

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

Monday, July 22, 2013

7:00 a.m. Public Session

Conference Room B

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

Also Present: Bella Wong, Interim Superintendent/Principal; Glenn Fratto, Business Manager; Leonard Simon, Sudbury Board of Selectmen; Joseph Durning, Sudbury resident.

Agenda Enclosures/Handouts

Update on FY14 Local Aid Estimates
Review of FY14 Local Aid Estimates
Updated Cherry Sheet
Softball Field Memo

Welcome

Radha Gargeya called the meeting to order at 7:05am.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Presentation

Recognitions

Bella Wong recognized Scott Carpenter for making himself fully accessible to her as she transitioned into the job of Interim Superintendent/Principal. Bella extended her appreciation to the Administrative Team Scott had assembled. They have worked diligently to bring Bella up to speed on LS affairs.

Student Representative

There was no student representative report.

METCO Representative

There was no METCO representative report.

TA Report

There was no TA report.

Chairman's Report

This is a period of transition for LS. We have a new Superintendent/Principal, a new Business Manager, new Housemaster, new Curriculum Coordinator, and new Director of Student Services. What remains constant about LS is an abiding aim to do what is best for the students on the part of staff and faculty with strong community support. We are happy to have Bella Wong and Glenn Fratto on board. In the coming weeks, various subcommittees and liaisons will be announced.

Liaison Report

Superintendent's Report

Bella Wong reported meeting with 50-60 staff members at school as well as spending time with the School Committee, parent leadership groups, members of the Student Senate, parent leadership groups, and the TA association.

She asked those she met with what, in their opinion, should the superintendent focus on during the coming year. Ms. Wong spent seven days in early July with the Administrative team and three days at the Massachusetts Superintendent Conference in Mashpee. A topic of much discussion at the conference in Mashpee was the teacher evaluation program mandated by the State of Massachusetts. She reported that the timelines for educator evaluations were being shifted by six months to one year. Also in discussion was the status of PARCC vs. MCAS.

Ms. Wong also reported on the PASCH German Exchange. LS students have recently returned from a three-week home stay with families in Germany. LS is one of two schools in Massachusetts participating in this program.

Information and Discussion

Radha Gargeya has informed the Lincoln Finance Committee of technology needs at LS. This meeting will be followed by information sessions with the combined finance committees of Lincoln and Sudbury. In September, the technology group will meet with the Sudbury Board of Selectmen and the Sudbury Capital Project Committee. The Technology Group would like to ensure that work commences on the LS technology infrastructure during the summer of 2014.

Nancy Marshall stated that it will be important to be prepared to present to town forums in both Lincoln and Sudbury to be sure that the project could be voted on during possible special town meetings/ballots in the coming year.

The Softball Field Project's lowest bid is \$274,000 which is \$18,000 over the amount approved at Sudbury Town Meeting. Sue Pardus has assured Radha Gargeya that FOLSS can contribute \$20,000 to bridge the gap. Lincoln has also approved \$50,000 at their town meeting. It remains necessary to have a completed Inter-municipal Agreement between Lincoln and Sudbury to permit the release of Lincoln's funds. The School Committee has been working diligently to include Lincoln in all discussions related to the community fields including future upgrades and maintenance costs. The School Committee believes that an Inter-municipal Agreement is essential to assure that capital plans for both towns can address the costs of maintaining the athletic fields.

The Sudbury Board of Selectmen will meet July 30th and plan to discuss the Inter-municipal Agreement. There may be enough time to craft an agreement before the August 2nd deadline for contracting with Cataldo for renovation of the softball field. New Sudbury Selectman Leonard Simon acknowledged that it is a complicated process involving three parties: the Towns of Lincoln and Sudbury as well as Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School. He recommended that the School Committee consider the points at which there is disagreement and focus attention on resolving those matters. Mr. Simon further recommended that the School Committee make clear to the Sudbury Board of Selectmen what its long-term actions should be.

The status of the Educator Evaluation Program was discussed. Bella reminded the School Committee that the Teachers' Association must ratify the agreement proposed by the Educator Evaluation Subcommittee. She further reminded the School Committee that, although the Commissioner has delayed the implementation deadline to February 2014, there remains a great deal of groundwork to finish. Inclusion of student evaluations have been deferred for a year. Radha Gargeya recommended that the subcommittee present the status of the educator evaluation program at the next scheduled meeting on August 19th.

Radha Gargeya reported that a letter has been sent from the School Committee to State representatives requesting a meeting at the State House with SunEdison, the LS Environmental Club and the state representatives. The School Committee must submit an application to the Department of Public Utilities to prove that LS is a governmental entity. Nancy Marshall made a motion authorizing Bella Wong, Interim Superintendent/Principal, to submit the paperwork. Gerald Quirk seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

SunEdison has completed a survey of LS property and begun taking soil from borings. Radha Gargeya reported that SunEdison has applied for an interconnection agreement with NSTAR. Everything that can be done to further the installation of the solar canopy is being done.

Superintendent Search was discussed and steps for proceeding were outlined. A discussion of how to go about the search will be followed by a request for proposals from companies who would conduct the search. Bella Wong and Glenn Fratto will assist the Committee as much as possible.

Glenn Fratto reported on the status of FY14 budget. The State of Massachusetts Circuit breaker reimbursement will be 75%. There is no concerning news regarding the budget at this point in time.

Other business

Bella Wong proposed that presentations of points of interest to the School Committee be scheduled for School Committee meetings

throughout the year. Programs with larger budgets would be introduced earlier in the year. Patty Mostue recommended that there be a presentation from the Department of Student Services on goals for the year. Nancy Marshall requested that the Field Trip policy be presented at the first meeting in September.

Action Items

There is no action to be taken on Softball field. Radha Gargeya will write a letter to the Board of Selectmen of both towns to summarize the position of the School Committee. The Committee agreed to set aside July 31st, August 1st, and August 2nd for meeting dates should Sudbury agree to an Inter-Municipal Agreement on July 30th.

Calendar

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| School Committee Meeting | July 31, 2013, 7am |
| School Committee Meeting | August 1, 2013, 7am |
| School Committee Meeting | August 2, 2013, 7am |
| School Committee Retreat | August 19, 2013, 7am-3pm |
| Academic Council Retreat | August 20-21, 2013 |
| New Staff Orientation | August 22, 2013 |
| Teacher Orientation Day | August 26, 2013 |
| 9 th Grade Orientation | August 27, 2013 |
| All Students Return | August 28, 2013 |

Adjournment

Radha Gargeya requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. There was no need for an executive session. Patty Mostue moved that the meeting be adjourned, Nancy Marshall seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25am.