# LISBON BOARD OF EDUCATION Lisbon, Connecticut

# **Board of Education Minutes** Monday, August 20, 2012 Regular Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** 

R. Baah (Chair), J. Jencks, M. Krauss, P. Allyn, J. Marshall, I, Rogers, J. Lewerk,

R. Rogers, M. Burelle

Board Members Absent:

None

Administrators Present:

S. Keating (Superintendent), B. Austin (LCS Principal), K. Graves (CCHS Director).

D. Cormier (Business Manager), L. Slocum (Special Education Director)

Administrators Absent:

None

Student Ambassadors Present: B. Cormier, S. Way

Student Ambassadors Absent:

None

Others: J. McCloud, J. Landry, M. Landry, S. McCabe, A. Starr, D. Starr, T. Hayes, K. Gleason, M. Danieluk, J. Potts

- 1. CALL TO ORDER Chair R. Bash called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- ROLL CALL
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by the Student Ambassadors

# PUBLIC COMMENT

- J. McCloud (108 Papermill Road) Complimented the Board with regards to the new track and asked when the swings would be replaced and also the hours the track would be available to the public during the school day.
- J. Landry (166 Newent Road) Read a letter to the Board that she sent to R. Baah regarding a complaint about student's record and program, and the Special Education Director.
- M. Landry (166 Newent Road) Continued reading the letter from J. Landry,
- S. McCabe (175 Kimball Road) Finished reading the letter from J. Landry.
- A. Starr (15 Laurier Lane) Read a letter to the Board regarding implementation of student's program and staffing concern.
- D. Starr (15 Laurier Lane) Finished reading the letter.
- T. Hayes (38 Preston Allen Road) Asked for clarification on the Dress and Grooming Policy with regards to athletic wear.
- K. Gleason (145 Mell Road) Also asked for clarification with regards to athletic wear and also why flip flops are acceptable footwear.
- M. Danieluk (40 Newent Road) Asked the Board for a copy of their bylaws and meeting protocol.

5. <u>LISBON CENTRAL SCHOOL STUDENT AMBASSADORS REPORT:</u>

There were no reports from the student ambassadors.

#### 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:

M. Krauss moved to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2012 Regular Board of Education Meeting as

presented; J. Marshall seconded.

VOTE:

**UNANIMOUS** 

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION:

I. Rogers moved to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2012 Special Board of Education Meeting as

presented; J. Lewerk seconded.

VOTE:

**UNANIMOUS** 

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION:

J. Lewerk moved to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2012 Special Board of Education Meeting

with the correction that P. Allyn was not present, I. Rogers seconded.

VOTE:

UNANIMOUS:

**MOTION CARRIED** 

# 7. ADMINISTRATORS' / SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a) B. Austin reported that the school is ready for the staff to return and can't wait for the students to fill the hallways. This is his 38th year in education and he is as excited as he was when he started in 1974. In a meeting with the PTO, B. Austin thought it was a good idea to have a gathering of parents earlier than our usual Open House. Therefore, there will be a "Meet the Staff" night on August 27th (rain date August 28th). It will be held in the back of the school by the Community Track from 5:00 pm 7:00 pm. The staff seemed to like the idea and if it works out well this year, we might continue it in the future. There will be three gradual students who will be doing their student teaching here at LCS. They will be with Mrs. Riotte, Mrs. Apperson and Ms. Shogren. Student teaching runs for 10 weeks. Smartboards and eno boards are being installed. We have a total of 24 boards throughout the school. Picture day will be held on September 12th. Mr. Farrell has volunteered his services to run the event. B. Austin reported that the 2012 graduation at NFA was held on June 15th. There were 42 award recipients from Lisbon. Lastly, Dr. Keri Lindell Wallace was on the news this morning discussing why children should be vaccinated and answered questions pertaining to keeping children safe and healthy during the school year. Keri was one of B. Austin's students when he came to Lisbon 25 years ago.
- b) K. Graves reported that CCHS will start the 2012-2013 school year with 20 students. She updated the Board with regards to new staff and the new location of CCHS.
- c) L. Slocum discussed Lisbon's report regarding Connecticut's State Performance Plan. The Lisbon School District was rated on 20 indicators in relation to the implementation of IDEA and that Lisbon scored as Meets Requirements.
- d) D. Cormier discussed the ED001 (end of the Year School Report) and its various schedules.
- e) S. Keating read a report from Brian McGlew with regards to maintenance. The custodial staff has worked very hard this summer through some of the hottest days we have seen in a long time. They are now focusing on getting the hallway floors completed and some last minute odds and ends. Some of the projects that have taken place this summer have been: upgrade and replace classroom door hardware in junior high, new clock system throughout the building, new sinks in the fourth grade boys and girls bathrooms as well as in the locker rooms off of the gym, new wireless controlled LED scoreboard in the gym and a new sound system to be installed next week, front entrance makeover, completion of card key system, and new exterior doors leading to the track. S. Keating also reported on Professional Development plans for August 27th and August 28th for the teachers. August 27th will focus on the new CT Accountability System and Classroom

Collaboration. August 28<sup>th</sup> will focus on Teacher Evaluation and SmartBoard Training. S. Keating also reported that she attended a meeting with B. Austin that was provided by Commissioner of Education Pryor and his staff regarding the new CT Accountability System. Mrs. Keating also mentioned that CMT results will be discussed in September and that LCS made good gains.

#### 8. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION:

M. Krauss moved to approve the monthly expenditures for June 2012, Fiscal Year 2011-2012 in the amount of \$1,046,382.56; I. Rogers seconded.

VOTE:

**UNANIMOUS** 

**MOTION CARRIED** 

MOTION:

J. Marshall moved to approve the monthly expenditures for July 2012, Fiscal Year 2011-2012 in the amount of \$38,433.90; J. Lewerk seconded.

VOTE:

**UNANIMOUS** 

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION:

I. Rogers moved to approve the monthly expenditures for July 2012, Fiscal Year 2012-2013 in the amount of \$168,582.87; M. Burelle seconded.

VOTE:

**UNANIMOUS** 

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION:

M. Krauss moved to approve the financial statement for June 2012 and July 2012, Fiscal Year 2011-2012 as presented by the Administration; J. Lewerk seconded

VOTE:

**UNANIMOUS** 

**MOTION CARRIED** 

MOTION:

I. Rogers moved to approve the financial statement for July 2012, Fiscal Year 2012-2013 as presented by the Administration; J. Lewerk seconded.

VOTE:

**UNANIMOUS** 

MOTION CARRIED

### 9. NEW BUSINESS / OLD BUSINESS

a) Amendment to Policy 5132 Students - Dress and Grooming - The Board discussed amending this policy to include athletic wear under standards of acceptable dress for pants and shorts.

MOTION:

J. Lewerk moved to approve the amendment to Policy 5132 <u>Students</u> – Dress and Grooming as discussed; P. Allyn seconded.

VOTE:

**UNANIMOUS** 

MOTION CARRIED

b) Discussion regarding Property Casualty Insurance and Other Relevant Information – Our insurance agent, Chris Wardrop, was present at the meeting to answer any follow-up questions that the Board might have.

**MOTION:** 

J. Lewerk moved to move Agenda Item #9(c) Discussion regarding Memorandum on Health Insurance and Liability Issues and #9(d) Discussion regarding Confidential Student Record to Executive Session to be held at the end of the Board meeting after Agenda Item #13; I. Rogers seconded.

VOTE:

**UNANIMOUS** 

MOTION CARRIED

# 10. <u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>

The Negotiations Committee has a meeting on Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> with the LEA

# 11. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - None

### 12. NEXT AGENDA PLANNING - Dress Code for Staff

### 13. PUBLIC COMMENT

- J. Potts (24 Newent Road) stated her disgust regarding the actions of the Board in relation to Public Comment.
- J. McCloud (108 Papermill Road) commented on possible issues that might come up with regards to the Dre and Grooming Policy.
- J. Landry (166 Newent Road) expressed her disappointment regarding the actions of the Board in relation to her complaint.
- M. Danieluk (40 Newent Road) asked the Board how many days they have to answer the public comment questions and also she would like to know the answers to the questions raised about the Community Track.

MOTION:

I. Rogers to move to enter into Executive Session and to invite B. Austin, D. Cormier and S. Keating to discuss Agenda Item 9(c) Discussion regarding Memorandum on Health Insurance and Liability Issues and #9(d) Discussion regarding Confidential Student Record; J. Marshall seconded.

VOTE:

UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

The Board entered into executive session at 7:54pm.

The Board ended Executive session at 9:35 pm.

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

#### 14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

M. Burelle moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m.; J. Marshall seconded.

VOTE:

**UNANIMOUS** 

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved

RECEIVED FOR RECORD AT LISBON ALTEST. LAURIE TIROCCHI, TOWN CLERK