

LINCOLN-SUDBURY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 14, 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 and Judy Belliveau, Director of Finance & Operations.

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, Judy Belliveau, 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. Emily Casey, Student Representative, and the METCO Representatives were absent.

Agenda Enclosures/Handouts

Unapproved Minutes for January 24, 2012

Unapproved Minutes for February 1, 2012

Surplus Property Procedures

Vote on the FY 2013 School Budget memorandum

Call to Order

Nancy Marshall called the Public Meeting to order at 7:40.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Recognitions

- Thanks to Deb Proctor, Fran Ricker, Chris Hardiman, and Laura Fair for coordinating and attending the Junior Parent Night program on Tuesday, Feb. 7th. The meeting was packed, forcing us to open up the balcony.
- Thank you Helen Sotiriou for organizing the American Math Contest on Feb 7 and the 65 students who participated.
- Athletic Dept. Recognitions:
 - 1) SKI Team League Championships:
 - The girls nordic team won the league championship.
 - The boys alpine team is in the lead going into the last race of the season.

Individual League Champions in SKI:

- Corey Stock (girls nordic)
- Eli Hoenig (boys nordic)
- Austin Barta (boys alpine)
- Will Carlough (boys "skimeister" – combined nordic and alpine scores)

2) Both Girls & Boys Track teams are DCL Champs this winter.

3) LS Boys Swim won the DCL Championship meet last Saturday.

4) Both boys and girls indoor track won the DCL championship meet on Saturday at Reggie Lewis center.

5) Wrestlers are league champs, with 3 sectional champions, and 9 wrestlers going onto D1 state tourney. DCL dual meet champions and tournament champions- first time for both in the same season in program history. LS Coach Eddie Murray was selected as D1 Central Section Coach of the Year.

Sectionals- 9 place winners advancing to states, most in program history.

3rd place as a team, qualified for team states.

3 sectional champions-James Hamilton (sr 113 lbs),

Joe Rottman (jr 132 lbs) and Ben Iuliano (jr 160 lbs)

States - 3 place winners, advancing to All States

James Hamilton (3rd) Jake Galligani and Ben Defronzo
(jrs 120 lbs and 113 lbs respectively)

- New Alumni Webpage is now linked to LS under the "Community" menu on top of the LS home page. Plans are underway for a "All-Class" reunion on May 5th at LS.
- Thank you to our Plant Watering Team of volunteers who keep our building filled with live plants. We received an email from one volunteer who said "that every faculty member and several students who saw what I was doing said a few words of thanks". Our volunteers are: Heidi Derbyshire, Becca Fasciano, Frances Shashoua, Jennifer Glass, Jody Marcoux, Joyce Kelly, Nancy Fleming, Parry Shesgreen, Robin Sutherland, Sarah Finsthwait, Liz Darley, and Isabelle Zee.
- Thank you to Dani Weisse for organizing the Poetry Out Loud event at LS and the finals at Bemis Hall. L-S, approximately 175 students in 10 English classes participated this year. 22 of those competed in the semi-finals held at the LS Auditorium on Wednesday, February 8th, 2012. Judges included Housemaster Sandy Crawford and teachers Shawn Lingley, Ben Coleman, Alison Sanders-Fleming, and Jaime Wong.

Fifteen students advanced to the finals (Saturday night, Feb 11) at Bemis Hall in Lincoln for a spot at the State Semi-Finals. They were joined by LS Alum. Kevin Devaney, who will perform his original poetry (like <http://unionstationmag.com/2010/11/poem-kevin-devaney/>). The judges for the event will be Paula Myers, Librarian; Jason Medeiros, Housemaster; Dan Schragar, former LS student; and School Committee Members Kevin Matthews and Radha Gargeya.

The 15 who will compete on Saturday (and their poems) are the following:

Ezra Truneh-- Abandoned Farmhouse
Ben Gorman --Immortal Sails
Meredith Derecho—Chicago (1st Place!!)
Adam Blake -- The Way It Sometimes Is (Runner Up)
Jess Bodner--Jabberwocky
Sam Houlihan --Garden
Nicholas Laviolette--The Poet
Greg Howard-- Apollo
Haley Neil --The Second Coming
Julie Rub-- Ovation
and Noveen Mansouri--After Working 60 Hours Again for What Reason

- The success of the Speech and Debate Team continues! On February 3-4, students competed for placement at the national tournament for the National Forensic League and on February 11, students competed for placement at the

national tournament for the National Catholic Forensic League. Jeremy Cohen and Neil Wei earned a competitive slot at both tournaments in Public Forum Debate. In addition, the teams of Arnold Lee/Jeffrey Ho and Rohan Shakar/David Wu earned a competitive slot at the National Catholic Forensic League tournament in Public Forum Debate.

- Mike Bunting and his choral groups for the 2nd Annual Singing Valentines

Ian Marshall 11
Adam Blake 12
Andrew O'Connell 12
Ori Ravid 12
Anderson Koenig 12

Julia Palmerino 10
Maggie Klureza 11
Jessica Newman 11
Brittany Baltay 12
Jessica Wright 12
Caroline Hopland 12
Sophie Sagan-Gutherz 12
Demi Sperazza 12

- Special kudos were given to Nancy Errico for organizing a Feb 13 - Educational Technology Update for the Academic Council that included the following topics:
 - New Web Site and Web page use in classes and departments
 - Wiki Use – in language classes with Michele Lepietre
 - Wiki Spaces – in Wellness classes with Vicky Caburian
 - iPad Pilot Program – featuring Conor Hanover
 - Hands-on/Subject specific math software – as demonstrated by Meg Notari
 - Reflections of our E-learning Study Group – What's happening at other schools and how are we using online learning

Nancy separately presented to Leslie Belcher and Scott an analysis of a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) and 1 computer to 1 student initiative that some schools are beginning to pursue. Funding 1:1 isn't in our near future, but we do need to be very aware of what our network/WIFI needs will be as increasingly more students bring WIFI enabled devices to school and begin using these within classes. I've strongly recommend to the School Committee to invite Nancy and others to educate the Committee on technology innovations in the classroom. We've come a long way since the old-school TI-30 (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/TI-30>) of high school days gone by.

Scott also welcomed students from the L-S Robotics Club as well as Technology teacher and club adviser Paul Shultz and mentors from Raytheon who were on hand to

show the School Committee the robot they plan to compete with at the at the US F.I.R.S.T. robotics competition. In March, the L-S team will bring its creation to a qualifying round at Northeastern University, where the robots will be graded on how successfully they complete the competition's chosen task. The highest scoring clubs will move onto the world championships in St. Louis.

Approval of Minutes

- The vote on the minutes for January 24, 2012 was deferred until the next meeting.
- The vote on the minutes for February 1, 2012 was also deferred.

Student Representative Report

There was no report from the Student Representative.

Teachers' Association Report

Lisa Weiss reported that it was a busy week at L-S as students and teachers prepared for February break, and that the Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC) was looking forward to conducting a professional development session on the topic of L-S Core Values, Past and Present.

METCO Representative Report

There was no METCO Representative report.

Chairman's Report

Nancy reported that she plans to meet with L-S' Community Service Program and the Martin Luther King Action Project after break to discuss a student philanthropy project. She said she also met with Lori Holden, School Safety & Violence Prevention coordinator to discuss student activities in the district, and what initiatives they would like to facilitate. The program has trained 40 student mediators, but they have found that the need for mediation is not very high, so they are looking at other ways students can work on issues having to do with school climate and culture. She also reported that Senator Jamie Eldridge, and possibly also Representative Thomas Stanley will attend the next School Committee meeting on February 28th during the first hour.

Liaison Reports

There were no Liaison reports.

Superintendent/Principal's Report

Scott Carpenter spoke to the Committee about technology at L-S, giving a number of examples of how teachers are using web technologies (e.g., wikis, itextbooks, software programs for math) to enhance their instruction, and described an iPad pilot program that 20 teachers are currently participating in.

The change is exciting, but Scott also expressed concern over what this might mean for future technology upgrades, specifically the L-S wireless network, which could cost up to \$250,000 to update, but which clearly is going to become very important as more and more students and teachers make use of wireless devices in their work. It's a lot of change that is happening, more and more students and teachers will be using wireless

devices, and L-S will have to accommodate them. He talked to the School Committee about how he and Nancy Errico are exploring how other schools are approaching these issues, and suggested that the committee find ways to become more familiar with these technologies.

Information & Discussion

Surplus Property Procedures

Judy circulated an updated draft of the surplus property procedures policy and reviewed changes, which were minor. Mark Collins motioned to approve the updated draft. Patty Mostue seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Donations and Fundraising Policy

Mark reported that he spoke with Scott about minor changes to the current draft of the policy, and that he just needed to write them up and get the draft out to the School Committee members. Discussion and voting was deferred to the next meeting.

FY 2013 Budget Info and Discussion

Judy circulated a memo which detailed the highest anticipated figures for the FY 2013 budget. She explained that, since so many factors are still being determined at this point, the School Committee always votes on the highest figures that would be anticipated for the coming year. She also said that they must post a public hearing to allow for comments, which will be held on the February 28th meeting.

Mark Collins moved that the School Committee approve and hereby adopt the FY2013 operating budget of \$22,039,152, the FY2013 pensions and insurance budget of \$3,663,688, and the debt service budget of \$2,560,800 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, and approve the total assessment of \$25,419,115.51 such amount to be apportioned to the member towns in accordance with the calculation specified in the Regional Agreement. Patty Mostue seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Mark Collins also moved that the School Committee hereby direct the District Treasurer to certify the apportionment of the above figures in accordance with the regional agreement and notify the member towns of their respective shares of such apportionments. Elena Kleifges seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Action Items

There were no other action items.

Other Business

There were no other business items.

Bill Schedules

Judy reported that there were warrants to sign.

Calendar of School Events

Wednesday	02-15-2012	7:00 pm	Suburban Coalition	Newton
Monday	02-20-2012 through 02-24-2012		School Vacation	
Tuesday	02-28-2012	7:30 pm	Regular School Com	Conf Rm B
<i>Tuesday *</i>	<i>02-28-2012</i>	<i>7:30 pm</i>	<i>Public Hearing on Budget for Sudbury</i>	
Thursday	03-15-2012	7:00 pm	"Race to Nowhere"	Auditorium
Saturday	03-24-2012	9:30 am	Lincoln Town Meeting	Lincoln, MA

Adjourn

On a motion by Patty Mostue, seconded by Radha Gargeya, the School Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:47pm.