

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

**Tuesday, September 11, 2012**

**7:30 p.m. Public Session**

**Conference Room B**

**Present:** Nancy Marshall, Chair, Radha Gargeya, Vice-Chair, Patty Mostue, Elena Kleifges, Kevin Matthews, and Gerald Quirk.

**Also Present:** Scott Carpenter, Superintendent/Principal; Michael Connelly, Director of Finance & Operations; Lisa Weiss, Math Teacher/TA President; Julia Thomas, Student Senate Representative; Rebecca Reitz, Special Education Coordinator; Kevin Rossley, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor; Nancy O'Neil, Athletic Director; Tom Lopez, Football Coach; and John Sullivan, Melanson Heath & Company.

**Agenda Enclosures/Handouts**

Unapproved Minutes for August 28, 2012

**Call to Order**

Nancy Marshall called the Public Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Language-Based Learning Disabilities Workshop Presentation**

Rebecca Reitz, Special Education Coordinator at LSRHS, reported on the Language-Based Learning Disabilities Workshop held at LS on August 16, 2012. The workshop was funded through the Sudbury Foundation and the Ogden Codman Trust of Lincoln. Dr. Renee Greenfield addressed a group of 68 LS teachers and 3 teachers from Curtis Middle School.

The theme of the workshop was "Essential for Some, Good for All" where learning accommodations may be essential for some students but these accommodations also reflect "good" teaching and improve learning for all students. The Sudbury Foundation has considered that funds not used for this workshop be used to further the initiative. This professional development will make it possible for more LBLD students to be taught effectively within LS and decrease the number of out-of-

district students. LBLD teaching strategies for Core Curricular teachers will be the focus of continued study.

### **Stadium Lighting Discussion**

Nancy O'Neil, Kevin Rossley, and Tom Lopez presented the case for community funded replacement of the existing football field lighting system by Musco of Londonderry, New Hampshire. Increased field use, increased revenues from field use and gate receipts as well as decreased maintenance costs and reduced electricity use and costs are among the benefits of replacing the existing lighting system. Funding will be provided by donations from Youth Football, Youth Soccer, Youth Lacrosse, and the LS Boosters Club.

Estimates for 30 foot candle lights (\$170,351) and 50 foot candle lights (\$216,863) were quoted which included a 25-year maintenance contract. It is resolved to ask Musco to formally present proposed costs. It was agreed that the 50 ft lights would be preferable given the scope of the endeavor.

### **Special Auditors Report**

John Sullivan of Melanson Heath & Co. presented the Special Auditor's Report addressing accounting issues at LS. He noted that regional school systems often experience difficulty in maintaining sufficient staff to separate duties within Payroll and within the General Accounting Office. He noted the difficulties presented by staff turnover in the Business Office. It was recommended that he return for a follow-up audit in one year to mark progress made by the Business Office.

### **Recognitions**

Scott Carpenter recognized JK Park (Counselor West House) and Ponakah Gillespie (History Teacher) for coordinating First Adventure for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders to ensure a smooth transition into the high school. A number of staff and student volunteers were instrumental in making the day a great success.

Kevin Rossley and his buildings and grounds team are the unsung heroes of our back-to-school effort as they work tirelessly to make the school and grounds ready for the return of nearly 2,000 people.

Ninth Grade Parents Night was a great success due to the efforts of our House Staff. House Masters, House Assistants, and Counselors were

all on hand to meet with the Ninth Grade Parents to answer any questions they might have.

### **Student Report**

Julia Thomas, Student Senate Representative, reported on efforts of the Student Senate to explore ways of better communicating with the student body. The Student Senate has not met officially since the new school year has begun.

### **Chair Report**

The School Committee is planning to establish meetings with the LS Faculty to broaden the Faculty's understanding of what is happening within the district. Members of the School Committee were present for a Q&A at a Faculty Advisory Committee-facilitated portion of the Faculty meeting last spring. It would be good to continue such meetings regularly.

Thank you to Gerald Quirk for launching his School Committee Commentary which was submitted to local newspapers.

Topics for consideration in the future are exploration of next steps for the LBLD initiative and continued conversations with the Sudbury Foundation and Codman Trust.

It was proposed that Michael Hickey, Director of ACE, present an overview of the ACE program at the next School Committee meeting.

It was further suggested that the School Committee schedule presentations from various departments within LS to broaden the committee's understanding so that they will be more articulate when discussing school matters with the community.

### **Superintendent/Principal Report**

Scott Carpenter reported on initiatives to schedule Superintendent Coffees sponsored by LSPO. He also plans to establish regular meetings with staff and students to maintain connection with what is going on within LS. School Council Elections will take place on Back to School Night, September 19<sup>th</sup>. The new School Council will meet to establish goals for the coming school year.

Departments within LS will be meeting to discuss ways to utilize what has been learned at the LBLD Workshop. Learning goals will be

articulated and explored within our curriculum as well as the techniques that will best achieve these learning goals.

### **Information and Discussion**

There was discussion regarding the protocol of accepting donations and fund-raising proceeds. Edits for draft protocol to be submitted to Nancy Marshall at the next School Committee Meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012.

### **Action Items**

Vote on Treasurer. Michael Connelly presented the resume for David Leary for the position of District Treasurer. The position is a part-time annual appointment (June 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>). Elena Kleifges made a motion to approve his appointment. Patricia Mostue seconded the motion. All were in favor.

### **Other Business**

There was no other business.

### **Bill Schedules**

#### **Calendar of School Events**

Back to School Night	September 19
School Committee Meeting	October 2
Warnings for Q1	October 5

#### **School Committee Meeting Adjourned**

On a motion from Nancy Marshall, seconded by Elena Kleifges the Public Session was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. to move to Executive Session by unanimous voice vote.

Amended 10/12/12