

The regular meeting of the Lisbon Board of Education was held on Monday, September 19, 2011 and was called to order by Chairman, R. Baah at 6:30 pm.

Members Present: M. Burelle, R. Rogers, R. Baah, M. Krauss, R. Browne, I. Rogers, S. McCabe, J. Marshall,
(L. Herring-Sylvestre – arrived @ 7:50 pm)

Members Absent: None

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

Administrators Absent: None

Student Ambassadors Present: K. Hong, B. Cormier

Student Ambassadors Absent: None

Others: B. McGlew, M. Jenkins, N. Nelson, S. Brown, M. Mlyniec, J. McCloud, J. Benjamin

The Student Ambassadors led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: None

Lisbon Central School Ambassadors Report:

K. Hong reported that in Language Arts, the students were given their first book report assignment and the genre is a graphic novel. In Social Studies, they are learning about US History. The students in Environmental Symposium have finished the composter and have started the boxtops. The 8th grade students have Health class, which is new, and are off to a great start. SLAP permission forms have been handed out for students to sign up. In Science, the students are studying bridge designs and what makes them work.

B. Cormier reported that in Language Arts the students are starting short stories and learning how to summarize them. In Science, they are starting the owl pellet dissection. The students have learned their ABCs, a couple of phrases and all the countries in Spanish. The Yankee Candle Fundraiser has started.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by M. Krauss to approve minutes of August 15, 2011 Board of Education Meeting as presented. Seconded by M. Burelle. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Administrators' / Superintendent's Report:

- a) B. Austin reported that considering the earthquake and hurricane, the start of the school year has been smooth. The consultant for our new reading program "Reading Street" will be at LCS on September 27th to give training to our teachers and to answer any questions they may have. There will be two more consultant days planned for our teachers over the course of the school year. The PTO has purchased four benches that will be placed in the circle for the students to sit on while waiting for the busses. The lower grade students will be using them mostly. Open House is an important event and because of the storm it has been rescheduled for September 20th from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. At 7:30 pm there will be a special meeting for 8th grade parents to discuss the Boston trip. B. Austin stated that the first Code of Conduct assembly will be held on September 23rd with the entire school. The assemblies will be held every other month. There will be a kickball game on September 30th between the Lisbon staff and parents. It begins at 5:45 pm and afterwards there will be a movie in the cafeteria. While the track is being built, we are housing the students as they enter the building in the cafeteria and also the gym. Picture Day is Wednesday, September 21st. Thank you to J. Farrell for running it every year. Because it is done so well, Donner Photography would like to do a training video using our school. The PTO met last Monday and discussed several events they were going to have and also wanted to know what they could purchase for the school. The PTO would like to replace the sidewalk by the kindergarten area. They also spoke about purchasing 2 Smart Boards for LCS.

- b) K. Graves reported that there had been some vandalism at the school over this past weekend. The current student enrollment at CCHS is 23. Open House was held on September 6th and went well. K. Graves also reported that the learning plans have been completed for each student. She also discussed a proposal from the Women's Center of Southeastern CT.
- c) L. Slocum provided an update regarding Assistive Technology. One program she reviewed was "Dragon Naturally Speaking" which is speech recognition software which lets students interact with the PC by speaking.
- d) D. Cormier reported that the cross-training of payroll is ongoing. Training started this summer and will continue.
- e) S. Keating read a report from B. McGlew regarding maintenance issues. The track project is now underway. Last Friday a crew came in to find the water lines. Boundaries LLC are looking into whether or not they need to be moved. CT Controls has started installing the new HVAC control system. The system is now tied into the network and will allow them to remote in if we have a problem. They should have the system completed over the next couple of weeks. New England glass has two more sets of doors left to be installed. One set is in the third grade wing and one is in the fourth grade wing in back of the business office. This should be done mid-October. S. Keating informed the board that there are two professional development days that need to be made up. A teacher survey was done and she shared the results with the Board. S. Keating read a letter from the Lisbon Fire Marshal commending B. McGlew for his preparedness for the annual inspection and identified no code violations.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by S. McCabe to approve monthly expenditures for August 2011, Fiscal Year 2010-2011 in the amount of \$5,393.07. Seconded by M. Burrelle. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Marshall to approve monthly expenditures for August 2011, Fiscal Year 2011-2012 in the amount of \$240,140.84. Seconded by M. Krauss. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by R. Browne to approve the financial statement for August 2011, Fiscal Year 2010-2011 as presented. Seconded by I. Rogers. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by R. Browne to approve the financial statement for August 2011, Fiscal Year 2011-2012 as presented. Seconded by I. Rogers. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

New Business / Old Business:

- a) Discussion Regarding Use of Building and Alarm System – Discussion was held to determine who has open access to LCS and designated time frames for access. B. McGlew stated that the alarm system is almost completed. He is waiting for the telephone line to be installed to tie in with the alarm system. The Board decided to table a decision regarding access/usage. A small group of members will meet to finalize access/usage and will bring this issue back to the whole Board in October.
- b) Analysis of Connecticut Mastery Test Results for Lisbon Central School – M. Jenkins, N. Nelson, S. Brown and M. Mlyniec reviewed the results with the Board and answered questions. B. Austin reported that our scores were very good and attributes this to a variety of initiatives that are in place at LCS such as SEM-R, Code of Conduct and our School Improvement Plan. LCS made AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) this year which means that we are off the list of schools regarding "Needs Improvement".

L. Herring-Sylvestre arrived at 7:50 pm.

- c) Acceptance of Resignation Letter – S. Keating read a resignation letter from Mr. Chad Barclay.

Motion by R. Browne to accept Mr. Chad Barclay's resignation letter with regret and to wish him much success in the future. Seconded by J. Marshall. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

- d) Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology (CCAT) Contract Renewal – Our contract with CCAT is ending at the end of this month. The Board reviewed a contract proposal beginning 10/01/11 and terminating 09/30/12. Shipman and Goodwin reviewed the contract.

Motion by J. Marshall to approve the 2011 – 2012 contract from CCAT as presented by the Administration. Seconded by I. Rogers. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

- e) Upcoming Municipal Employees Union Independent (MEUI) Contract Negotiation – This agenda item was moved to the end of the Board meeting.
- f) Amendment to Policies – The Board received the policies to be amended prior to the Board meeting for their review.

Motion by R. Browne to waive the first read of policy Personnel – 4118.11/4218.11 – Nondiscrimination. Seconded by J. Marshall. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by R. Browne to waive the first read of policy Students – 5117.1 – Designated High School. Seconded by J. Marshall. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by R. Browne to accept the amended policy Personnel – 4118.11/4218.11 – Nondiscrimination. Seconded by R. Rogers. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by R. Browne to accept the amended policy Students – 5117.1 – Designated High School with the change that Community Connections Big Picture Inspired School should be listed as Community Connections High School. Seconded by J. Marshall. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

- g) Policy Drafts – The Board received the policy drafts prior to the Board meeting for their review.

Motion by J. Marshall to waive the first read of the policy Business and Non-Instructional Operations – 3541.43 – Routes and Services (district vehicles). Seconded by M. Burelle. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by I. Rogers to approve the adoption of policy Business and Non-Instructional Operations – 3541.43 – Routes and Services (district vehicles). Seconded by S. McCabe. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Marshall to waive the first read of the policy Personnel – 4118.51/4218.51 – Social Networking Sites. Seconded by J. Marshall. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by R. Browne to approve the adoption of policy Personnel – 4118.51/4218.51 – Social Networking Sites. Seconded by I. Rogers. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

- h) Discussion of Residency Policy Proposal/Draft – The Board reviewed the draft policy and held discussion. The policy committee will meet to clarify issues/questions and will bring back to the October meeting.
- i) 2011-2012 Contract for Acting Director of Community Connections High School

Motion by R. Rogers to move Agenda Item #9(i) 2011-2012 Contract for Acting Director of Community Connections High School and Agenda Item #9(e) Upcoming Municipal Employees Union Independent (MEUI) Contract Negotiations to Executive Session to be held at the end of the Board meeting after Agenda Item #13. Seconded by J. Marshall. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Committee Report: R. Browne stated that the Negotiations Committee needs to be aware of the upcoming MEUI Contract Negotiations and meetings should be scheduled soon.

Additions to the Agenda: None

Next Agenda Planning: Residency Policy
 Use of Facilities Policy
 CCHS Tuition Policy

Public Comments:

J. McCloud, on behalf of the PTO, thanked the Board for their support. He stated that there were 40+ that attended the outdoor movie nights this summer. He also extended an open invitation to the Board Members to attend the monthly PTO meetings.

J. Benjamin thanked the Board for opening up the school during the hurricane. She also suggested to have one of the custodians switch his/her weekday night for working on Saturday to keep the cost down.

Motion by S. McCabe to enter into executive session to discuss 2011-2012 Contract for Acting Director of Community Connections High School and Upcoming Municipal Employees Union Independent (MEUI) Contract Negotiations and to invite B. Austin, L. Slocum, D. Cormier and K. Graves to join the session. Seconded by M. Burelle. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

The Board entered into executive session at 8:40 pm.

The Board ended executive session at 9:03 pm.

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

Motion by R. Browne to approve the 2011-2012 contract for the Acting Director of Community Connections High School. Seconded by R. Rogers. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by R. Browne to adjourn. Seconded by J. Marshall. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved

Recording Secretary