

**LINCOLN-SUDBURY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Tuesday, March 27, 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, and Mark Collins. Kevin Matthews was absent.

Also Present: Scott Carpenter, Superintendent/Principal.

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, Lisa Weiss, Teachers' Association President, Juanita Owens, METCO 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. Emily Casey, Student Representative, was absent.

Agenda Enclosures/Handouts

- Unapproved minutes for March 13, 2012

Call to Order

Nancy Marshall called the Public Meeting to order at 7:35pm.

Approval of Minutes

- Approval of minutes for March 13, 2012 was deferred until the next meeting.

Update on Softball

Nancy reported that there had been further discussion from Friends of Softball on the topic of how to recognize donors (e.g., plaques or benches rather than large banners). Mark Collins pointed out that it was a delicate matter in cases where the commercial interests of a donor might clash with the educational goals of LS. Nancy also reported on fundraising efforts; the Friends of Softball held a computer recycling event which went very well, and we're discussing selling T-shirts. Both Mark and Nancy commended Friends of Softball for all of their efforts in working with the School Committee.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Recognitions

Scott Carpenter recognized the following:

- This Spring vacation, 2012 will be the 25th anniversary of the founding of the MLK Action Project at LS. In April 1987, 30 students participated in a week of activities in the city, including the Food Bank. Congratulations and special thanks to Joanna Crawford for her dedication and leadership.
- David Bloom, Shara Pilch and Paul Sarapas for co-producing the 9th annual LS Staff Variety Show, plus all of the many staff who appeared in the show or helped with tech, organizing, and backstage.
- Paul Shultz for his work with the L-S Robotics Team in participating in the F.I.R.S.T. Robotics team at Boston University.
- Michael Bunting and Thomas Grandprey for organizing and hosting the Mass Music Educators Association Junior District Festival at LSRHS. Over 500 students in grades 7-9 visited our campus for clinics and competition.
- Munya Upin for organizing an MFA trip for her Metal Arts students to see new exhibits in jewelry and sculpture.
- Also, Munya's student, Sophomore, Aimee DeArias, won a National Gold Medal in the Scholastic Art Competition, for her brass bracelet. She will be awarded her medal at Carnegie Hall on June 1st and the piece will be on display at Parsons School of Design in

New York City for the entire month of June. She and her parents will be attending the awards ceremony. Munya will also be recognized for motivating and encouraging her students to achieve at the highest level.

- Junior Natalie Howard is a national winner in the AATG National Exam of German. She was awarded this prize as a result of her performance on the National German Exam this year. Students who scored about the 90th percentile are invited to apply as the state nominee for this trip. The state committee interviews about a dozen students for the Massachusetts slot (LS had 2 selected this year!). The National Committee then selects 44 recipients from the 50 candidates submitted by the state chapters. Natalie excelled at each phase, going from being one of 23,000 kids to take the text nationally to one of 44 national winners. Natalie will receive an all-expenses-paid summer study trip to Germany.
- SERF awarded an Enrichment Grant for a Fine Arts Digital Printer to Sara Fine-Wilson. This grant will fund the purchase of a new digital printer capable of printing student's artwork on handmade papers, fabric, thin metals, ceramic and wood. This technology will be integrated into current art curriculum. Through access to this new technology, students will be able to use digital images on traditional and new art media.
- Thank you to the Wellness Policy Council; Vicky Caburian, Lori Hodin, Nancy O'Neil, Gail Nozik, Bob Hardin, Ali Domar, Katie Baldwin and Lizzie Wolozin for sponsoring a screening of the film "Race to Nowhere", on March 15th. The film is a powerful documentary that looks closely at our education system and at the pressure it puts on our children and families. Thank you to Dan Conti for moderating a panel discussion following the movie comprised of LS staff members; Nicole Digenis, Caroline Han, Brandon Dorey, Heather Dwyer, Sue Leichtman and Ann Kramer. The panel also included two parents, Roy Sanford and Evelyn Dowe and two LS students, Lucy Alexander and Sara Glick.

The group then facilitated an open discussion meeting the following week led by LS parent, Ali Domar. The discussion panel included a number of LS students; Zach Witkin, Sarah Ostrow, Kimmy Heller and Greg Mills.

Student Representative Report

The was no Student Representative report.

Teachers' Association Report

Lisa Weiss reported that the Variety show was a great success and proceeds from the event benefited the LS Rugby program and the Foundation for Educators at LS (FELS). She also noted that it was the last week of third quarter, and that discussions of assessments and ways to process that information are very active at this time.

METCO Representative Report

Juanita Owens reported that METCO held its parent meeting, at which Scott was in attendance. Attendance was excellent, and there were many questions about academics, grades and graduation, and how students are being challenged academically. They are in the process of creating a follow-up meeting, at which they expect a large turnout. They hoped communication between parents, school, and the METCO office would continue to be strengthened. She also noted that the METCO rally was very well received, and was well attended by LS students.

Chairman's Report

Review of Fincom meetings regarding budget: Nancy congratulated Gerald Quirk on his recent election to the LSRHS School Committee and spoke about the Lincoln town meeting, which was very long but also very productive. She noted that LSRHS was mentioned in the context of Capital Planning and that sub-committees for FY13 should include one LSSC liaison to both towns for the purposes of planning for Capital consideration. The Sudbury Town meeting is next on the list, and she expects that they will also address the capital plan for LSRHS going forward.

Nancy also noted that there has been an effort between Lincoln, Sudbury, and Wayland to work together on solar power, and the three towns are working together on grant proposals. There is also a solar power company from California visiting, similar to Ameresco, which proposes to build a solar array on all nonprofit and town buildings in Lincoln. Kevin Rossley, Rami Alwan and Eleanor Burke plan to meet with them tomorrow to look at our buildings and see where LS might fit into the big picture. All of this is very encouraging progress. Nancy also announced that the Suburban Coalition is holding a talk: Staying Afloat in the Fiscal Future, April 25th, at the Great Hall of the State House and encouraged School Committee members to attend.

Elena reported that the College Fair happened last week, and was very successful. The college representatives are very impressed with our students. 102 colleges and gap programs were represented, and it was well attended.

Liaison Reports

Nancy reported that there was a meeting between liaisons and Sudbury Finance Committee to discuss how the year will close out. They discussed contingency plans around different possible outcomes for the Extraordinary Relief application. She said she hoped to have more information to report soon.

Superintendent Report:

Scott Carpenter spoke to the committee about plans to bring in auditors to look at the school's financial and business operations and to examine how responsibilities are divided. He has reached out to Powers and Sullivan who have been the school's auditors for years, and they have provided a quote. He also hopes to reach out to another firm which has been recommended through the Massachusetts Association of School Business Administrators (MASBO) to get another quote.

In many ways Powers and Sullivan might be easier to use since they already know so much about how LS operates, but he said he felt there was value in bringing in a new set of eyes. Some members of FinCom expressed a preference for using someone new.

Information and Discussion:

- **Donations Policy:** Mark Collins reported that the Donations Policy document is almost finished.
- **Business Manager Update:** Nancy Marshall reported that Judy Belliveau wrapped up last Friday in her position as Business Manager at LS. The job was advertised, Scott also made calls to sitting Business Managers who would be strong candidates for the position. A number of applications for the position were received and screened, and four candidates were interviewed by the Search Committee last week, which unanimously recommended Michael Connelly, Finance Director in Wakefield. We have called references. The full Committee will meet with him later this week to go over final questions and vote to offer him the contract, to begin on July 1st. In the interim Scott has been having a conversation with Fred Baker who comes with a wealth of experience, and he will begin next Monday.
- **Transfer of Assets:** Patti Mostue made a motion to dissolve the private corporation ECGB Inc. and move the assets and programs to a public collaborative. Mark Collins seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.
- **Reapportionment of Funds:** Nancy reported on what was happening with the reapportionment of funds which had been decided upon at the last meeting. She said that they will continue to talk to the Lincoln and Sudbury Finance Committees how to best manage these funds and how best to weigh them against the Extraordinary Relief funds. Anne O'Reilly in the Student Services office is currently working towards filing our final application for Extraordinary Relief; the application will take into account all changes in tuitions up to the deadline for applying, to best represent the current costs to the District.

Action Items

- The location for the next meeting will be in Boston at 12th Baptist Church in Roxbury.

Other Business

There were no other business items.

Bill Schedules

There were no warrants to sign.

Calendar of School Events

Tuesday	04-10-2012	7:30 pm	School Committee	Boston
Tuesday	04-24-2012	7:30 pm	School Committee	Conf Rm B
Monday	05-07-2012	7:00 pm	Sudbury Town Meetin	Aud
Tuesday	05-08-2012	7:00 pm	SudburyTown Meeting	Aud
Wednesday	05-09-2012	7:00 pm	Sudbury Town Meeting	Aud

Adjourn 9:30 to return to executive session.

On a motion by Patty Mostue, seconded by Radha Gargeya, the School Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:45pm.