

**Lincoln Public Schools
Lincoln, Massachusetts**

**THE LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING OF
Wednesday, August 6, 2025
6:55 p.m.**

**Hartwell Multipurpose Room
Hartwell Building
6 Ballfield Road, Lincoln, MA**

Open Working Session Minutes

PRESENT: Jacob Lehrhoff, Kenneth Lepage, Matina Madrick, Abbey Salon, Susan Taylor, Parry Graham (Superintendent). ABSENT: Laurel Wironen (Hanscom Education Representative), Kim Mack (METCO Liaison).

Greetings and Call to Order: Ms. Madrick (Chairperson) called the working session to order at 6:55 pm.

Chairperson and Member Reports:

- Mr. Lehrhoff provided an update on the recent work of the Tri-District Calendar Committee.
- Ms. Taylor reported on plans for the new community center groundbreaking ceremony and discussed learnings from a talk she attended regarding establishing a school artificial intelligence policy.
- Ms. Salon reported on an upcoming event to present a reading of the U.S. Constitution and invited other School Committee members to participate.
- Ms. Madrick provided an update on the interview process for a new AIDE Director and discussed scheduling a professional development session for School Committee members at an upcoming working session.

Public Comment: None.

Superintendent's Report:

- Dr. Graham provided additional information regarding a previously approved donation to the Lincoln Scholarship Fund.
- Dr. Graham reviewed the recent Supreme Court decision in the case of *Mahmoud v. Taylor*, which held that parents have a right to opt their children out of being exposed to curricular materials incorporating LGBTQ+ themes if such materials would substantially interfere with the children's religious development. Dr. Graham indicated that the school district would address this matter by including a statement in the student handbook regarding the opt-out right and providing a form for parents to request to opt their children out with respect to certain curricular materials.

Dr. Graham left the meeting.

School Committee Goals First Reading: The School Committee conducted a first reading of the proposed goals for the School Committee for the 2025-2026 school year. The members of the School Committee discussed the proposed goals and no changes were requested or proposed.

1 2025-2026 School Visits: Ms. Madrick led a discussion of which schools each School Committee
2 member should be assigned to visit during the 2025-2026 school year. After discussion, the
3 following assignments were made:

- 4 • Jake Lehrhoff: Lincoln Pre-School
- 5 • Kenneth Lepage: Hanscom School
- 6 • Matina Madrick: Lincoln 5-8
- 7 • Abbey Salon: Lincoln K-4
- 8 • Susan Taylor: Hanscom Pre-School

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10 Long-Term Agenda Review: Ms. Madrick led a discussion and review of the long-term School
11 Committee agenda. Members of the School Committee discussed and commented on several
12 aspects of the agenda.

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14 Roberts Rules of Order: Ms. Madrick then led a discussion of the use of Roberts Rules of Order
15 at School Committee meetings and whether the School Committee should endeavor to be more
16 formal in its use of the rules. A full discussion ensued, after which it was the consensus of the
17 School Committee that no modifications were currently needed in how the School Committee
18 applied Roberts Rules of Order during its meetings.

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20 Extension of Tri-District Calendar Committee: Ms. Madrick then led a discussion of a proposal
21 to extend the time for the Tri-District Calendar Committee to complete its work in evaluating
22 the current holiday schedules for Lincoln Public Schools, Sudbury Public Schools and Lincoln-
23 Sudbury High School. After discussion, Mr. Lepage motioned to extend the time for the Tri-
24 District Calendar Committee to complete its work until December 15, 2025. Mr. Lehrhoff
25 seconded. All approved. None opposed. The motion passed.

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27 Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes: The School Committee members reviewed the
28 minutes of the open meetings held on May 22, 2025, June 5, 2025 and June 11, 2025 and the
29 working session held on July 17, 2025. No changes to the minutes were requested. Ms. Salon
30 motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Lepage seconded. All approved. None
31 opposed. The motion passed.

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33 Adjournment: Mr. Lehrhoff motioned to adjourn the working session at 8:41 pm. Ms. Salon
34 seconded. All approved. None opposed. The motion passed.

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36 Respectfully submitted,

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38 Ken Lepage
39 School Committee member

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