024.
- The last day of school for the Seniors was Thursday, May 23, 2024.
- Student Senate Officer elections will commence in the fall. Mikhal Shvartsman intends to be a part of the Student Senate as an officer.
- “Thank you for allowing the Student Senate to join the School Committee meetings. We believe it's really important to maintain students’ voices.”

METCO Program Report Updates

No METCO Program Updates

Presentation

Nicole Digenis, *Science Department Coordinator*,
Christopher Collins, *Earth Science teacher*,
Laura Rotondo, *Chemistry & Physics teacher*,
Regina Shopiro, *Biology teacher*, and
Caroline Singular, *Earth Science teacher*

- [Science Department Presentation](#)

Information and Discussion

Ravi Simon, Chair of the LS School Committee

LSSC Liaison & Subcommittee Assignments

[2023-2024 LSSC Subcommittee/Liaison Assignments](#)

- REVISED- [2024-2025 LSSC Subcommittee/Liaison Assignments](#)

Chairperson and Liaison Updates

Ravi Simon, *Chair of the LS School Committee*

- An “End of the Year” newsletter for the months of May and June will be organized.

Lucy Maulsby, *Member of the LS School Committee*

- There were no attendees at the “Listening Session” on Monday, April 29, 2024.
- The Policy Subcommittee plans to meet in the near future.

Cathie Bitter, *Vice Chair of the School Committee*

- The Racial Climate Community Group met on Wednesday, April 24, 2024. Students discussed the various activities they’ve participated in thus far. The Muslim Student Association and the Jewish Student Union also shared their experiences when visiting a Muslim Mosque and a Jewish Synagogue. Both religions uniting with one another to educate each other on their culture and religion.

Teachers’ Association Updates

Meghan Notari, *President of the LS’s Teachers’ Association*

- The evening of Thursday, May 16, 2024, “Community Sing” was held at LSRHS’s Auditorium.
- On Friday, May 17, 2024, the “Musicians’ Union” -battle of the bands took place.
- The AP Exams are scheduled for Monday, May 6, 2024 until Friday, May 17, 2024.
- The Math Statistics classes offered taste testing in the A/B connector.
- The Alzheimer’s Awareness and Advocacy Club hosted “Fun Friday” on Friday, May 3, 2024.
- The Math MCAS testing was held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 and Wednesday, May 22, 2024.
- The Senior Awards Ceremony was held on Wednesday, May 22, 2024.
- The Seniors’ last day is Thursday, May 23, 2024.

Superintendent/Principal Updates

Andrew Stephens, LSRHS Superintendent/Principal

In sought of a vote for the following items:

-Student Opportunity Act

- [DESE Approved LS SOA plan 2024-2027](#)

-Handbook language change (Disciplinary Procedures for Students with Disabilities - DESE Mandated)

- [Handbook Change Language](#)

SCHOOL UPDATES

Andrew Stephens, LSRHS Superintendent/Principal

- Thank you staff for gathering the Junior Prom attendees on to the school bus at LSRHS to arrive in Worcester at Mechanics Hall on Friday, May 10th.
- Relay for Life is currently ranked number three (3) in the nation with nearly \$130,000 raised to support the American Cancer Society. A huge thank you to the students and Melanie Mahoney for making this happen!
- Congratulations to LSRHS History teacher Jenny Staysniak for being recognized as a runner up for this year's Massachusetts Teacher of the Year Award.
- Congratulations to the following "National Merit Scholarship Awards" finalists and the winners.

Finalists Nicolas Boden Nate Garozzo Sophia Hou Bryan Ma Michael Marchev Maggie McLeod Justin Miller Jonah Rotondo Catherine Seluzhytskaya Frances Yee	Winners: Nate Garazzo Frances Yee
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- Congratulations to the following recipients of “The Sudbury Foundation’s Atkinson Scholarship Program”.

Laila Bonnett Chim Doran Matthew Gregor Celia Harvey Kyra Italien Mimi Ozojiofor Mason Parker	Idalia Rios Louis Stephan Isabelle Suski Edyn Tottenham Annette Varghese
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- FELS, the Foundation for Educators at Lincoln-Sudbury- awarded four grants at their awards ceremony on Tuesday, April 30, 2024.

Congratulations to the 2024 FELS Grant recipients:

- Vicky Caburian, Wellness, for her proposal 2024 Chronicle Adventures
 - Kelly Gaudreau, English, for her proposal A Year of Wellness
 - Tracie Lopez, Special Education, for her joint proposal, Gaining and Maintaining Equanimity
 - Kendra Pavlik, Special Education, for her joint proposal, Gaining and Maintaining Equanimity
- The LS Musicians’ Union end-of-year Battle of the Bands was held on Friday, May 17 at 6:30pm outside the LS Cafeteria. Tickets were sold on-site for \$5 each. All proceeds went towards the Christopher J. Manente Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of LS alum Chris Manente.
- Over the past few months, 19 of our Lincoln, Sudbury and Boston students have been working with Lori Hodin and History teacher David Grace on a documentary project (*We Are LS METCO*) that will have three groups of these students creating films that share their perspectives, experiences, and sense of belonging at LS. We’ve partnered with Film Builders, which is a non-profit organization that provides technical and creative support to this group as they have worked to identify their respective vision and turn it into an edited product. Sophomore Moses Sibley also created a film documenting this process. The premiere of the project was held on Wednesday May 22, 2024 at 6:15pm in the LS Auditorium; with another date in Boston in late May.

Director of Finance and Operations

No Updates

Action Items:

-VOTE: Cathie Bitter moved to accept the '2024 Student Opportunity Act' submission. Lucy Maulsby seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

-VOTE: Lucy Maulsby motioned to accept the '2024-2025 Handbook Language changes'. Cathie Bitter seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

-The LSSC Minutes for April 2, 2024 were tabled.

-The LSSC Minutes for April 23, 2024 were accepted as corrected.

Future Agenda Items from 5/14/24 meeting:

- Discuss/revisit the upcoming workshop schedule.
- Return to comparable districts discussion.
- Update on Advisory.

Public Comment

No Public comment

Adjournment

Ravi Simon motioned to adjourn the meeting. Cathie Bitter seconded the motion. Six(6) out of six(6) members of the School Committee were all in favor via roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:33pm.