

MINUTES OF THE LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Thursday, February 17, 2011
Hartwell Building, Lincoln, MA
OPEN SESSION

Present: Jennifer Glass (Chair), Tom Sander (Vice Chair), Al Schmertzler, Tim Christenfeld, Jen James, Joe Connell (Hanscom Representative). Also present: Mickey Brandmeyer (Superintendent), Mary Sterling (Assistant Superintendent), Buckner Creel (Administrator for Business and Finance), Stephanie Powers (Administrator for Student Services).

Absent: Debbie John (Boston Representative), Deb Leister (Hanscom Representative).

Members of Other Town Committees:

School Building Committee [SBC]—Sheila Webber, Andrew Glass, David Bau, Owen Beenhouwer, Laura Regrut, Stephen McKenna, Sharon Hobbs
Finance Committee—Peter Braun, Eric Harris, Karl Geiger, Ellen Meyer Shorb
Conservation Commission—Jim Meadors
Green Energy Technology Committee—John Snell
Planning Board—Bryce Wolf
Director of Planning—Chris Reilly
Police Department—Kevin Mooney, Chief
Historical Commission—Lucretia Giese
Historic District Commission—Ruth Wales
Recreation Department—Dan Pereira

Other Attendees:

Owner's Project Manager—Dan Tavares
Office of Michael Rosenfeld, Inc.[OMR]—Jeanne Roberts, Whitney Granger, Chuck Koehler, David Harris

I. Greetings and Call to Order

Ms. Glass, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm and welcomed all to the feasibility study process. She said it was exciting to work with OMR and reminded the assembled that the session was being taped.

Mr. Brandmeyer thanked the audience for coming to share their ideas.

II. Multi-Board Meeting for Lincoln School Feasibility Study

Document: Lincoln School-Feasibility Study, Visioning Session #3, Agenda from OMR

They showed a PowerPoint presentation entitled, "Did You Know?"

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v+pMcfrLYDm2U>], to get people to think outside the box.

Classrooms are different in the last five years, technologies change, and students learn differently. Mr. Brandmeyer presented an overview of the project's timeline and said they do not know where the process will lead. This is the third visioning session; there will be one more with the community. In April and May they will develop options from a minor renovation to a major addition. In June and July the SBC will decide on a preferred option, and in March 2012 it will go before Town Meeting.

Tonight's session will cover community values and how the community sees the school facility meeting their needs. Ms. Roberts and Mr. Granger led the brainstorming session. Four questions were asked: 1) *What are the values that this community holds that should inform the design of this building, site, and campus?* Answers included environment, affordability, integration with community, sustainability, good and flexible design, educating the whole child. 2) *What are the desired learning outcomes for students for the next fifty years?* Answers included culture, wellbeing of the children, and academics. 3) *What are the needs of this community in the next fifty years that this building, site, and campus should meet?* Ms. Roberts said that the MSBA's standard is to build a project that will last 50 years. The concern about the schools' land being in wetlands will constrain the project. 4) *What are the considerations in promoting community support for this educational project?* The Town needs to be educated about the need for a project, especially since there is an incorrect notion that the 1994 project fixed all the problems. Lincoln residents like to be heard and included in decisions and suggested that they give the nuts and bolts

facts. Mr. Brandmeyer said the assessment of existing conditions will start next week. Mr. Brandmeyer said they need to maintain credibility and transparency.

OMR will find consensus on these questions between the four visioning sessions.

Ms. Glass thanked them, and the audience left.

Mr. Connell left at 9:30 pm.

The School Committee started the remainder of their agenda at 9:40 pm. Ms. Glass, Mr. Sander, Mr. Schmertzler, Mr. Christenfeld, and Ms. James remained.

III. Discussion on Snow Day Calendar 2010-2011

Document: 1) Printed Email Message from Terry Green to Mickey Brandmeyer and Fred Lipton, dated February 7, 2011 RE: Snow Day Survey

Mr. Brandmeyer asked the Committee to reconsider its vote of February 3 on the make up of snow days if they are needed. When he informed the Lincoln Teachers' Association [LTA] about the Committee's vote that April vacation would be used if needed to make up school days, he received a "deer in the headlights" look. The LTA took a survey, and the majority of teachers would rather extend the school year later in June. He noted that Doherty's buses will not be available if they extend the school year. Mr. Creel noted that Doherty's is paid only for the days they actually transport students. Mr. Brandmeyer said there might be a low turnout of students either way. The key is to have the teachers ready to teach on these makeup days; they are not required to have a minimum number of students.

The Committee discussed the pros and cons of having make-up days on Saturdays.

Mr. Sander moved, and Ms. Glass seconded, the motion that if there is more than one snow day between now and March 31, they add Saturday, April 2 as a make-up day, and then look to make up days in April, May, or June to be determined. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. Warrant Approval

Document: None.

Mr. Creel presented the payroll warrants totaling \$588,044.23 and the accounts payable warrants totaling \$179,589.00 for a total of \$767,633.23. Mr. Schmertzler reviewed the warrants and recommended that they be approved. Ms. Glass moved to approve the warrants, with Mr. Sander seconding the motion. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the warrants.

V. Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Schmertzler, seconded by Ms. Glass, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah G. Marcotte
Recording Secretary