

**LINCOLN-SUDBURY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
OCTOBER 15, 2019**

**6:30 PM**

**Conference Room B  
LSRHS**

**Present**

Ellen Joachim, Chair; Carole Kasper, Vice-Chair (at 7:10 pm); Cara Endyke-Doran; Kevin Matthews (at 7:25 pm); Candace Miller; Patty Mostue.

**Also Present**

Bella Wong, Superintendent/Principal; Seth Barnett, attorney (until 7:15 pm); Paula Myers, TA Co-President (at 7:15 pm); Anna Fryling and Mr. and Mrs. Fryling (at 7:15 pm); Asher Martin-Rosenthal and Mr. and Mrs. Rosenthal (at 7:15 pm).

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm

**Move to Enter Executive Session**

Ellen Joachim requested a motion to enter executive session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation because to do so in an open meeting to have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the school committee to resume in open session. Patty Mostue so moved and Candace Miller seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor and the school committee entered executive session at 6:34 pm.

**Open Session**

The School Committee resumed open session at 7:15 pm.

**Presentation**

Massachusetts Association of Superintendents Award for Academic Excellence presented by Ms. Wong to Anna Fryling and Asher Martin-Rosenthal.

**Anna Fryling**

One of Anna's teachers remarked, "When Anna Fryling talks, the rest of the class should listen!" Anna's thoughtful questions in class reveal the workings of her highly refined mind. She surpasses her classmates by a wide margin with respect to her attention to detail and methodical approach to translating Latin. Anna never cuts corners, and she relishes interpreting a text from various angles. Anna has been a calm and steady presence in our Latin classroom over the past three years, and she is admired by her peers for her creative intellect and work ethic. Anna's Counselor writes: Anna is a true scholar with an insatiable curiosity for learning. She is a dedicated, hard-working and self-motivated student that has never backed down from a challenge, and instead sees challenges as new and welcomed opportunities. She is a well-respected student by both her peers and staff and truly embodies LS core values: balance, connection, acceptance and compassion. I have

no doubt that she will be successful in any opportunity she pursues because of how well-rounded and dedicated she is as both a person and a learner.

Anna has impressed many of us by evidence of her student leadership, tenacity and persistence. She is admired for her positivity for herself and for those around her. She is Captain of the Robotics Team this year after several years of participating on the team. Anna is also an avid participant in Dungeons and Dragons with a local group. She is a Mentor in Violence Prevention and has addressed our grade assemblies several times in this role. Ms. Wong gave her heartiest congratulations to Anna Fryling

### **Asher Martin-Rosenthal**

Asher's intelligence and skills as a Latinist are matched by his quick wit and warm personality. That he has a love of learning is an understatement--he brings a true playfulness to the learning process, and everyone in our Latin class benefits from his insight, humor, and observations about the text at hand. Without a doubt, Asher is among the top three students in the Latin IV class, and yet he is completely humble about his abilities. Over the course of three years that I have taught him, I've observed that his kindness, honesty, and goodwill have helped create a trusting environment in our classroom. His counselor reports that Asher pushes himself to be the best student he can be. He is a superb student and inspiring classmate as well who approaches each assignment with mastery and reflection. He takes a sophisticated approach to learning, integrating material and making meaningful connections.

Asher has an evident love of learning. He is a skilled pole-vaulter, gifted singer and actor in LS programs. Asher is also an avid traveler having spent month-long trips to Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Albania, and Nicaragua. These experiences have profoundly impacted Asher's view of himself as a citizen of the world and has opened his eyes to many similarities and differences between cultures. Ms. Wong extended her heartiest congratulations to Asher Martin-Rosenthal.

### **Public Comment**

Pat Brown, Sudbury Board of Selectmen, addressed the committee on the Regional Agreement's language regarding the budget approval process so that the coming year's budget process will accurately follow the guidelines stated in the Regional Agreement.

### **Teachers' Association Report**

There has been a lot of involvement of faculty with students regarding the presentation of the data provided by the MetroWest Youth Health Survey, which will be presented on October 23rd, 2019. Students from our Spanish Exchange School visited LS, stayed with host families and attended classes with LS students.

### **Chairman's Report**

Ms. Joachim was contacted by the Town of Sudbury requesting LS participation in the search for a new Town Manager. Ms. Wong will be on the committee and Ms. Joachim

asked if any School Committee member was interested in participating in the Town Manager search.

### **Liaison Report**

Ms. Kasper reported on the MARS meeting which she found very informative, particularly the updates regarding the Student Opportunity Act, currently within the MA legislature. Lincoln Finance Committee will be meeting on October 16th in Lincoln. Candace Miller reported that the Racial Climate Task Force met on October 11th, 2019.

### **Superintendent/Principal Report**

Ms. Wong reminded all that presentations on the Metrowest Youth Health Survey will be held on October 23rd during the Faculty Meeting and for Parents in the evening. Among the subjects presented by the students will be: substance abuse, vaping, sexual behaviors, mental health, safety and dating violence, LSBTQIA, influential factors such as family, stress, sleep, nutrition and relationships. A powerpoint presentation will be available for faculty, staff, students, parents, and community members.

On November 4, Sudbury Finance Committee will be presenting information on the topic of predicting minimum contribution. Ms. Wong encouraged committee members to attend that meeting.

The subject of the faculty Professional Day scheduled for Monday, November 28th, will be LGBTQIA classes.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Joachim requested a motion to approve the minutes of September 17, 2019. Candace Miller moved that the minutes for September 17, 2019 be approved. It was seconded by Kevin Matthews. All were in favor, there was no discussion.

### **Public Comment**

Monica Singletary, co-chair of the LS METCO parent board, introduced herself to the committee. She expressed a desire to be more involved with the school committee. Committee members suggested that she reach out to Shelly Hinds to talk about the METCO parent representative position to the school committee.

Takia Myers also expressed an interest in serving as the METCO parent representative. She asked how to reach the school committee via email. She also asked whether the school committee would be discussing the racial climate report from Richard Cole.

### **Workshop**

The school committee held a workshop with Dorothy Presser from MASC. The workshop focused on school committee roles and responsibilities and school committee operations.

**Adjourn**

On a motion to adjourn from Cara Endyke Doran, seconded by Candace Miller, the meeting was adjourned at 10 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Francy Zingale