



# Lincoln School Committee

*Year-In-Review Newsletter  
June 2024*

## Who We Are:

5 voting members elected to staggered 3-year terms, and 2 appointed liaisons representing our Hanscom and METCO communities:

*Matina Madrick, Chair  
Kim Rajdev, Vice Chair  
Yonca Heyse  
Jacob Lehrhoff  
Susan Taylor  
Kim Mack (METCO Liaison)  
Laurel Wironen (Hanscom Liaison)*

## What We Do:

4 Primary areas of responsibility:

1. Establishing and reviewing **POLICIES** of the District
2. Approving and monitoring the school **BUDGET**
3. Oversight of the **SUPERINTENDENT**
4. Employer of Record for **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS**

## 2023 - 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW: KEY ACTIONS OVER THE LAST 9 MONTHS

- Created and approved our Lincoln School Committee [Goals for the 2023-2024](#) year
- Approved the [LPS Strategic Plan for the 2023-2024](#) year
- Participated in a professional development Budget Workshop led by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC)
- Held a Public Hearing on the FY25 Preliminary Budget
- Approved the [FY25 Budget](#)
- Approved all Federal and State Entitlement Grants
- Voted to approve FY25 fees for bus transportation, facility use, instrumental music lessons, athletic activities, and school lunch
- Approved grants for the Collins Center of UMass Boston to review and document our Hanscom Contract and district-wide Financial Processes and Procedures
- Approved the [2024-2025 School Calendar](#)
- Attended a [METCO presentation](#) at METCO Headquarters to learn about the history of the METCO program and received a Lincoln METCO program update
- Approved the Superintendent's [Annual Plan for Evaluation](#)
- Reviewed district administration presentations on [MCAS results](#), [Special Education](#), and [Responsive Classroom / Social Emotional Learning](#)
- Reviewed [School Improvement Plans](#) for all district schools, as well as [end-of-year outcomes](#).

- Participated in collective bargaining for our Education Support Professionals and our Food Services employees
- Reviewed and approved updates to over 60 policies in Sections B, E, F, H, K, and L of the [School Committee Policy Manual](#) to align with Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) guidance and Massachusetts General Law
- Accepted gifts from the following:
  - Lincoln Class of 2023: bench in recognition of retired principal Dr. Sharon Hobbs
  - Boston Business Technology: developing and offering a Financial Capability program to Lincoln and Hanscom students as well as their parents/caregivers
  - Fidelity Charitable: Hanscom Middle School Student Learning Fund
- Reviewed the Superintendent's [mid-cycle progress towards goals](#), and performed a mid-year evaluation of the Superintendent
- Conducted a mid-year review of the School Committee's annual goals
- Conducted the 2023-2024 School Choice Public Hearing, voted to decline participation in the School Choice Program for 2024-2025 school year
- Reviewed the Superintendent's [Entry Plan Findings](#)
- Approved the [LEAP license of Pod C](#) for the 2024-2025 school year
- Appointed the Superintendent to the Board of Directors of the CASE Collaborative
- Reviewed the [Hanscom Contract Review](#) issued by the Collins Center of UMass Boston
- Reviewed the revised AIDE Plan which will become our AIDE Guide going forward (link to [draft AIDE Guide](#))
- Created a year-end newsletter
- Conducted a review of all Warrants
- Work as liaisons with several Town committees, including: Capital Planning Committee, Community Center Building Committee, Finance Committee, Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Antiracism (IDEA) Committee, Lincoln Housing Choice Act Working Group, Lincoln 250 Planning Committee, Lincoln Council on Aging and Human Services

### WHAT'S AHEAD

- Continue to review and update school policies
- Perform a year-end evaluation of the Superintendent, consistent with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) guidelines
- Approval of Lincoln School Foundation (LSF) grants for the 2024-2025 school year
- Assign responsibility to work through recommendations from the Collins Center Report on Hanscom Contract
- Establish School Committee summer working session dates, to perform School Committee year-end self-evaluation and initial goal-setting for 2024-2025

### CONTACT INFORMATION

- Please visit the [Lincoln School Committee website](#) for contact information and the meeting schedule.