

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

Tuesday, October 9, 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; Steve Hall, Boy's Lacrosse; Marie Lewis, LS Parent; and 64 LSRHS Staff (see attached).

Agenda Enclosures/Handouts

Unapproved Minutes for September 11, 2012

Unapproved Minutes for October 2, 2012

Call to Order

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

Welcome

Motion to approve minutes for September 11, 2012 made by Radha Gargeya, seconded by Patty Mostue. Minutes approved unanimously.

Stadium Field Lighting Presentation

Steven Hall is the current President of Boys' Youth Lacrosse, a nonprofit organization, and represents Friends of Sudbury Park and Recreation which proposes to privately finance the stadium lighting project. The completed project will benefit the community by increasing field availability through expanded usable hours, increased attendance at games, and increased gate revenue. Additional benefits are: increased efficiency (50% power savings), the elimination of

maintenance costs for 25 years and reduction of ambient light for abutters (50% less light spillage).

Musco has presented a quote of \$216,860 for a 50 foot candle project which will be completed by the beginning of Spring 2013. Financing will be structured over 5 years and the project will be donated to the community. Boys' Lacrosse, Girls' Lacrosse, Sudbury Youth Soccer, the LS Booster's Club, and Pop Warner will all contribute. Middlesex Savings Bank is ready to help (see attached handout). Musco fully guarantees the new stadium lighting for 25 years and indemnifies damage done during the installation project.

The committee members expressed concern that costs above the estimated quote not be charged to the school district. They also wanted to be assured that the abutters would not suffer from too many loud games at night. Scott Carpenter replied that the abutters were more concerned with the decibel level of the speaker system. There will not, in fact, be a many more night games but practice time would be expanded. The stadium lighting project will be able to finalize financing once the School Committee has moved to accept this donation.

Gerald Quirk made a motion to accept the Stadium Field Lighting Project subject to it securing financing. Elena Kleifges seconded the motion which was then passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Ann Kramer, English Teacher at LS and citizen of Sudbury, addressed the School Committee. She represented the teachers of Lincoln-Sudbury currently working without a contract. She urged the School Committee to finalize a fair and reasonable contract for the teachers and to recognize and value the efforts of the faculty and deliberate with this in mind. Sixty-four teachers were present for Ms. Kramer's address to the School Committee (see attached list).

Recognitions

Scott Carpenter introduced two new additions to the LS staff. Doreen McCarthy is the new receptionist. Luke Perec is the new campus aide. Mark Santoro and David Cole did yeoman's work supporting the school without needed assistance.

Student Report

The Student Senate will hold its second meeting on October 10th. The “December Dilemma” conversations continue within the Student Senate. Five freshmen will be joining the Student Senate. There are currently 10 Seniors, 10 Juniors, 10 Sophomores, and 5 Freshmen on the Student Senate. The Senate will review its policies to determine whether additional freshmen will be admitted to the Senate after October 10th. The students are developing social media sites (Facebook and Twitter) to convey morning announcements and notices to students.

Teachers Association Report

Lisa Weiss reported that a list will be sent to the School Committee Secretary of teachers opening their classrooms to visits by the School Committee members. Please contact teachers ahead of time to make sure that the class is appropriate to visit (no quiz etc).

Chair’s Report

Scott Carpenter, Michael Connelly and Nancy Marshall met with Lincoln and Sudbury FINCOM officials regarding the Auditor’s Report. Michael Connelly reviewed district plans to resolve issues pointed out by auditors this summer. The auditor’s advice will be incorporated into business office procedures. Outstanding questions will be addressed during the six - month review with auditor.

Friday Nancy Marshall met with Joan Campbell and Cristina Gonzalez, teachers in the language department, to draft a commentary for end of month. Cristina completed a Harvard Extension Program using technology in the classroom and returned with applications to allow broadening spoken and composition work in classroom. Joan and Cristina are piloting ideas and will present a professional development class later in the season to introduce these new ideas that can be used throughout the school system.

The first meeting with School Council is Wednesday, October 17, 2012. Nancy Marshall will speak to Michael Clark, Department Chair of the World Language Department, and coordinate information for dissemination.

Gerald Quirk spoke about capital bylaws. The school campus is part of the Lincoln capital bylaw. In the new Sudbury capital bylaw, the LS campus is not included. Gerald Quirk reached out to the Capital

Committee to attend the Oct 23rd LS School Committee meeting. Feedback from the chair is that LS is not excluded from the bylaw. While that may be technically true – there is no mechanism for LS to be a participating member to suggest items to the Capital Committee. The Sudbury Town Manager does not believe that LS is eligible. Gerald Quirk will follow up with Maureen Valente, Sudbury Town Manager, to clarify the bylaws regarding Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School. Perhaps this question can be put on the docket for Town Meeting in 2013. Given the technology needs, which will be presented at the next School Committee meeting, Nancy Marshall believes there will be additional capital needs that must be addressed.

Gerald Quirk suggests that the committee agenda for next meeting include Friends of LS Softball to answer questions regarding community field use. LS Softball seeks alternative sources of funding to cover field wear and tear. He will check LS Softball regarding their plans.

Elena Kleifges reminded the committee that SERF grants are due by October 17, 2012.

A Round Table Forum for School Committee Members will be held on October 10, 2012.

A list of teachers whose classes are open to School Committee member visits should be emailed to the School Committee members.

Superintendent Report

There will be a discussion of field usage tonight at Park and Recreation and the School Committee needs to know results of this meeting. Our softball field is major piece in the Park and Recreation study. Softball people have CPC meeting on October 23, 2012.

Nancy Marshall recommends that Nancy O'Neil and Gerald Quirk meet with the Softball Chair for efficient transmission of information. CPC timeline shows that the deadline for the field project is October 23rd. It should be placed on the School Committee Agenda.

Gerald Quirk stated that the conclusions of the Park and Recreation Committee will have bearing on field use. It was suggested that perhaps the School Committee should move its meeting date to accommodate Softball conflict on 23rd October.

The School Committee has communicated to LS Softball that in terms of equity our softball field needs to be brought up to grade. Importance of having two softball fields close to campus for benefit of our girls' softball cannot be overstated. In Lincoln there is a regulation

softball field being built. Feeley Field is too far from campus and use of it raises the equity issue between boys' baseball and girls' softball.

Scott Carpenter asked if the School Committee had responses to his goals. Nancy Marshall proposed that School Committee members address Scott individually.

Other Business

The document on Policy on Donations and Fundraising was reviewed and edited.

The issue of the ownership of lights and expenditures regarding the lights that rests with the district was discussed. LS will take responsibility for maintenance, upkeep and ongoing operation of fields, etc. There are projects that we have to approve as a committee but that we will not oversee as a project. The defining issue is that the stadium lighting is not a donation but rather a project that the School Committee approves. Consequently, stadium lighting does not fall under the donations/fundraising policy. Once implemented, the School Committee has control over the completed project. Scott Carpenter pointed out that privately funded projects must be accepted by the School Committee.

Scott Carpenter raised the issue of coaching stipends that are covered by fundraising efforts. This applies to a small number of coaches, and the cost will have to be added to the Athletic budget. The cost of jerseys, transportation etc. could be covered by fundraising. The coaching stipends combined amounts to less than \$20,000. Gerald Quirk raised the point that the participation fee may have to be revisited as a means of covering the coaching stipends.

A motion to approve the Policy on Donations and Fundraising draft was made by Elena Kleifges, seconded by Gerald Quirk. The motion was passed unanimously.

Action Items

Vote on School Committee Secretary. Scott Carpenter recommended Frances Zingale for the position. The contract must be amended to May 31, 2013. Gerald Quirk moved to accept, seconded by Kevin Matthews. The motion was passed unanimously.

Calendar of Events

School Committee Meeting on October 23

Quarter 1 end on November 2

School Committee Meeting on November 13

School Committee Meeting on November 27

FinCom meetings are ongoing.

Adjournment

A motion is made by Kevin Matthews to adjourn the meeting, Elena Kleifges seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. There would be no Executive Session following Adjournment.