

LISBON

January 23, 2012

The regular meeting of the Lisbon Board of Education was held on Monday, January 23, 2012 and was called to order by Chairman, R. Baah at 6:30 pm.

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

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: S. Kaminski (CBC Representative), J. Benjamin

The Student Ambassadors led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: None

Lisbon Central School Ambassadors Report:

K. Hong reported on what the 8th grade students are studying right now. In Science, they are learning about work and machines. In Health, they are watching *Supersize Me* to learn how fast food affects their diet. The Environmental Symposium is having a computer drive on February 4th. The vocabulary words in Spanish are based on things that you do in the morning to prepare yourself for the day. In Language Arts, the students have made hats and are planning on distributing them to the needy. The New United States after the American Revolution is being studied in Social Studies and slopes are the focus in Algebra. Activity night is being planned for February 3rd and is open to students in 7th and 8th grades.

B. Cormier reported that in 7th Grade, the students are working on a project about Canada in Social Studies. In Science, they just finished studying about viruses, bacteria, protists and fungi. The Greek Gods and mythology are the focus points in Language Arts. B. Cormier reported that the Recreation Department sponsored a ski trip this past Sunday to Mount Snow in Vermont. A lot of students participated and had a great time. The next trip is planned for February 26th.

S. Way reported that the 6th grade students are learning how to change decimals into fractions and fractions into decimals in Math and in Science, they are studying the three states of matter. In Language Arts, the students are reading Hatcher and learning about obstacles and challenges and in Social Studies, world religions is the focus.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by M. Krauss to approve minutes of December 19, 2011 Board of Education Meeting as presented. Seconded by I. Rogers. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Administrators' / Superintendent's Report:

- a) B. Austin reported that one of our 8th grade students R. Weigel has been nominated and accepted to go to the National Leaders State Conference in Boston on February 9th – 12th. The National Young Leaders State Conference challenges each scholar to step forward with conviction and confidence, to grasp the concepts of leadership and to act upon his/her dreams of making a difference in their community. This is quite an honor. The 8th grade students are deciding where they want to attend high school. There are 9 choices for them. Some of the schools have been to Lisbon to present their program and the students have also been to visit some of the schools. The Positive Behavior Committee met on January 18th. The assemblies were scheduled and it was decided that the infractions will be collected every Monday and placed in the Admin Plus program. This data will be helpful when behavioral problems need to be addressed. We are using a new procedure in our cafeteria by using the Active ionizer on the cafeteria tables and it seems to be working well. Teachers are all on board as far as helping to assure that the new procedure works. The cafeteria staff is also using it in the back area thus saving us money on chemicals. The PTO committed another smart board to LCS at their last meeting. This now makes 5 boards that were purchased through the PTO. H. Bradshaw on the Geography Bee with G. Saracen coming in 2nd and A. Plecan placing 3rd. H. Bradshaw took the National Geographic test and will find out in March if he will go to the next round at Central State University on March 30th. The state Geography Bee takes the top 100 students across the state for that competition. Lisbon has gone to this next level 13 out of the 14 years that we have been participating. That is a pretty impressive statistic. On January 14th, there was an annual NAACP Martin Luther King luncheon held at NFA. It was the largest crowd in the 27 year history of the event. Lisbon's own R. Martin was the keynote speaker who has a lengthy resume of accomplishments and awards. R. Martin will be attending Morehouse College to study pre-law. Lastly, the 42 inch monitor will hopefully be up soon at the entrance of the school so we will be able to communicate to our friends and Lisbon families.
- b) K. Graves reported that the current enrollment at Community Connection High School is 24. There are 3 new students starting within the next week bringing the enrollment to 27. K. Graves discussed the Internship Program and how it relates to 21st Century skills.
- c) L. Slocum discussed the status of this year's special education tuition account.
- d) D. Cormier discussed the status of this year's regular education tuition account.
- e) S. Keating stated that B. McGlew reported that during a morning inspection of the building, he noticed that the air pump to the treatment system was running louder than normal. After taking a closer look, he found that the shuttle valve assembly had cracked. The installer was contacted (Aqua Compliance Specialist) and replaced the valve. There was no interruption to the water system. S. Keating reported that February 21st will be a Professional Day for teachers. This is one of the days that was missed due to Hurricane Irene. During the morning, there will be a speaker focusing on multi-culturalism and in the afternoon there will be multiple workshops. S. Keating reported that the regional calendar is still in draft form and she is waiting for a draft calendar from NFA. She is hoping to have something for the next meeting.

Consent Agenda:

~~Motion by I. Rogers to approve monthly expenditures for December 2012, Fiscal Year 2011-2012 in the amount of \$437,836.79. Seconded by J. Marshall. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.~~

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

New Business / Old Business:

a) Presentation by CBC, a division of Brown and Brown Insurance (Formerly CBC Kane) – S. Kaminski gave a presentation to the Board regarding insurance renewal and what is to be expected from July 2012 – June 2013.

b) Discussion re: Transportation Contract and Possible Action – The Board held discussion regarding whether to accept the contract extension proposal from First Student or to go out to bid.

Motion by R. Rogers to accept the 5-year contract extension proposal from First Student as presented. Seconded by M. Burelle. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

c) Discussion re: Property/Liability Insurance Agent Contract Extension and Possible Action – The Board held discussion regarding the proposed 3 year contract extension with USI, Inc.

Motion by R. Rogers to extend USI, Inc.'s contract for 3 years as our Property/Liability Insurance Agent. Seconded by I. Rogers. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

d) Amendment to Policy – The Board received the policy to be amended prior to the Board meeting for their review.

Motion by R. Rogers to waive the first read of policy Community Relations – 1316 – Relations between Public and School Personnel. Seconded by J. Lewerk. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by R. Rogers to accept the amended policy Community Relations – 1316 – Relations between Public and School Personnel. Seconded by M. Burelle. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

e) Request for Additional .5 FTE Intern for the 2011 – 2012 School Year – A student with special needs has enrolled at LCS and needs 1:1 support. An additional .5 FTE Intern for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year is being requested at the cost of \$7,430.

Motion by M. Krauss to approve the additional .5 FTE Intern for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year at the cost of \$7,430. Seconded by J. Marshall. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

f) Discussion re: Full Day Kindergarten – The Board held discussion with regards to the possibility of offering full day Kindergarten and the benefits.

Motion by R. Rogers to move Agenda Item #9(g), #9(h) and #9(i) to follow Agenda Item #13. Seconded by J. Marshall. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Committee Report: The Policy Committee handed in their year end report.

Additions to the Agenda: None

Next Agenda Planning: Superintendent Evaluation

Public Comments:

J. Benjamin stated that she wanted to confirm whether or not Lisbon was going to continue to transport the students to the Magnet schools as she heard that they were not. She also stated that the Board has done a great job with the budget in the past and is looking forward to seeing the budget this year.

Motion by I. Rogers to enter into executive session to discuss #9(g) Student Issue of a Confidential Nature, #9(h) Update re: Community Connections High School and #9(i) Discussion re: Upcoming Negotiations and to invite L. Slocum, K. Graves, B. Austin, D. Cormier and S. Keating to join the session. Seconded by R. Rogers. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

The Board entered into executive session at 8:15 pm.

The Board ended executive session at 9:00 pm.

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

Motion by M. Krauss to authorize S. Keating to investigate enrichment options for CCHS. Seconded by M. Burelle. Yes – M. Krauss, J. Marshall, I. Rogers, J. Jencks, J. Lewerk, M. Burelle, R. Rogers and R. Baah. Abstain – P. Allyn. Motion carried.

The Board recused J. Jencks for a discussion on upcoming negotiations.

Motion by R. Rogers to re-enter into executive session. Seconded by M. Krauss. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

The Board entered into executive session at 9:01 pm.

The Board ended executive session at 9:47 pm.

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

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

The Board adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Recording Secretary

Approved

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