

LINCOLN-SUDBURY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 10, 2012

6:00 p.m. Executive Session

Conference Room A

Nancy Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Present: Nancy Marshall, Chair, Radha Gargeya, Vice-Chair, Patty Mostue, Elena Kleifges, Mark Collins, and Kevin Matthews.

Also Present: Scott Carpenter, Superintendent/Principal. Judy Belliveau, Director of Finance & Operations, was absent.

Executive Session

On a motion by Mark Collins, seconded by Patty Mostue, a roll call vote was taken and all members voted in the affirmative to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters related to collective bargaining which, if not discussed in Executive Session, could be detrimental to the District's position.

7:30 p.m. Public Session

Conference Room B

The School Committee returned to Public Session.

Present: Nancy Marshall, Chair, Radha Gargeya, Vice-Chair, Patty Mostue, Elena Kleifges, Mark Collins, and Kevin Matthews.

Also Present: Scott Carpenter, Superintendent/Principal, Janine Daily, Director of METCO, Lisa Weiss, Teachers' Association President, Emily Casey, Student Representative, and Suzanne Burns, School Committee Secretary, as well as the visitors listed on the sign-in sheet attached to the approved minutes of this meeting, were also present. Judy Belliveau, Director of Finance & Operations, was absent.

Agenda Enclosures/Handouts

- Unapproved Minutes for December 13, 2011
- Unapproved Minutes for December 20, 2011
- Proposed Calendar for 2012-13 School Year

Call to Order

Nancy Marshall called the Public Meeting to order at 7:46pm.

METCO Update Janine Dailey

Nancy introduced Janine Dailey, Director of METCO, who presented on the METCO program. She reported that things have been going very well, and that her first six months as Director have been very productive. She has particularly enjoyed getting to know everyone in the community. She shared and discussed three of her goals with the School Committee:

- Improving overall student achievement and academic performance; strengthening existing METCO programs, such as IAS-the after school instructional support program. Students who have a GPA under 2.5 are assigned to IAS. She would like to put more resources toward training faculty tutors in cultural proficiency.
- Strengthening parent involvement by keeping them updated, as well as finding more ways to get them involved in the academic and social lives of the METCO students. Janine reported that she has had a great response from parents, and that they have started the Boston Parent Committee, something they have wanted to do for a long time.
- Strengthening the student L-S community through community-building exercises. METCO's overall expectation for students is that academics are the most important thing; what they do here impacts where they are able to go from here. Connecting strongly with the L-S community, especially faculty, is essential and plays an important role in their success. Janine described how she has spent much of her time in the past six months getting to know the faculty, and feels that they now know who she is and have a better understanding of METCO. She would like to work more on building this communication.

Janine answered questions and fielded comments from School Committee members. She also introduced METCO parent Jesse Owens, who, with his wife Juanita, co-chairs the METCO Committee. Jesse and Juanita said that they would be able to attend School Committee meetings on a regular basis. Nancy expressed her appreciation to the other METCO parents. She welcomed them to attend future School Committee meetings and invited them to report on anything they felt was relevant even if they were not able attend meetings.

Approval of Minutes

- Kevin Matthews motioned to approve the minutes for December 13, 2011. Patty Mostue seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.
- Patty Mostue motioned to approve the minutes for December 20, 2011. Elena Kleifges seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Recognitions

Scott recognized the following:

- Tom Grandprey and Michael Bunting took a group of students to the Mass. Music Educators Association Eastern District Senior Music Festival this past weekend, January 7th, 2012. Twenty-three L-S Students participated in concert band, orchestra, chorus, and jazz band. The groups were comprised of students who were selected by audition from among public and private schools in the 30 communities in our district. The groups were conducted by collegiate conductors.

Representing L-S were:

Anna Menkis, first chair clarinet in band, soloist

Caitlin Chin, piccolo in band (there's only one), soloist

Three of the four 1st part clarinets were L-S students, Anna, Ethan Blackwood, and Eric Qin

James Jhun, first chair trumpet in orchestra

Jeremy Bernstein, guitar in jazz band (there's only one), soloist

Jessica Newman, soprano in chorus, soloist

Kenter Davies, Alto, chorus

Gregory Derecho, Violin, orchestra

Maggie Klureza, Alto, chorus

Ian Marshall, Bass, chorus

Jessica Newman, Soprano, chorus

Julia Palmerino, Soprano, chorus

Jon Pan-Doh, Viola, orchestra

Sarah Tsang, Viola, orchestra

The following students received a recommendation to audition for the All State Music Ensembles on Saturday Jan. 21st at Shrewsbury HS.

Brittany Baltay, Soprano, chorus

Jeremy Bernstein, Guitar, (1st Chair!), jazz

Ethan Blackwood, Clarinet, band

Adam Blake, Tenor, chorus

Jesse Bogdan, Bass, chorus

Caitlin Chin, Flute, band

Stephanie Chin, Trumpet, band

James Jhun, Trumpet, (1st Chair!), orchestra

Haley Lynch, Tenor Saxophone, band.

Anna Menkis, Clarinet, (1st Chair!), band

Eric Qin, Clarinet, band,

Ori Ravid, Bass, chorus,

Demi Sperazza, Alto, chorus

Sarah Stone, Alto, chorus

Valerie Zhao, Alto, chorus

- Students, staff, and musicians who volunteered time at the 9th annual rock-concert fundraiser for the Steven Richard Scholarship Fund. About \$1,000 was raised for the Scholarship fund. Steven was a student here until his death in 2002.
- Corey Stock, a West House senior who is an accomplished skier, raced last week at the United States Senior Nationals and qualified for the World Junior Championships in Erzurum, Turkey. The qualification for this was to be in the top 6 juniors (under 20 years old) in the country. This is an extremely exciting accomplishment for her, and she is very excited for this upcoming experience. She will be traveling to Turkey on February 13th and returning to the U.S. on February 29th.
- The Visual Art Department for their effort in preparing their students to submit selected works to The Boston Globe/Scholastic Art Competition.
- Paul Shultz in Applied Technology for bringing ten students from the L-S Robotics Team to the F.I.R.S.T. Robotics competition kickoff event at Northeastern University.
- L-S finished 2nd to Mansfield in the Division 1 standings by .7 of a percentage point! This includes all sports, both genders, and is based upon seasonal records (not postseason).
- Judy Katalina has been selected at the NFHS (National Federation of State High School Associations) 2011 Northeast Sectional Volleyball Coach of the Year! This section includes the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Student Representative Report

Emily Casey reported that the forum sponsored by the Student Senate on L-S culture was a great success. The conversation was very positive, and many participants responded with comment cards. She said that after the Student Senate has read the comment cards and debriefed, they hoped to talk to the L-S Climate Committee about what their next steps would be. Scott commended the Student Senate and the student participants for a job well done, and suggested that they consider presenting to the School Committee at a future meeting. Emily also reported that the Student Senate will meet tomorrow with the L-S Web Team to discuss how to implement a more accessible mobile version of the L-S website.

Teachers' Association Report

Lisa Weiss reported on professional development meetings that took place the previous week, including a presentation made by Jorge Allen, Caroline Han, Lori Hodin, Sue Leichtman, Tracie Lopez, Leslie Patterson and Karen Thomsen, members of the Racial Climate Committee of the former METCO Task Force and Rick Pinderhughes of Visions Inc. (The METCO Task Force was a voluntary group of staff that was created in the spring of 2010 to support students and staff with the transition to a consolidated METCO directorship.) The presentation included results of

surveys conducted last year, and featured seven METCO students who talked about what influences and inspires their ability to achieve. It was very well done, well organized, and the students were particularly poised and impressive in how they shared very personal experiences and stories.

METCO Representative Report

See presentation at the beginning of the meeting.

Chairman's Report

Nancy warmly described her experiences attending the concert. It was impressive and beautiful, and the building behind the Isabella Stewart Gardner museum was the perfect setting. She said that she hopes there will be a groundswell of interest and support for these student groups.

Nancy also reported that she has been corresponding with Senator Jamie Eldridge's office. She hoped to invite him to present at the first School Committee meeting in February, but also thought that it would be a good idea to have a separate meeting since she expected his presentation to be rather long.

Liaison Reports

There were no liaison reports.

Superintendent/Principal's Report

Scott thanked Lisa for her report and added that one recurring theme he often hears is that when L-S works well it is when students feel they have really connected well with the adults. The presentation was excellent and he was really pleased with the results.

Scott also reported that last week Leslie Patterson, the East Housemaster, had to take an unexpectedly early maternity leave. The Hiring Committee selected Jason Medeiros to stand in for her as the East Housemaster for remainder of the school year.

Information & Discussion

Concussion Policy:

Nancy circulated a revised version of the L-S Concussion Policy. The School Committee spent some time discussing the revisions and edits. Mark and Patty suggested edits for clarity. The School Committee decided to produce one more round of edits and vote to approve the policy at the next School Committee meeting.

FY 13 Budget Info:

Discussion of the FY13 Budget was deferred until next School Committee meeting at which there will be a presentation.

Capital Plan:

Discussion of the Capital Plan was deferred until next School Committee meeting.

Action Items

The committee discussed the proposed calendar for next school year. Elena submitted some minor corrections. The committee will vote on whether to approve the calendar next week.

Other Business

There were no other business items.

Bill Schedules

There were no warrants to sign.

Calendar of School Events

Thursday	01-12-2012	7:00 am	Executive Session	Conf Rm A
Friday	01-13-2012	7:00 am	Executive Session	Conf Rm A
Tuesday	01-17-2012	7:00 am	Executive Session	Conf Rm A
Tuesday	01-17-2012	5:30 pm	Executive Session	Conf Rm A
Tuesday	01-17-2012	6:30 pm	Regular School Com	Conf Rm B
Tuesday	01-17-2012	7:30 pm	Lincoln FinCom	TBD
Tuesday	01-24-2012	7:30 pm	Regular School Com	Conf Rm B
Tuesday	01-31-2012	Deadline	Sudbury Town Meeting	Warrant Articles
Thursday	02-02-2012	7:30 pm	Joint FinCom Mtg	TBD
Monday	02-06-2012	7:30 pm	Sudbury CIPC Hearing	TBD
Thursday	02-09-2012	7:00 pm	Sudbury Level Staff	Town Hall
Monday	02-13-2012	7:00 pm	Sudbury No Override	Town Hall

Adjourn

On a motion by Patty Mostue, seconded by Radha Gargeya, the School Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:10.