

LISBON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Lisbon, Connecticut

Board of Education Minutes
Monday, November 25, 2013
Regular Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: R. Baah (Chair), M. Krauss, J. Jencks, J. Danburg, M. Danieluk, M. Avery, I. Rogers, J. Lewerk

Board Members Absent: R. Rogers (with notification)

Administrators Present: S. Keating (Superintendent), M. Jenkins (Principal), D. Cormier (Business Manager)

Administrators Absent: L. Slocum (Special Education Director) (with notification)

Student Ambassadors Present: L. LePage

Student Ambassadors Absent: S. Way

Others: J. McCloud, S. Brown, S. Kaminsky

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair R. Baah called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by the Student Ambassador

4. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

MOTION: M. Krauss moved to nominate R. Baah as Board of Education Chairman. I. Rogers seconded.

VOTE: Yes – R. Baah, M. Krauss, J. Lewerk, J. Jencks, J. Danburg, I. Rogers, M. Avery
No – M. Danieluk

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: I. Rogers moved to nominate M. Krauss as Board of Education Vice-Chair. J. Jencks seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: R. Baah moved to nominate J. Jencks as Board of Education Secretary. I. Rogers seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

R. Baah informed the Board he received a letter from A. Dolliver of Norwich Public Schools regarding a meeting on December 11th.

7. **LISBON CENTRAL SCHOOL STUDENT AMBASSADORS REPORT**

L. LePage reported that the 7th grade students are studying culture in Social Studies and just finished their Tic-Tac-Toe reports in Spanish. They are also studying viruses in Science.

8. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: I. Rogers moved to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2013 Regular Board of Education Meeting as presented; M. Krauss seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

9. ADMINISTRATORS' / SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a) M. Jenkins discussed Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) testing and related issues. She shared an informational letter that was sent home to parents/guardians. M. Jenkins also stated that by 2015 the assessment will be computer adaptive.
- b) S. Keating informed the Board that L. Slocum has met with D. Yellen to address transition issues. She will also meet with him December 2nd, 3rd and 4th.
- c) D. Cormier discussed the timeline for development of the 2014 – 2015 education budget
- d) S. Keating read a report from Mr. Brian McGlew with regards to maintenance. Mark Granville from The Brooks Environmental Company out of Norwalk, CT was here recently to conduct a visual asbestos inspection. No issues were found. Well number two was retested last week and it has come back with a clean bill of health. There will be one more test before it goes back into service just for precautionary measures. This Tuesday, the East Coast Asset Recover, LLC out of Waterbury, CT, will be here to remove approximately 70 PCs, a few monitors and some broken printers that CCAT has deemed trash. The company removes the old equipment at no charge and gives us a certificate stating that the hard drives were properly destroyed. S. Keating discussed the recent Regional Professional Development Day and the variety of topics that were available to staff. S. Keating also discussed a revision to Policy #5141.25 – Students – Students with Special Health Care Needs. She notified the teachers of the revision on PD Day. A letter to parents of students with special health care needs has been developed regarding the revision. Policy Committee members will review the letter.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: I. Rogers moved to approve the monthly expenditures for October 2013, Fiscal Year 2013-2014 in the amount of \$614,482.89; J. Lewerk seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: I. Rogers moved to approve the financial statement for September 2013, Fiscal Year 2013-2014 as presented by the Administration; J. Lewerk seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

11. NEW BUSINESS / OLD BUSINESS

- a) Committee List Appointments – The list of appointments to committees was reviewed and updated.
- b) 2014 Schedule of Board of Education Meetings – The Board reviewed the proposed schedule of meetings which has to be filed with the Town Clerk not later than December 1, 2013.

MOTION: I. Rogers moved to approve the 2014 Schedule of Board of Education meetings as presented. J. Lewerk seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

- c) Presentation / Discussion re: Science Symposium Field Trip and Possible Action – Mr. Steve Brown gave a brief overview of the Science Symposium Field Trip and asked the Board for direction on whether the trip will take place. The Board voted at the last meeting to approve up to \$3000 to cover alternative one day field trips in lieu of the overnight Florida Environmental Symposium. S. Keating commented that there is a possibility that Lisbon can still participate in the Symposium through video conferencing. This option is still being investigated.
- d) Discussion re: School Performance Index (SPI) and District Performance Index (DPI). S. Keating and M. Jenkins presented information regarding the performance indexes and their definitions. The recent scores have not been released to the public yet, therefore, more information will follow at the December Board Meeting.

- e) Discussion re: Amendment to Policy #1316 – Community Relations – Relations between Public and School Personnel and Possible Action – This policy was approved at the last Board Meeting pending attorney review. Our attorney has concerns regarding the policy. Discussion was held. The Board tabled this item until further clarification is received by the attorney.
- f) Discussion re: Award of School Security Grant – S. Keating updated the Board. Lisbon received \$57,867, and the State funding is \$34,721 leaving \$23,146 for the local match. S. Keating reviewed some of the items that were requested in the Grant.
- g) Discussion re: Award of Technology Grant – S. Keating updated the Board. Lisbon received \$98,808. There will be a meeting with CCAT to discuss options pending the packet from the State outlining how to spend the money.
- h) Discussion re: NFA Contract Negotiations and Possible Action – S. Keating updated the Board on the status of the contract. Attorney Mooney will be working with Lisbon on this issue.
- i) Discussion re: Strategy with Respect to Collective Bargaining and Pending Claims

MOTION: J. Lewerk moved to move Agenda Item #11(i) Discussion re: Strategy with Respect to Collective Bargaining and Pending Claims to Executive Session to be held at the end of the Board meeting after Agenda Item #15 Public Comment. I. Rogers seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Lisbon Policy Subcommittee Year End Report
Lisbon Hot Lunch Committee Year End Report

13. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – None

14. NEXT AGENDA PLANNING – Policy #1316 – Community Relations – Relations between Public and School Personnel
Update re: NFA Contract

15. PUBLIC COMMENT – J. McCloud recommended that the Board of Finance be briefed as to the issues with NFA (when appropriate)

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:05 pm

The Board ended Executive Session @ 9:37 pm

No motions were made and no votes were taken during Executive Session.

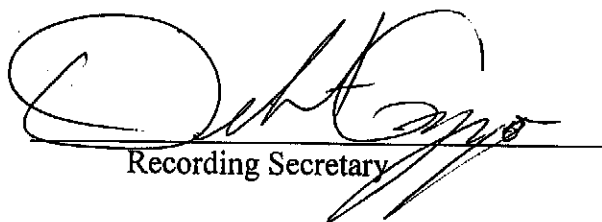
16. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: J. Lewerk moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 p.m.; M. Krauss seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,



Recording Secretary

Approved

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CT ON 11/27/13 AT 10:25 am
ATTEST. LAURIE TIROCCHI, TOWN CLERK
Maryanne Wakely, asst