

LISBON

April 16, 2012

The regular meeting of the Lisbon Board of Education was held on Monday, April 16, 2012 and was called to order by Chairman, R. Baah at 6:30 pm.

Members Present: R. Baah, M. Krauss, R. Rogers, J. Marshall, J. Lewerk, M. Burelle, P. Allyn, I. Rogers, J. Jencks

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: S. Keating, B. Austin, L. Slocum, K. Graves, D. Cormier

Administrators Absent: None

Student Ambassadors Present: K. Hong, B. Cormier, S. Way

Student Ambassadors Absent: None

Others: M. Jenkins, T. Maynard, K. Restivo

The Student Ambassadors led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: None

Lisbon Central School Ambassadors Report:

K. Hong reported that the 8th grade students are learning about magnetism in Science. In Spanish their vocabulary list is names of food. The students are learning about the Holocaust in Language Arts. In Social Studies, they are learning about battles of the Civil War and in Math they are working on radical expressions. The students in Environmental Club are preparing their speeches for their trip to Florida.

B. Cormier reported the 7th grade students have just finished their research papers in Language Arts and are getting ready to present their thesis statement to the class. In Science, they just finished learning about the cell process and how it divides into new cells. In Math the students just finished changing metric units into bigger/smaller units. The students are learning about the middle ages and preparing for the Medieval Times field trip. B. Cormier reported that track season is underway and the first meet is this Thursday versus Griswold.

S. Way reported that the Bone Wars contest is over and the 6th grade students are now learning about the digestive system. In Social Studies, the students are learning about the Middle East. M. LaFemina gave a presentation to the students about his time in the Middle East. Rates and ratios are being taught in Math and in Language Arts, the students are learning about black frontiersmen.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by M. Krauss to approve minutes of March 19, 2012 Board of Education Meeting as presented. Seconded by J. Lewerk. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Administrators' / Superintendent's Report:

- a) B. Austin reported that the PTO constructed a cement patio for our PK and K students as they wait for the busses when they are leaving school. Now as they board the busses they will not be muddy. The patio is out by the front circle of the school under the three benches. J. Dempsey did a great job. There

was a recent article in the Norwich Bulletin regarding C. Weber, (LCS Student) volunteering some hours during the Spring Break at the Senior Center repotting plants for the seniors. C. Weber stated that it gave him a chance to get out of the house. B. Austin reported that he attended a workshop on April 10th with K. Graves relating to sexual harassment prevention training. Shipman and Goodwin presented. He reported that it is important that he not only needs to protect the students and staff but also the Board of Education from liability. The LCS SRBI Coordinator, M. Jenkins, booked a puppet show called The Amazing Life Cycle of the Butterfly for Friday, May 25th at 1:55 pm. Students in grades K through 3 are invited to attend. Life Cycles are in the science curriculum for grades 1 and 2. K. Kompare, a former LCS student, was recently inducted into the National Honor Society at the Arts at the Capital Theatre, known as ACT. She is currently a junior at ACT. On May 3rd, an interactive family fitness program intended for PK to grade 3 students will be held at the school. These students will be asked to participate in a Fun Family Fitness event from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. This activity is made possible through the Graustein Memorial Fund/Discovery Lisbon.

- b) K. Graves discussed the AP English Literature course offered at CCHS. She also informed the Board that graduation will be held on June 18th and there will be one student graduating.
- c) L. Slocum discussed Child Find, a developmental screening process. It will be held on May 11, 2012 from 12:00 – 3:00 pm.
- d) D. Cormier discussed with the board 2011 – 2012 budget projections.
- e) S. Keating stated that B. McGlew reported that A.L. Fire Protection came in and tested the sprinkler system over vacation and no problems were found. Associated Electronics was also here over vacation to work on the fire alarm panel. The panel was reporting a problem that would not clear. After trouble shooting, they found a problem in the NAC panel that takes care of the Media Center. A horn/strobe device located in the courtyard had gone bad. They are going to order a new one and replace it. The Brooks Environmental Company was also here to do a quarterly visit. They oversee asbestos building management. They did a walk through and inspected the building and all was good. S. Keating informed the Board that the Superintendent's Award Dinner will be held on May 21st @ 5:00 pm. She shared with the Board the criteria the Jr. High Staff use when nominating students.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by I. Rogers to approve monthly expenditures for March 2012, Fiscal Year 2011-2012 in the amount of \$599,154.33. Seconded by P. Allyn. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by I. Rogers to approve the financial statement for March 2012, Fiscal Year 2011-2012 as presented. Seconded by J. Lewerk. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

New Business / Old Business:

- a) Full Day Kindergarten proposal and Presentation – S. Keating, B. Austin, L. Slocum, M. Jenkins and T. Maynard provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the consideration of full day kindergarten at LCS.
- b) Superintendent's Recommendation for Non-Renewal of Non-Tenure Teachers in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. 10-151 et seq. (Budget Related) – S. Keating informed the Board that prior to April Break, notice was given to two non-tenured teachers that she was recommending to the Board at the April 16, 2012 Board of Education meeting that their contract of employment not be renewed for the 2012-2013 school year for budget related reasons.

Motion by I. Rogers to move that the contracts of employment of K. Hunter and A. Vallandingham not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2011-2012 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise such persons in writing of this action. Seconded by J. Jencks. Yes – J. Marshall, M. Krauss, J. Lewerk, I. Rogers, J. Jencks, R. Baah. No – R. Rogers, M. Burelle, P. Allyn. Motion carried.

- c) Discussion and Approval of 2012 – 2013 School Calendar – The Board reviewed a draft of the 2012 – 2013 school calendar. Discussion was held.

Motion by I. Rogers to adopt the 2012 – 2013 school calendar as presented by Administration with February 19th designated as a possible make-up day. Seconded by J. Marshall. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

- d) Update/Discussion regarding 2012 – 2013 Board of Education Budget – R. Baah, D. Cormier and S. Keating gave a brief summary of the status of the budget. Discussion was also held regarding the possibility of increasing PK tuition to help offset budget costs. This agenda item was tabled until the next Board of Education meeting.

- e) Contact Negotiations

Motion by M. Krauss to move Agenda Item #9(e) Contract Negotiations to Executive Session, following Agenda Item #13 Public Comment. Seconded by J. Marshall. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Committee Report: None.

Additions to the Agenda: None

Next Agenda Planning: Legislative Wrap-Up

Public Comments:

K. Restivo – stated that children attend school with a wide variety of skills. The State is expecting more from students at a younger age and full day kindergarten would help address the skills that students need to master before moving onto 1st grade.

Motion by M. Burelle to enter into executive session and to invite D. Cormier, K. Graves, and S. Keating to discuss Agenda Item #9(e) Contract Negotiations. Seconded by I. Rogers. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

The Board entered into executive session at 7:50 pm.

The Board ended executive session at 8:31 pm.

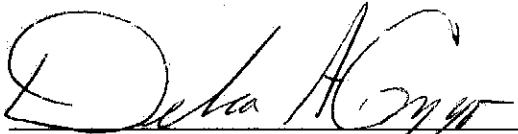
No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

Motion by M. Krauss to allow S. Keating to pursue a cooperative facilities usage arrangement pending attorney consultation. Seconded by J. Jencks. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by I. Rogers to adjourn. Seconded by J. Jencks. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Recording Secretary

Approved

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