

LINCOLN-SUDBURY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
Tuesday, September 24, 2024

6:30PM

REMOTE

Present

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

Also Present

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

Call to Order

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

Public Comment

No Comment

Student Senate Updates

Evelyn Schwartz, *Vice President of the Student Senate*

- The Student Senate continues to organize the upcoming 9th grade elections. Students are currently brainstorming ways for METCO students to join the Student Senate. Kevin Matthews suggested reaching out to incoming 9th graders prior to starting at LSRHS.
- Students continue to prepare for "Senior Dress-Up" day on Wednesday, October 30.

METCO Program Report Updates

Jasmine Rice, METCO Senior Student

Damen Kelton, LSRHS METCO Director

- The first LS Football game vs Needham on Friday, September 20 was a huge success. METCO and non-METCO students were provided food. In addition to the late, late bus being available for METCO students to participate in the extracurricular activities at LS.
- Ms. Ojo- Clinical Social Work Intern has been a great addition to the METCO program. Students have enjoyed meeting and working with her so far.
- The Unity Club is in the midst of planning for the annual Hispanic Heritage month celebration. Students and staff anticipate the return of author and college writing faculty member-Jennifer De Leon.
- METCO staff are planning for the annual “METCO & Friends” team building field trip in October to Launch in Framingham.
- The three METCO buses continue to be stabilized, so students have the opportunity to participate in the “Math Cafe” during early morning hours.

Presentations

Andrew Stephens, LSRHS Superintendent/ Principal

- 2024-2025 Superintendent Goals
[2024-2025 Superintendent Goals](#)

Summary: The Chair of the Evaluation Subcommittee outlined the process and mentioned that there will be a series of check-ins throughout the year. The committee asked questions and offered feedback to the Superintendent

- LS Level Designations
[LS Level Designations](#)

Summary: Committee members offered positive feedback on all the work involved in the new course leveling and expressed the value the new designations will be for the students.

Information and Discussion

- School Committee Goals
Ravi Simon, Chair of the LS School Committee
 - [DRAFT 2024-2025 School Committee Goals](#)

Summary: The committee discussed and made minor changes to the draft School Committee Goals.

Letter to the Select Board regarding the LS SRO position

- *Maura Carty, Member of the LSSC*
 - [DRAFTED SRO Letter to Select Board and Town Manager](#)
 - [FINAL SRO Letter to Sudbury's Select Board, Town Manager, and Chief Nix](#)

Summary: The committee members discussed to whom the SRO letter should be addressed to, and it was suggested to include Chief Nix in the salutation. The committee agreed to add Chief Nix to the letter. There was also a suggestion to add language highlighting the importance of the Sudbury Police Department and acknowledging the challenging circumstances they are currently facing.

FY26 Capital Project second review - Roof Project

- *Kirsteen Patterson, Director of Finance and Operations*
 - [Suggested Vote Language for FY26 Capital Project](#)
 - [5-Yr Overview FY26 Capital Project](#)
 - [Suggested Vote Language for Roof Option](#)

Summary: The committee discussed the various roof options and the reasons behind each member's choice. They also expressed their confidence in Kevin Rossley's recommendation. Additionally, the committee commended Kevin Rossley for his preventative maintenance on the roof, acknowledging the dedication and resources applied to the roof over the years. Thanks to Kevin Rossley's efforts, the committee felt well-prepared to select Option 2, the Low Slope Fluid Applied Restoration.

EV Charging Station Rate Recommendations

- *Kirsteen Patterson, Director of Finance and Operations*
 - [EV Charging Station Rate Information](#)

Summary: Kirsteen Patterson presented and explained the reasoning behind the proposed rates. Some Committee members expressed concerns about safety and maintenance costs. One member suggested a hybrid fee structure, which she stated is commonly used, with one rate for the first two hours and a higher rate thereafter. Kirsteen Patterson clarified that a base rate must be established before implementing any hybrid fees. The committee voted to approve the proposed fee structure, and there was a recommendation to revisit the fees in the spring to evaluate the system's effectiveness.

Community Engagement

- *Ravi Simon, Chair of the LS School Committee*
 - The School Committee discussed the return of the “LSSC Listening Session” for this upcoming October. School Committee members Maura Carty and Ravi Simon will guide the session. More details to follow.
 - The School Committee discussed the return of the “LSSC Newsletter”. Come forth the end of Fall (mid November) and Spring of 2025.

Chairperson and Liaison Updates

Ravi Simon, Chair of School Committee

School Calendar Request Update

- Anticipate the discussion of possibly adding the Muslim holidays “Eid al-Fitr” and “Eid al-Adha” to future LSRHS school calendar. More details to follow.

Summary: The Chair informed the committee that he and Andrew received a request from Muslim parents asking that Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha be added to the LSRHS calendar. Some Committee members raised concerns about the process for placing items on the agenda, the lack of description for this agenda item, as well as possible implications of such a calendar review.

Teachers’ Association Updates

Meghan Notari, President of the LSRHS’s Teachers’ Association

- Back to School Night on September 11 was a success! The energy from students, staff, and family was great. Thank you LSPO for providing a wonderful dinner to teachers and staff.
- Next week is the quarter one check-ins.
- The Soccer team hosted and promoted “Kicks for Cancer” at “Fun Friday” on September 20th.
- “Relay for Life” hosted “Fun Friday” on October 4th.
- The award winning author Dashka Slater visited LSRHS on Tuesday, October 1st to discuss her books “Accountable” and “The 57 Bus”.
- Everyone is excited for the upcoming musical “Mamma Mia”.

Superintendent/Principal Updates

Andrew Stephens, LSRHS Superintendent/Principal

- Per the Sudbury Board of Health- Sudbury continues to remain in the moderate risk category for EEE and WNV. A couple of weeks ago, spraying was conducted at the Sudbury schools, as well as, LSRHS. LSRSD remains in communication with the Sudbury Board of Health for updates. Currently, there are no restrictions for after school events and activities.

- Lincoln Sudbury Regional HS was recognized by Special Olympics/Massachusetts as a 2023-2024 Special Olympics Mass. Unified Champion School. The organization recognizes recipient schools for their commitment to fostering a socially inclusive school climate that emphasizes acceptance, respect and human dignity for all students. LS was specifically recognized for our “dedication to embracing diversity, promoting equity, and empowering students to be change advocates.”
- The Unified LSRHS Basketball Schedule is as follows:
 - 10/15 HOME vs. Needham 3:30-5:30pm
 - 10/16 HOME vs. Westford Academy 2:00-5:30pm
 - 10/22 HOME vs. Acton Boxborough 3:30-5:30pm
 - 10/30 HOME vs. Bedford 3:30-5:30pm
- Author Dashka Slater visited LS on Tuesday, October 1! Dashka is the author of fifteen books for children and adults. Dashka's latest book, *"Accountable": The True Story of a Racist Social Media Account and the Teenagers Whose Lives It Changed*. “Accountable” was a summer reading selection for our current Juniors.
 - Thank you SERF for the generous grant,
- On October 9th, the results from the 2023 Metrowest Adolescent Health survey will be presented by LS students at 7:00pm in the LSRHS Cafeteria.

Director of Finance and Operations

Kirsteen Patterson, Director of Finance and Operations

- The financial documents were submitted to the state.
- The end of the year report, as well as, the E&Ds were submitted for certification.
- The full audit is scheduled for the third week of October.
- Within the next few weeks, a Health Insurance survey is scheduled to take place.

Action Items:

-VOTE: Maura Carty motioned to approve the Chair of the School Committee to email the “Letter regarding the LS SRO position” to Sudbury’s Police Chief Scott Nix, Sudbury’s Select Board members, and Sudbury’s Town Manager Andy Sheehan. Kevin Matthews second the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

-VOTE: Kevin Matthews motioned to approve the “2024-2025 Superintendent Goals”. Maura Carty second the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

-VOTE: Maura Carty motioned to “approve the FY26 Capital Project as presented in the LSRHS 5-yr overview discussed at the September 10, 2024 School Committee meeting identifying one project - Roof Replacement - to be moved forward in the capital project request process with our member towns Lincoln and Sudbury.” Cathie Bitter second the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

-VOTE: Kevin Matthews motioned to approve the GRLA architect's presentation "Design Option (2)- Low Slope Fluid Applied Restoration" project as a viable cost effective, 20 year warranty roof estimated at \$2,690,000 [subject to current year cost projections for the project type] to inform the LSRSD Administration for next steps in the construction process." Cathie Bitter second the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

-VOTE: Maura Carty motioned to "approve the \$.28kWh rate for the EV chargers." Kevin Matthews second the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

-The LSSC Minutes for September 9, 2024 were approved.

-The LSSC Minutes for September 10, 2024 were approved, with the removal of the "Future Agenda Items".

Public Comment

No Comment

Adjournment

Ravi Simon motioned to enter the executive session without returning to the open meeting. Lucy Maulsby 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 9:25PM.