

Lincoln School District Board Meeting Minutes - DRAFT
July 14, 2022, 9:30AM-12PM
Lincoln Town Office

This was an in-person and virtual meeting.

Present: Board members Paul Forlenza (PF), Abby Reynolds (AR), Jen Oldham (JO)

Also attending: Su White, Sally Ober, Jeanne Albert, Mary Beth Childs, Andrew Furtsch, Karen Lueders

Item	Topic	Action Taken
	Called to Order at 9:35 am by Chair, Jen Oldham Note Taker: Sally Ober	
1.	Public Comment none, no changes to the agenda.	
2.	<p>Operational Decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review and approve minutes from 7/7/2022 - Approve the following policies to be posted on the website for 10 days before a vote: 1) Public Comment and Participation (Paul to bring revised version) 2) Board Conflict of Interest (Abby to bring revised version) 3) Community Engagement and Vision (Abby to bring revised version) 4) Substitute Teachers (required by the state B1) 5) Volunteers and Work Study Students (Required B2)) 6) Personnel Recruitment, Selection, Appointment, and Background Checks (recommended by state—B20) VSBA POLICIES HERE - Designate an official newspaper for posting notices. We will probably have to post the warning for the special August School District meeting in the paper. 	<p>PF motion to approve minutes from 7/7/22, passed with no changes.</p> <p>Discussion of policies. Public comment- was reduced from 5 min. per individual, to Chair discretion. More edits were made by <u>Paul</u> who will send the revised policy for review for next week.</p> <p>Community Engagement & Vision - was revised to remove language about strategic planning. <u>Abby</u> will revise and share.</p> <p>Volunteer & Work Study Policy - <u>Abby</u> will revise to make gender neutral.</p> <p>Substitute teachers Policy- Superintendent is mentioned in many of these, and policies should be agreed on with Ripton. <u>Abby</u> will reach out to Ripton, to see what they have adopted. There was some uncertainty about which policies are needed now and which are needed when we become operational. <u>ALL</u> will read these revised policies in preparation for next meeting.</p>

		AR motion to designate the <i>Addison Independent</i> newspaper as official place to post notices. Passed.
3.	<p>Preparing for special meeting to elect additional members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discuss transition budget and method of funding - Confirm date and time for special meeting, confirm moderator - Review draft warning from Paul 	<p>Action: Paul did not draft this warning but Sally indicated that this needs to be approved and warned before next week’s meeting, so an emergency meeting was scheduled for Friday morning. <u>Sally</u> will post the agenda. <u>Sally and Paul</u> will draft a warning. Agenda items are to elect a moderator, expand the board, elect new members for two-year terms, designate date of annual meeting, & transitional budget. <u>Sally</u> will post the warning once it is finalized. <u>Paul or Jeanne</u> will calculate the impact on taxes, and find out how/when this gets billed and collected. <u>Paul</u> has reached out to Todd Goodyear about running for Moderator, but hasn’t heard back yet.</p> <p>Discussion of how money can be obtained: loan from the Town, fundraising, special assessment. Paul will organize a meeting with Bill Finger, Van Talmage, Jeanne Albert, and Larry Masterson for July 19 to discuss money options prior to next Selectboard meeting.</p>
4.	Discussion of late summer community event/fundraising (<i>depending on attendees</i>)	Save Community Schools is meeting later today to talk about this.
5.	<p>Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SU working group - Search Committee working group - Exit Agreement status 	<p>Exit Agreement- Patrick Reen will put this on the agenda for August MAUSD meeting. Jen has no update from legal counsel. Concern about Ron’s ability to provide the support we need, and we may consider designating certain tasks for other attorneys. Cost is a concern. <u>Paul</u> will bring this up at next Selectboard meeting. Perhaps Benj Putnam can help?</p>

		<p>SU update-Ripton is going before the SBE on July 20 and is fine tuning their proposal. The biggest concern is cost of being an independent district vs. being placed in an existing one. Ripton still has an “off ramp” option to rejoin ACSD district if things don’t work out.</p> <p>Search Committee-Abby will follow up next week.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Responding to Parent Requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letter from parent regarding early start to Kindergarten - Non-resident parent request to attend LCS <p>*Paul to recap discussion with parent and Tory</p> <p>*Abby to share policies that govern this in ACSD and CVSD</p>	<p>Action:</p> <p>We need a policy about taking tuitioned students from other towns and about students starting K earlier than age 5. Further discussion postponed to next meeting. <u>Abby</u> has some information about laws on these topics, <u>Paul</u> will share email re: tuitioning students to LCS. Su made a point that pre-K and K funding have specific date requirements.</p> <p><u>Inviting Chris from Addison-Rutland District and Deirdre from LCS to talk about process for negotiating contracts.</u> We need help understanding new legislation.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Responding to Dan French email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion and next steps 	<p>Sec. Dan French advised Lincoln & Ripton to continue working toward forming our own Supervisory Union, and offered assistance toward structure modeling. Outcome of Starksboro ratification vote and merger votes have a lot of bearing on how this plays out. Dan French wants to meet again to discuss merger after the July 20 SBE meeting. Lincoln has told the SBE that we don’t want to be an advisory district and we don’t plan to vote on the merger because Lincoln voters –by virtue of their vote to withdraw -- have already indicated they aren’t interestd. If</p>

		<p>10% of our voters petition, we would have to vote on the merger. French indicated that there was precedent for getting a legislative appropriation from the emergency finance committee. This was done by the Windsor SW supervisory union. Paul will share a letter he has drafted but this should not sub for requesting money from the town, but could parallel it.</p>
	<p>Adjourned at 12:40 pm after Paul's motion and unanimous approval.</p>	<p>Major items for next meeting: *Figure out funding for transition budget *Plan event to share information with Town Scheduled for July 29, SCS will work on this and fundraising question. *Negotiating teacher contracts. Invite NEA representative *Exit agreement- Need to push for engagement with Ron Shems/Rick Lowe. *Policies *Warning of July 18 special LSD meeting to expand the board.</p>