

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

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

5:30 p.m. Public Session

Salvation Army Kroc Center

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

Also Present: Scott Carpenter, Superintendent/Principal; Michael Connelly, Director of Finance & Operations; Lisa Weiss, TA Representative.

Agenda Enclosures/Handouts

Unapproved Minutes for April 4, 2013

Unapproved Minutes for April 30, 2013

Gerald Quirk moved that the minutes for April 4 and April 30, 2013 be approved, and Radha Gargeya seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

Action Items

Vote to accept the Final Budget for FY14 (attached) that was accepted at Sudbury Town Meeting. Gerald Quirk moved that the School Committee approve and hereby adopt the final FY'14 Operating Budget of \$22,987,533; the FY'14 Pensions & Insurance budget of \$3,654,154 and the Debt Service budget of \$2,283,613 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and approve a total assessment of \$25,301,347 such amount to be apportioned to the member towns in accordance with the Statutory Method. Elena Kleifges seconded the motion. All were in favor.

FY14 Discontinued Health Insurance Trust Account. Patty Mostue moved that the School Committee approve and hereby vote to move from available funds in excess and deficiency the amount of \$56,735.79 to a health reimbursement account for the purpose of adhering to the memorandum of agreement executed by the Lincoln Sudbury Regional

District School Committee and the Teachers' Association on April 30, 2013. Gerald Quirk seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Request to sell surplus property from the Applied Technology Department was presented to the Committee. The equipment to be sold (a sander and a joiner) have little residual value and are no longer part of the curriculum. Gerald Quirk recommended that the School Committee declare the equipment as surplus property and authorize the Director of Finance & Operations to dispose of the equipment through the appropriate surplus property process. Radha Gargeya seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Elena Kleifges recommended that the School Committee declare Wellness fitness equipment (Seated Calf Press, Smith machine, Pec Fly/Rear Deltoid machine) as surplus property and authorize the Director of Finance & Operations to dispose of the equipment through the appropriate surplus property procedures. Kevin Matthews seconded the motion. There were no further comments. All were in favor.

Request to sell surplus property from the Technology Department. Nancy Errico requested permission to sell surplus property (1 scanner, 6 printers, 2 monitors, an eMac, and an iBook) which has no residual value. Gerald Quirk recommended that the School Committee declare the equipment as surplus property and authorize the Director of Finance & Operations to dispose of the equipment through the appropriate surplus property procedures. Elena Kleifges seconded the motion. All were in favor.

PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) was supported at Sudbury Town Meeting. The School Committee moved to authorize the Chairman of the School Committee to sign the document. Gerald Quirk moved to authorize Nancy Marshall, as Chair of the School Committee, to sign PILOT agreement. This will permit the SunEdison to begin constructing the Solar Canopy shortly after the end of school. Parking in the main lot will be disrupted intermittently. Radha Gargeya seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Nancy Marshall announced that Michael Connelly will be leaving his position as Director of Finance & Operations at Lincoln-Sudbury to accept a similar position at North Reading. Nancy Marshall commended Michael Connelly's work at LS and stated that the District is grateful for the work he has accomplished this year and will be sad to see him go.

Welcome

Nancy Marshall welcomed guests to the School Committee Meeting held in Dorchester at the Salvation Army Kroc Center. Several METCO parents were present at the meeting. They introduced themselves and expressed their satisfaction with the LS METCO program that they feel has been very good for their children. Juanita Owns-Grant is the METCO representative to the School Committee. She welcomed the School Committee and reported that she is very pleased with her sons' progress at LS. Steven Wilkins introduced himself and expressed his gratitude for the teachers at LS and the benefits his son has experienced. Denise Young, the mother of 11th grader Bradford Howard, was present and felt that attending LS has been a great experience for her son.

Superintendent's Report

Scott Carpenter reported that hiring committees were busy in most departments. He and Michael Connelly are considering resumes for the Business Manager posting and were reaching out to candidates with proper credentials.

Finalists for Coordinator of the Guidance Department were being interviewed. Lisa Weiss reported that the Math Department was experiencing the strongest candidate pool to date. Scott Carpenter added that across the board there are very good applicants for the positions being offered at LS. Applicants for the Payroll/Personnel position included many that have experience working in school systems in Massachusetts. Scott Carpenter acknowledged that the hiring committees were mindful of finding candidates to represent the diversity of our student body.

Liaison Report

Radha Gargeya reported that on May 22, 2013, the Technology Subcommittee will be meeting with the Lincoln Capital Planning

Committee to make a formal presentation of bids which have been supplied by the vendors. Mr. Gargeya reported that they hoped to secure the funds from both the Towns of Lincoln and Sudbury so that work to upgrade the network infrastructure may begin during the summer of 2014.

Patty Mostue reported on the progress of hiring an Interim Superintendent/Principal. Five semi-finalists with good experience were being considered from which two or three finalists will be selected. Kevin Matthews added that the candidates were very accomplished.

Finalists will visit LS on May 21 through 23rd. A final vote on the candidates will take place at the School Committee meeting on May 28th.

Public Comment

Nancy Marshall welcomed the parents in the audience and asked them to introduce themselves. Gerald Quirk requested that the parents indicate issues or concerns they would like to bring to the attention of the School Committee.

Carol Perkins (Tiani Perkins, 11th grade), Mrs. Nwaford (Prince Nwaford, 12), and Jodie Williams (Rojanaye Daley) introduced themselves. Ms. Williams expressed her concern about the disparity between METCO students and Sudbury students and requested better lines of communication to the METCO parents regarding PSAT timelines and other matters of interest to parents.

Scott Carpenter agreed that as a school system, LS should be doing more to reach out to the Boston parents to help them navigate the various systems at LS, whether it was course request matters or outside testing dates for college testing. Nancy Marshall and Gerald Quirk recommended accessing the LSPO website for reminders and information for parents of LS students.

A parent expressed concern with proper placement of students in leveled classes. Scott Carpenter recommended reaching out the guidance counselors and agreed that as educators, LS needs to

encourage children to take higher level classes. Data from a recent report suggested that Boston students are less represented in the upper level classes offered at LS.

Gerald Quirk and Lisa Weiss recommended contacting the student's teachers. LS teachers are very skilled in making thoughtful recommendations for students' classes for the following year. Scott Carpenter reminded the parents that although the scheduling process was largely underway, it is still possible to make changes.

Ms. Jack, mother of Estefan Jack, 10th grader , commended her son's English teacher. Mr. Mason spoke with her and recommended areas in which her student could be helped. She found her conversations with him very helpful.

Nancy Marshall thanked the Boston parents for attending the meeting and indicated that the School Committee would follow-up on the concerns of the Boston parents in future meetings.

Calendar

Memorial Day	May 27, 2013
Graduation 2013	June 2, 2013
MCAS	June 3-4, 2013
Underclass Awards Assembly	June 6, 2013

Adjournment

Nancy Marshall requested that a motion to adjourn the meeting. Elena Kleifges moved to adjourn the meeting and Gerald Quirk seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM.