

The regular meeting of the Lisbon Board of Education was held on Monday, May 18, 2009 and was called to order by Vice-Chairman, G. Milone at 7:08 pm.

**Members Present:** R. Rogers, G. Milone, M. Krauss, M. Burelle, J. Marshall, J. Lewerk, R. Baah. R. Browne and P. Allyn

**Members Absent:** None

**Administrators Present:** Dr. D'Agostino, L. Slocum, R. Austin

**Student Ambassadors Present:** H. Cormier, R. Arpin, B. Way

**Others:** H. Mileski, D. Cormier, J. McCloud, R. Gore, A. Starr, K. Kompare

The Student Ambassadors led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comments:**

J. McCloud commended the Board on the hard work they put into the 2009 – 2010 budget.

R. Gore advocated that the paraprofessional position in the preschool not be cut.

A. Starr read a letter stating personal reasons why she does not want to see the preschool paraprofessional position cut.

K. Kompare informed the Board that she was going to Australia this summer with People to People and asked if the Board would be able to make a donation toward her expenses.

**Lisbon Central School Ambassadors Report:**

H. Cormier reported that the NJHS Pet Supply Drive raised \$1,700 that went to the Humane Society. Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> will be the NJHS Induction Ceremony. The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip to Boston will be May 26<sup>th</sup> & May 27<sup>th</sup>, and Holiday Hill trip is on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

R. Arpin reported that the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade students went to Exchange City on April 29<sup>th</sup> & April 20<sup>th</sup> and most of the businesses paid off their loans. The boys and girls track team won their recent meet against Voluntown. The track championships are at NFA on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

B. Way reported that there will be a Band Concert on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and Chorus Concert on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade trip to New York is planned for June 12<sup>th</sup>. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be attending a Defenders baseball game on May 21<sup>st</sup> in connection with DARE.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by R. Browne to approve minutes of April 20, 2009 as presented. Seconded by R. Baah. Unanimously voted. Motion approved.

Motion by R. Baah to approve the special meeting minutes of April 27, 2009 as presented. Seconded by J. Lewerk. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

**Superintendent / Principal's Report:**

- a) Dr. D'Agostino recommended that the Finance Subcommittee meet to discuss possible options with regard to ARRA.
- b) The Referendum for the Municipal and Education budgets will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at the Town Hall.
- c) Information
  - S. Brown updated the Board with regard to the Environmental Symposium trip to Florida.
  - The Visioning Initiative will end with a ½ half day workshop on June 17<sup>th</sup> and June 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - Professional Development Workshops have been received well by the staff. They have been offered CEUs for RtI and SmartBoard workshops.
  - Dr. D'Agostino stated that he has received a request from the LEA requesting some data in preparation for negotiations.

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion by R. Baah to approve payment of bills through April 30, 2009 in the amount of \$579,183.36. Seconded by J. Marshall. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Krauss to accept the financial statement for April 2009 as presented by the Administration. Seconded by R. Browne. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

**New Business / Old Business:**

- a) H. Mileski, Community Connections Coordinator, updated the Board with regard to projected and current enrollment and also distributed a lease for the Board to review. Dr. D'Agostino will forward the lease to our attorney for his review.

Motion by M. Krauss that the lease between Community Connections and St. John the Apostle Church be approved contingent upon review of the lease by our attorney. Seconded by R. Baah. 6 Yes Votes / 3 No Votes. Motion carried.

- b) Motion by R. Browne to approve the 2009 – 2010 calendar with a full day of school on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, February 12<sup>th</sup> as a full day teacher in-service (no school) and February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> as days off for February break. Seconded by R. Rogers. 6 Yes Votes / 3 No Votes. Motion carried.
- c) Motion by M. Krauss to approve the 2009 – 2012 Lisbon School District Technology Plan. Seconded by R. Browne. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.
- d) Motion by G. Milone to approve the revised 2008 – 2009 calendar so that the 180<sup>th</sup> school day is June 17, 2009. Seconded by R. Baah. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.
- e) Discussion was held with regard to a suggested end time for the Board of Education meetings.
- f) R. Rogers submitted a letter of resignation as Chairman of the Board of Education.

Motion by M. Krauss to accept R. Rogers letter with regrets. Seconded by P. Allyn. 5 Yes Votes / 4 No Votes. Motion carried.

- g) Motion by R. Rogers to nominate G. Milone as Chairman of the Board of Education. Seconded by R. Baah. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Marshall to nominate R. Baah as Vice Chairman of the Board of Education. Seconded by M. Krauss. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

- h) Motion by G. Milone to approve revision to Policy No. 5141.25 as proposed by the Policy Subcommittee. Seconded by J. Marshall. 8 Yes Votes / 1 No Vote. Motion carried.
- i) Motion by G. Milone to authorize the administration to submit 2009 – 2010 I.D.E.A. grant to the CT State Department of Education. Seconded by R. Browne. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.
- j) R. Rogers drafted a letter to the Board of Finance regarding proper chain of command. The letter will be held on file until needed.
- k) Discussion was held with regard to out-of-state and overnight fields trips and the Board's role.

**Committee Report:**

The Ad-hoc Food Allergy Committee reported that the LCS staff was in-serviced last week with regard to the Policy 5141.25 Students with Special Health Care Needs.

The Administrative Research Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> @ 4:00.

Negotiation Committee – timelines were reviewed.

Finance Subcommittee – the team set a meeting for Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00 to review 2008 – 2009 expenditures, budget reduction @ \$40,000 and ARRA.

**Public Comment**     None

Motion by R. Browne to enter into executive session to discuss a student issue. Seconded by J. Lewerk. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

The Board entered into executive session at 8:50 pm.

There were no motions made and no votes taken.

Motion by M. Burelle to adjourn. Seconded by R. Browne. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Approved

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Recording Secretary