

**LINCOLN-SUDBURY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
WORKSHOP
Wednesday, August 26, 2026, 5:00pm
MINUTES**

Present: Cathie Bitter, Charles Morton, Ravi Simon, Andrew Stephens, Maura Carty, Jason McClure, Lissette Gil Sanchez

Absent: Jack Ryan

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:09 PM and took attendance.

Operating Protocols

The Committee reviewed the LSSC Operating Protocols. Members suggested adding information about the METCO Representative, rotating responsibility for meeting minutes, requesting meeting minutes at least 48 hours in advance, and protocols for online meetings.

2026–2027 School Committee Goals

The Committee discussed goals for the 2026–2027 school year. Members identified topics in four areas: Student Focused, Finance/Facilities/Resources, Community, and Policy. Each member contributed topics within these areas.

There was general agreement that the Committee should further explore what information is needed to discuss the new calendar, Advisory, ADA/Facilities, the budget, equity in hiring, and health care plans. There may be sub-goals within each area.

Committee members would like to identify clear action items and timelines for each goal.

Website Update

Maura Carty provided an update on the progress of the new website over the summer. She noted that Andrew Stephens and Sharita Langston have been valuable partners in the website updates.

Goal Discussions

The Committee continued discussing the goals identified above.

- Health Care: The Committee agreed that the Finance Subcommittee should have an initial discussion about health care plans.
- Advisory: A decision will be needed by November, or December at the latest. Andrew Stephens will provide survey data, information on what other districts are doing with Advisory, and options for discussion.
- Equity in Hiring: The Committee discussed options for improving equity in hiring.
- Cell Phone Policy: The Committee asked the Administration to develop a plan and options regarding a possible cell phone ban in schools. The Committee discussed whether the ban would apply to high schools and whether the district should wait for DESE guidance on the new legislation. The Committee felt strongly that the Administration should begin preparing for the possibility.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.