

**LINCOLN-SUDBURY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
May 30, 2018**

6:00pm

Conference Room B

Present

Radha Gargeya, Chair; Patty Mostue, Vice-Chair; Craig Gruber; Carole Kasper; Ellen Joachim, Kevin Matthews

Also Present

Bella Wong, Superintendent/Principal; Sherry Kersey, Director of Finance and Operations; Caroline Singler, TA President.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm.

Reorganization of School Committee

Kevin Matthews invited nominations for School Committee Chair and noted that this is an annual occurrence following Sudbury Town Meeting. Craig Gruber nominated Radha Gargeya and Carole Kasper seconded the nomination. Patty Mostue noted that Mr. Gargeya was an excellent choice. There was no further discussion, all members were in favor of Mr. Gargeya's nomination and none were opposed. Mr. Matthews opened the Chair for Mr. Gargeya who proceeded with the reorganization procedure. Ms. Wong thanked Mr. Matthews for his careful stewardship as Chairman of the School Committee for the past year and recognized the time commitment involved in the position.

Mr. Gargeya invited nominations for Vice-Chair of the School Committee. Kevin Matthews nominated Carole Kasper for the position of Vice-Chair which was seconded by Craig Gruber. Ellen Joachim nominated Patty Mostue for the position and this nomination was seconded by Radha Gargeya.

Radha Gargeya invited discussion of the nomination for Carole Kasper. Mr. Matthews noted that Mrs. Kasper had exhibited her commitment and understanding of the work done by the LS School Committee through her efforts on various subcommittees before being elected to the LS School Committee in March. He added that having a voice from Lincoln and creating gender balance would be good for the committee. Craig Gruber recognized Patty Mostue as an insightful and prescient colleague in their work on the LS Safety Review Subcommittee. Ellen Joachim noted that Ms. Mostue has many years of experience with the School Committee including being Chair of the School Committee and that she has provided thoughtful and helpful advice to Mrs. Joachim. Mr. Matthews opined on his concerns relative to Mrs. Mostue's candidacy for Vice Chair. Mr. Gargeya expressed his opinion that it would be more advantageous to have a seasoned vice chair this year while the committee's new members gain experience and knowledge regarding the work done by the committee in a given year.

Mr. Gargeya called for a vote for the nomination Carole Kasper as Vice Chair of the LS School Committee. The vote was taken with two votes for Carole Kasper and three dissenting votes and one abstention. Mr. Gargeya then called for a vote for the nomination of Patty Mostue as Vice Chair of the LS School Committee. Mrs. Mostue was elected vice chair of the School Committee by 4 votes to 1 with 1 abstention. Mr. Gargeya thanked the committee for voting and noted that despite the divided vote, all comments expressed are taken seriously. He also noted that there were very qualified members on the school committee whose goal was to do well and work toward providing the best education possible for LS students to prepare them for future success.

The next item on the agenda was to appoint additional annual positions. Mr. Gruber asked questions addressed to Ms. Kersey regarding the certification of LS's Excess and Deficiency Fund. These questions led to additional questions which led to Mr. Gargeya's suggestion that the discussion on the Excess and Deficiency Fund continue in fuller detail, including a history of the past 10 years of the date when E&D was certified, during the meeting on June 19th, 2018. Ellen Joachim suggested that the votes for the annual reappointments be tabled until the meeting on June 5, 2018.

Move to Executive Session

Radha Gargeya requested that the open session close and the committee move to Executive Session for the following reasons:

- A. to conduct strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-union or union personnel to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel.
- B. To discuss strategy with respect to contract negotiations with union and non-union personnel and/or litigation because to do so in public session would be detrimental to the District's position.
- C. To review and approve executive session minutes related to collective bargaining, contract negotiations with union and non-union personnel and/or litigation issues because to do so in public session would be detrimental to the District's position.

Patty Mostue offered a motion to move to Executive Session, Craig Gruber seconded the motion. A roll call indicated that all were in favor.

Adjournment of Open Session

The Open Session was adjourned at 6:35pm

Respectfully submitted,
Francy Zingale

