

LINCOLN-SUDBURY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Minutes

Tuesday, May 15, 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 Gerald Quirk. Kevin Matthews was absent.

Also Present: Scott Carpenter, Superintendent/Principal and Fred Baker, Acting Director of Finance & Operations.

Executive Session

On a motion by Elena Kleifges, 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, and Gerald Quirk. Kevin Matthews was absent.

Also Present: Scott Carpenter, Superintendent/Principal, Fred Baker, Acting Director of Finance & Operations, Lisa Weiss, Teachers' Association President, 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, and Juanita Owens, METCO Representative were absent.

Agenda Enclosures/Handouts

- Unapproved minutes for April 10, 2012 and April 24, 2012

Call to Order

Nancy Marshall called the meeting to order at 7:30.

Approval of Minutes

- Patti Mostue made a motion to approve minutes for April 10, 2012. The motion was seconded by Elena Kleifges, and approved by the School Committee. Gerald Quirk abstained.
- Patti Mostue made a motion to approve minutes for April 24, 2012. The motion was seconded by Elena Kleifges, and approved by the School Committee. Gerald Quirk abstained.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Recognitions

Scott Carpenter read the following recognitions:

- The Environmental Club organized an Earth Week event that includes two Darkness days, paper awareness day, bike to school day, save a bottle day and a 9th grade assembly on Climate Change. Thank you to Dan Lewis & Eleanor Burke, club advisors and the students.
- The final Instrumental Concert of the year will be held this Thursday May 17th, at 7:30 pm in the auditorium. Seniors will be featured soloists with the groups including Concert Master Connor Daley on violin, and James Jhun on trumpet, James earned the first chair spot in the All State Band this year. Thanks to Tom Grandprey for the wonderful concerts this school year.
- Thank you to Lori Hodin for arranging to have Rena Finder, a Holocaust Survivor come to LS to speak to our students. According to Lori, the audience was very respectful and attentive and many students stayed afterwards to express their thanks and hug Rena.
- Thank you to Ann Kramer, Matt Wentworth, Steve Driscoll and the members of the Breaking Barriers and The Red Cross Club for organizing our annual Blood Drive on May 11th. They had over 95 students and staff sign up to give blood.
- The Student Senate lead by Emily Casey organized an event this past Saturday honoring all L-S grads who have served in the military from 2001-present. The group dedicated a plaque and US Flag hanging as a permanent display in the A-B connector on the main floor. They also held a moment of silence for Lance Cpl. Michael Ronner (Class of '07). The Milley family also brought a commemorative piece to honor their son, Scott (Class of '05) which will be displayed in the building.
- The Visual Art Team for soliciting student work and setting up the Celebrate Art gallery to coincide with Sudbury Town Meeting and for the annual Arts Day performance on Thursday, May 10th.
- Congratulations to Adam Blake for placing first in The Congressional Art Competition hosted by Massachusetts 5th District Representative Niki Tsongas. His self portrait "Exhaustion" will be

exhibited in The U.S. Congress for one year. Also recognition to Sam Smith-Boyle for his photograph "Tidepool".

- Thanks and recognition to Sara Fine-Wilson for her NEASC visiting team work at Amherst (MA) High School.

- Thank you to Anne O’Rielly of our Student Services group for all her hard work in putting together the LS Extraordinary Relief Application. LS was awarded \$421,006.

- Over spring break the Katrina Project flew 17 students to New Orleans helping to build homes with Habitat for Humanity. This is the fifth year LS has sent students to help rebuild the city. Ten women and seven men worked on four different homes in the ninth ward building stairs and decks, laying cement and painting an entire house. The ninth ward is where the levee initially gave way and an area still in great need of help. LS worked eight hour days, bunked in the Oak Park Baptist church and caught some music in New Orleans. LS staff who keep the dream alive are Lynne Hunter and Shoshi Kahn-Woods. Students who went on this year's trip were: Jon Sidari, Dan Neiterman, Ronana Hunt, Steven Howd, Brett Skloff, Kyle Ashley, Patrick Mullin, Ronan Hunt, Hannah Woolf, Louise Clear, Emma Yeager, Elsey Weisberg, Jessie Wong, Sofia Neri, Molly Bloomenthal, Jenna Dickinson, and Sophia Gowswami. Chaperones were Tom Danko, Humberlys Galindez, and MJ Walsh.

- The Senior Class Advisors: Kelly Mazza, Charli Asta-Ferraro, Paula Myers and Christopher Stanek for all their hard work this year with the Senior Class. They hosted the Mr. L-S contest this past Friday which was a huge success. It was hysterical and very entertaining and the contestants and audience were fantastic. Next on their plate is Senior Week and Graduation.

Student Representative Report Emily Casey was not present, but Nancy Marshall relayed her report on the success of the Student Senate's recent commemoration of alumni and faculty who have served in the military. They dedicated a plaque on May 12, 2012 and the brief ceremony was well-attended. She also reported that Student Senate elections are to take place next week.

Teachers' Association Report

Lisa Weiss reported that the school is in its second week of AP exams; energy is strong and everything is moving very fast. It is hard to believe that the year is almost over. Tomorrow is a professional development day for faculty, and there is going to be a presentation by the Library and the School Council. Scott added that there will also be a report on the results of Alumni Survey tomorrow.

METCO Representative Report

There was no report.

Chairman's Report

Nancy Marshal updated the School Committee on the upcoming Superintendent/Principal Evaluation, scheduled to take place mid-June. Patti Mostue is preparing instruments for both the faculty and the School Committee to evaluate Scott and will distribute it electronically. Scott will also distribute an updated copy of his goals, presented earlier this year. The School Committee will have its yearly reorganization in May.

Liaison Reports

There were no reports.

Superintendent/Principal's Report

Scott Carpenter reported that increased State funding for towns and schools will, thankfully, allow Lincoln-Sudbury to maintain "level staffing" for the 2012-2013 school year. After four previous years of layoffs, this is great news. He noted though that increased class sizes and teacher loads remain a concern. He called attention to his recent blog entry on Carpenter's Corner on the LS website in which he talks about about William Ouchi's 2009 book *The Secret of TSL* (Total Student Load), which explores the revolutionary potential of reducing total student load, the number of students a teacher interacts with on a daily basis over the course of a semester. Ouchi's premise has the potential to change school systems across the country as local principals control more of their own budgets to make creative hiring decisions aimed at reducing to eighty the total number of students each teacher interacts with on a given day. Scott noted that long before Ouchi published his book on TSL, Lincoln-Sudbury acknowledged the value in limiting the total student load for teacher to 80 students. He encouraged the School Committee to read his post and share their thoughts.

Scott also talked about the upcoming faculty meeting Lisa mentioned, and said he looked forward to talking about the school improvement plan. He hoped especially to focus on connectedness and what research such as Ouchi's has to contribute. He said that parents will also be present to talk about work they have done, and a group of students planned to talk about their experiences at LS. Two LS students will also talk to staff about conversation about iPass, and what they have heard from parents and teachers and what the conversation has been among students. He said that he hopes the meeting will be the start of a larger discussion, and that he looks forward to the feedback.

Information & Discussion

Scott reported that having a level staff budget has helped immensely in moving forward to schedule classes. Class size will be very tight, though, and there are some very large classes for next year. Leslie Belcher, Director of Scheduling and Curriculum, is busy putting together the master schedule, and she hopes to get it out to the students early enough so that any needed adjustments can be made. Scott also noted that just because we have level service does not mean we are out of the water. E&D and the Athletic Funds will be very depleted. LS has become a very different school than it once was. It has always been a very strong school, but the budget changes things significantly.

Action Items

Approval of computer donations

The School Committee reviewed a proposed computer donation from Michael B. Clark, Department Coordinator for World Languages. Elena made a motion to approve the donation, which was seconded by Gerald and approved unanimously.

Other Business

There were no other business items.

Bill Schedules

Nancy Marshall notified the committee that there were warrants to sign.

Calendar of School Events

Wednesday.	05-16-2012	6:00 pm	Central Banquet	Stow Acres
Thursday	05-17-2012	6:00 pm	Metco Banquet	Cafeteria
Tuesday	05-22-2012	7:30 pm	School Committee	Conf Rm B
Wednesday	05-23-2012	7:30 pm	Excel Banquet	Conf Rm B
Tuesday	06-12-2012	7:30 pm	School Committee	Conf Rm B
Tuesday	06-19-2012	7:30 pm	School Committee	Conf Rm B

Adjourn

On a motion by Patty Mostue, seconded by Radha Gargeya, the School Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:30pm.