

Draft Minutes: Lincoln School District Board Meeting Agenda
July 7, 2022, 9:30AM-12PM
Lincoln Town Office

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Attendance: In person: Paul Forlenza (LSD), Abby Reynolds (LSD), Coco Moseley (SCS), Su White (SCS), Jeanne Albert (SCS), Christie Sumner -9:48 (SCS), Andrew Furtsch (SCS)- 9:51
 Zoom: Jen Oldham (departure at 11:34)(LSD), Tory Riley (LSC), Sally Ober (Lincoln Town Clerk)

Agenda:

Item	Time	Topic	Action Taken
	9:30am	Call to Order: 9:37 Note Taker: Coco Moseley	Call to order by JO at 9:37
1.	9:35	Public Comment: No Public Comment	Action:
2.	9:50	Operational Decisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review and approve minutes from 6/29/22 if needed - Follow up on meeting protocols related to public comment and discussion of major items: <i>PF drafted a policy on public comment. Written to allow for maximum public comment in a workable format. Draft of public comment policy here. AR suggests naming and inviting public comment in advance of an action being taken and to encourage the policy of the board to include public comment as part of the vision for how we want to engage with the community. SW suggests including who is invited to give public comment. PF will revise the draft of the Public Comment Policy and bring it to the next meeting.</i> Review and vote on adoption of policies related to board operations (recommended by VSBA): 1) public participation at school board meetings	Action: JO motions to approve the 6/29 minutes. AR and PF in favor. Minutes approved.

		<p>(A21) 2) community engagement and vision (A23) found here. <i>AR recommends focusing on the community engagement and vision policy. Seeks community input to establish a vision. Board approves the policy, warns for 10 days and then adopts.</i></p> <p>Update on other recommended policies related to board operations: non-discrimination, board/superintendent relations, board meetings/agenda preparation/distribution. <i>JO tabled for further discussion.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Email addresses follow up from 6/29 <i>Green Mtn Access cannot add new emails until August 2022. Adopt one gmail address as a placeholder lincolnvtschoolboard@gmail.com until individual accounts are established. SO will set up a gmail account and share with LSD board members.</i> - <i>Website: SO drafted Lincoln School District homepage for the Town of Lincoln website. PF suggested leaving LSD Treasurer TBD. JA suggests changing <u>MAUSD will assume sole to MAUSD will continue to be responsible to.</u></i> 	<p>AR motions to approve the <i>Community Engagement and Vision</i> policy with amendments to include Lincoln School District. JO and PF in favor. Motion approved.</p>
3.	10:00 (moved to 11:45)	<p>Preparing for special meeting to elect additional members: <i>*JA (not on agenda) shared provision on establishing a negotiations council for governing the transition of staff from a former union district to a new district. AR suggests appointing this council after the board is expanded to 5 members. PF suggests contacting a union representative to discuss this provision.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discuss transition budget and method of funding - Confirm date and time for special meeting: Thursday, 8/18 @ 6:30 Special LSD Meeting to expand the LSD Board to 5 members, accept nominations and vote from the floor & approve the transitional budget. Meeting needs to be warned by 7/20. - Draft the warning for the meeting 	<p>Action: PF motions that subject to town voters' approval, the plan to expand the Lincoln School District Board from 3 to 5 members. AR seconds. Motion approved.</p>

		<p><i>PF will draft the warning for the Special meeting for approval at the next LSD board meeting. PF will ask Town Moderator Todd Goodyear to moderate the meeting. JA reports that the terms for these two additional seats are two years, with one expiring in March 2023 to run for election again in March 2023.</i></p>	
4.	10:30	<p>Advisable District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update from lawyers around advisable district status - Discussion and decision <i>PF/AF: Clear mandate from the town of Lincoln to keep LCS open and any merger does not guarantee that LCS remains open for the long term.</i> <i>SO: Any vote would be confusing to the Lincoln voters and has no bearing on whether the merger is approved or not.</i> <i>JA: Does not think it is necessary to warn a vote in Lincoln.</i> <i>CS: Will we let the town know why we are not voting on the merger?</i> - Determine next steps <i>The LSD Board will communicate to the MSC that based on our understanding of an advisable district, we do not want to be listed as an advisable district. We accept that we are a stand-alone school district.</i> - <i>The LSD Board will also communicate to the Lincoln voters that we will not be voting on the MAUSD/ANWSD merger & the Starksboro ratification vote.</i> - <i>SO offers to draft the message to voters on behalf of the LSD board for discussion and approval at next week's board meeting.</i> 	

3.	11:00	<p>Exit Agreement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on status of exit agreement based on meeting lawyers the previous week <i>JO met with lawyers on Wednesday and had to reschedule the meeting with Dina on Thursday. JO will follow up on the status of the meeting with Dina</i> - Discuss next steps <i>Goal to get an Exit Agreement on the November ballot in the MAUSD district. Exit Agreement must be approved by early September in order to meet the voting deadlines and coordinate with the federal November election. MAUSD will be asked to approve the Exit Agreement by the 8/16 MAUSD Board Retreat. SO believes MAUSD warns and distributes ballots. JA & KL suggests we confirm the mechanism used to warn and vote on the Exit Agreement with our legal counsel. JO will ask our lawyers what their interpretation is of the voting process for the Exit Agreement and what statute we are operating under for this Exit Agreement election.</i> 	Action:
5.	11:30	<p>Ripton Working Groups (if time)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Budget <i>JA met with consultant Brittany Gilman who has prepared budgets for Ripton, Lincoln and the SU. JA continues to track down budget items that need more refined calculations, such as combined roles for the Superintendent and Special Education.</i> -Ripton Status <i>JA explains that Ripton will need to submit a progress report with additional steps to the State Board, as they are governed under the new statute and the RSD has engaged their consultant to draft the report for the State Board. Many of the items speak to the progress of setting up the Mountain SU. Other consultants</i> 	Action:

		<p><i>will testify to the viability of the Mountain SU in the progress report. PF suggests including a letter of LSD support for the Mountain SU.</i></p> <p><i>-SU</i></p> <p><i>JO drafted a letter to Secretary French with a request for direct information on the formation of the Mountain SU and will solicit board member feedback.</i></p> <p><i>-Search</i></p> <p><i>JO suggests soliciting letters of interest for the superintendent positions. JO asked Ripton to appoint members to a search committee and LSD will appoint LCS Principal Tory Riley, Jim Warnock and board member Abby Reynolds on the Mountain SU superintendent search.</i></p>	
	12:00	<p>End: 12:00 PM AR motions to adjourn meeting. PF approves. Meeting Adjourned.</p>	<p>Major items for the next meeting: Transitional Budget.</p>