

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

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

7:30 p.m.

LS Conference Room B

Present

Kevin Matthews, Chair; Gerald Quirk, Vice-Chair; Craig Gruber; Nancy Marshall; Patty Mostue.

Also Present

Bella Wong, Superintendent/Principal; Sherry Kersey, Director of Finance and Operations; Caroline Singler, TA President; Carol Kinney, LS Parent and Friends of Music Representative.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:31pm.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes for April 10, 2018. Nancy Marshall offered a motion to approve the Minutes for April 10th, Patty Mostue seconded the motion. There was no discussion and all approved.

Presentation

There was no presentation.

Public Comment

Parent Carol Kinney, present on behalf of LS Friends of Music, presented an update on plans regarding music program for 2018-19 school year. Task Force created which begins next week plans to provide recommendations in October about what drives enrollment in music program, particularly chorus. Committee members met with Bella about what enrollment numbers needed to be to keep 2 sections of chorus next year. There is obvious support for choral program - number is currently 69 confirmed students, with a few more anticipated. The 8th grade information night in March was well attended and parents learned more about the program, how to enroll students, etc. There is positive interest and demonstrated growth in student requests for Chorus. Mrs. Kenney asked that the School Committee allow the music program to continue with present number of sections.

Recognitions

LS students visiting Grado, Spain, have returned after a wonderful trip living with their host families and touring the region.

LS students visiting the Padeia Institute in Rome have returned after having a wonderful trip exploring ancient sites and reading texts in Latin about them.

The Spring Theatre Production - "*She Kills Monsters*" - will be performed in the LS Auditorium on Wednesday-Saturday, April 25-28th at 7:30pm. The play is an exciting contemporary comedy, taking place in both the reality of 1995 Athens, Ohio and the role-playing world of Dungeons and Dragons. There are paladins, demon queens, elves, and an assortment of monsters that Agnes Evans must conquer if she's going to discover who her sister, a 15-year-old self-proclaimed geek, truly was, both in and out of the game. The show features some epic battle scenes and a soundtrack to match, featuring Metallica, the Beastie Boys, and L.L. Cool J.

Building & Grounds Staff was busy over April vacation doing a lot of cleanup work, changing air filters, working on White House, preparing fields, fixing bleachers in the gym.

Madelyn Paquette was named as 1 of 630 finalists in 2018 Presidential Scholars competition. Students are invited to apply, only 5000 students in the country apply. Madelyn is a great representative of LS.

Student Representative Report

There was no Student Representative Report.

Metco Parent Report

There was no METCO Parent Report.

Teachers' Association Report

Teachers Alissa Jarvis and Lisa Lupinacci chaperoned the Latin trip to Rome during April vacation. Kim Schultz, Alfonso Abadia and Angela Medeiros return from chaperoning the Spanish exchange trip to Grado, Spain, tomorrow.

Laura Cole and Maureen Bolton are hard at work scheduling the AP exams that will take place during the first half of May.

Teachers are looking forward to the School Committee's school visit day on Tuesday, May 1.

Counselors are meeting with 11th graders to advise them about post-high school planning.

Department coordinators are working with Ginny Blake to start to build schedules for next year based on students Course Request sheets.

April is National Poetry Month and the LS Library has arranged for a performance called "Shakespeare to Hip Hop" in the LS Auditorium on Friday, 4/27 at 10:00.

Chairman's Report

There was no Chairman's Report.

Liaison Reports

Gerald Quirk reported that the Associate Principals had provided a great presentation for 12th grade parents about keeping students safe during end of year events. Mr. Gruber reported that the Safety Review Subcommittee continues to meet and that Aida Ramos would inform the Subcommittee members regarding the social-emotional programs at L-S.

Superintendent/Principal's Report

There was no Superintendent/Principal' Report.

Director of Finance and Operations' Report

Sherry Kersey deferred her report to the Information/Discussion segment of the evening.

Information & Discussion

Bella introduced the MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education suspension of Chapter 70 funding for the month of April 2018, pending receipt of notification from Department of Revenue that E&D has been certified for FY17. Funds will be released when DESE receives that information. Documents were submitted in October 2017 but L-S did not receive notification until March 8th that Department of Revenue had not accepted the report. DESE says that other regional school districts using Budget Sense have experienced similar problems regarding year end balance sheets.

There was a discrepancy of \$191,000 between assets and liabilities on the balance sheet. The problem seems to be something embedded in Budget Sense. Sherry Kersey is working with assistance from Budget Sense and the auditors to identify errors. We must then wait for Budget Sense to remediate them.

There appear to be issues with how Budget Sense was set up when initially installed at L-S during the tenure of a different Finance Director. It may be necessary to reinstall Budget Sense to make corrections lest these discrepancies continue to occur.

Budget Sense is unable to send assistance to L-S until July. While there is a consensus that Budget Sense continues to be a good product but adjustments are necessary.

The FY18 budget is contingent upon using E&D, so it is important to achieve certification. The budget will be presented at Sudbury Town Meeting on May 7th-9th, 2018. LS can "write off" the discrepancy and DESE will release the funds. The Excess and Deficiency Fund will be certified at a lower amount than the projected \$950,000. Money could be re-claimed in FY18. Ms. Wong and Sherry Kersey are asking for another week to resolve the issue and hope to bring the discrepancy down to a lower number. It is critical to resolve this issue now so the problem will not continue to affect our budget resolutions in the future.

Action Items

Vote Excess & Deficiency Policy - Nancy Marshall and Radha Gargeya met with representatives of Sudbury and Lincoln Finance Committees who made recommendations of changes to format. The School Committee members are in agreement regarding the importance and need for this policy.

VOTE: On a motion from Craig Gruber, seconded by Gerald Quirk the Excess & Deficiency Policy was approved. There was no further discussion and all were in favor.

Ms. Wong offered her gratitude to Nancy Marshall and Radha Gargeya who created a transparent document that will be useful when people have questions about the use of E&D funds.

Vouchers #1096-1099 were signed.

Vote Managers' Contract for Administrators, etc. for 2018-2021

Kevin Matthews accepted a motion from Gerald Quirk "that the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School District Committee approve the Managers' Contract which was negotiated for the Associate Principals, Director of Student Services and Special Education, Athletics and Activities Director and Coordinator of Curriculum, Scheduling and Assessment for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021." The motion was seconded by Nancy Marshall. It was approved by unanimous roll call.

Other Business

Outgoing School Committee members Nancy Marshall and Gerald Quirk were presented with LSRHS Chairs in gratitude for their service. Members commended their tireless work and commitment to LSRHS.

Calendar of Events

Spring LSB Production, "She Kills Monsters"	April 25-27, 2018
Cum Laude Ceremony	May 2, 2018
Instrumental Concert	May 3, 2018
Outreach Movie Night	May 4, 2018
Sudbury Town Meeting	May 7-9, 2018
Instrumental Concert	May 10, 2018
French Movie Night	May 11, 2018
METCO Banquet	May 15, 2018
ACE Banquet	May 16, 2018
Community Sing	May 17, 2018

Adjourn

Kevin Matthews requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Marshall moved to adjourn the meeting, Gerald Quirk seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Francy Zingale