

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

**6:30PM**

**HYBRID**

**Present**

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

**Also Present**

Maureen Bolton, *Co-President of the Teachers' Association*  
Damen Kelton, *LSRHS METCO Director*  
Andrew Stephens, *LSRHS Superintendent/Principal*  
Kirsteen Patterson, *Director of Finance and Operations*

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:37PM.

**Public Comment**

No Comment

**Student Senate Updates**

No Update

## **METCO Program Report Updates**

*Damen Kelton, LSRHS METCO Director*

- There are currently 89 Boston-resident students in the METCO program (19 Seniors, 27 Juniors, 22 Sophomores, 22 Freshman graders).
- Two students withdrew as of September 5th, 2024 for BLA (Boston Latin Academy).
- Another student withdrew as of September 6th, 2024 for New Mission High School.
- This year we transitioned to 3 buses to minimize congestion and travel time.
- Pre-season Athletics transportation has been provided for Football, Volleyball, Cheer, & Fall Sports try-outs.
- The 6pm 'Late Bus' has been running—this includes providing transportation for Boston students participating in sports and co-curricular activities within SPS (at Curtis). - Offered to LPS as well.
- The METCO orientation was held on Aug 20th & 21st - there were 18 of the 22 incoming 9th grade METCO students who participated. Faculty and student leaders (both METCO and Non-METCO students) supported the orientation. The itinerary for the orientation included school tours, reviewed time management, conflict resolution, and the LS 'Portrait of a Graduate'. Going forward, the orientation may condense to **one** day since this orientation is in conjunction with 'First Adventure'.
- METCO currently has a clinical intern from Boston College for the entire school year.

## **Presentations**

- FY '26 Capital Requests - *Kirsteen Patterson - Finance Manager*  
[Capital Project Updates](#)
- LS Roof Options Consultant Ed Sprenkle - Gorman Richard Lewis Architects (GRLA)  
[Updated Roof report dated 11/29/23](#)

## **Information and Discussion**

*Andrew Stephens, LSRHS Superintendent/ Principal*

### Update on School Resource Officer (Fall, 2024)

"I want to let you know that currently, the Sudbury Police Department is approximately down seven officers including the Middle School and Elementary SRO. They are working to bring new officers on board and that process takes a significant amount of time. This has made it necessary for the LS SRO (Kim Mangano) to work during the day with the SPS schools and LS, as well as some patrol duties. While she is not going to be physically at LS all day as before, she rotates to LS often and is able to conduct her responsibilities as they apply to working with administration, students, and families tied to particular issues that arise. This is a large portion of her role as SRO. From a security standpoint, we do not have large concerns as we have good security protocols in place, and Officer Mangano and the SPD are very responsive should any issue at the school occur that requires their presence."

Maura Carty brought forth the idea of writing a letter to the Sudbury Select Board.

The School Committee agreed to organize respectable letters to Sudbury's Select Board and the Town's Manager; expressing the value of having a School Resource Officer (SRO) at LSRHS. While also emphasizing School Resource Officers being mentors for students, as well as a support for mental illness.

## **Chairperson and Liaison Updates**

No Updates

## **Teachers' Association Updates**

*Maureen Bolton, Co-President of the LS's Teachers' Association*

- Back to School Night was Wednesday, September 11, 2024. Thank you LSPO for providing dinner to the faculty and staff prior to the event.
- The Activities/Club activity fair was held on Monday, Sept. 16th-17th during the lunch blocks. Students of any grade can seek new activities they may like to partake in throughout the school year.
- Auditions started for the Fall Musical "Mamma Mia".
- Fall sports are well under way with practices and games.

## **Superintendent/Principal Updates**

*Andrew Stephens, LSRHS Superintendent/Principal*

- The town of Sudbury is in the moderate risk category for EEE and WNV. As a result, spraying was conducted at the Sudbury school and LS. Helpful information was communicated to students and families. LSRHS continues to remain in communication with Sudbury's Department of Health. There are currently no restrictions for any after school events and activities.
- An informative 9th Grade Caregiver Night was held on Tuesday, Sept 3. Associate Principals and Counseling teams gave caregivers important information to help them navigate LS with their children.
- Back to School Night took place on September 11th at 6:30pm at LS in the Auditorium. Families followed their student's schedule, while also meeting faculty and teachers along the way.
- Rich Davison passed away Monday, September 9, 2024. Rich was a LS School Committee member in the late 70's. Rich's children attended LS. In October of 2023, he was honored on LS's "Wall of Recognition". Rich was dedicated to LS and also to many town of Sudbury undertakings.

- **Rich Davison's Plaque on the Wall of Recognition at LS:**

*"A valued School Committee member, Rich made an indelible impression on the Lincoln-Sudbury community. His advocacy and voice of reason during a period of unrest in the school's history cemented its enduring and progressive core values.*

*Understanding the unique characteristics of L-S, he was passionate about supporting students and faculty, both as a parent and a School Committee member. Rich made a point to know the staff, frequently visiting L-S and inviting staff to his home. His sense of humor and keen intellect were accompanied by humility and compassion. We owe him a debt of gratitude for his nurturing and support of excellence. His legacy upholding the LS values and his contributions to securing needed staff and funding allowed the school to thrive for many generations to follow."*

## **Director of Finance and Operations**

*Kirsteen Patterson, Director of Finance and Operations*

- The year-end closeout preparations for the audit is under way.
- The end-of-the-year report is in motion to be finalized.
- Look forward to a full OPEB cycle valuation this year.
- The Business Office has begun organizing the E&D documents, and the budget preparation for FY'26.

**Action Items:**

***-VOTE: Maura Carty motioned to approve the “2024-2025 LSSC Meeting Calendar”. There will be a December 10, 2024 LSSC meeting; instead of a December 17, 2024 LSSC meeting. Ravi Simon seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.***

**Approval of Minutes:**

-The LSSC Minutes for August 28, 2024 were approved.

**Public Comment**

No Comment

**Adjournment**

Cara Endyke-Doran motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ravi Simon 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 8:32PM.