

MINUTES OF THE LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 28, 2017
Hartwell Building, Lincoln, MA
OPEN SESSION

Present: Peter Borden (Vice Chairperson), Tim Christenfeld (Chairperson), Tara Mitchell, Jena Salon, Al Schmertzler

I. Greetings and Call to Order

Mr. Christenfeld, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

II. Chairperson's and Members' Reports

Mr. Borden raised a question about how the School Committee policies are reflected in the Student Handbook. Mr. Christenfeld will discuss the question with Dr. McFall and will provide more information.

III. Discussions

A. Policy Review

Ms. Mitchell has updated the spreadsheet that lists all the current policies, sorted by policy code and by date of last review. In the current school year, the School Committee will aim to review 44 of the policies that have not been reviewed since 1984 or 1985. This means that the Committee should conduct a first reading of two or three policies at each meeting. The members will divide the responsibility for preparing each policy for review, and there will be a discussion with Dr. McFall before the first reading of any policy that requires input from a member of the administrative team.

The policy spreadsheet will be posted on Google Docs, and the members will sign up there for specific policies.

B. School Committee Topics

The School Committee plans to dedicate time at four regular meetings during the course of the year to longer discussions of topics of interest to the District. After some discussion, the members agreed that the list of topics would include homework, the math curriculum, and two approaches to innovation in education (possibly including a schoolwide project-based learning focus, and 'a school within a school'). Those discussions will be added to the long-term agenda following a discussion with Dr. McFall.

IV. Warrants

Mr. Schmertzler had reviewed payroll warrants totaling \$1,462,203.24 and accounts payable warrants totaling \$661,306.19 and he recommended that they be approved. Mr. Christenfeld moved to approve the warrants, with Ms. Salon seconding the motion. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the warrants.

V. Adjournment

Mr. Christenfeld made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Salon. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Christenfeld
Chairperson