

The regular meeting of the Lisbon Board of Education was held on Monday, January 25, 2010 and was called to order by Chairman, R. Baah at 6:30 pm.

Members Present: R. Baah, M. Burelle, J. Marshall, R. Browne, S. McCabe, M. Krauss, I. Rogers, L. Herring-Sylvestre

Members Absent: R. Rogers

Administrators Present: S. Keating, R. Austin, L. Slocum, H. Mileski, D. Cormier

Student Ambassadors Present: R. Arpin, B. Way, K. Hong

Others: J. McCloud, K. Washburn, P. Allyn, J. Fontaine-Higgins

The Student Ambassadors led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments:

J. McCloud informed the Board that there is a PTO Dinner Dance on March 6th and also a Pasta Dinner followed by the movie "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" on February 19th. Proceeds will go to 8th grade students.

Lisbon Central School Ambassadors Report:

R. Arpin reported that the Boys Basketball Team won their game against Salem today while the girls lost their game. The Girls Basketball Team has a home game vs. Lyman on Wednesday and the Boys Basketball Team is away vs. Lyman. Friday night is activity night for students in 7th and 8th grade and there will be a dance for students in 5th & 6th grades. Mrs. Gallagher's last period class is working on "We the People" and 6 students are going to a conference on March 4th.

B. Way reported that Mr. Brown's 7th period class is working on a service learning project comparing the green cleaning products to what was previously used. In Social Studies, the 7th grade students are currently working on the Bag a Country project. The students involved in the Science Symposium are making progress in planning the 2010 Student Summit to be held in New Hampshire.

K. Hong reported that the 6th grade class has started a Pennies for Peace, Have a Heart for Haiti campaign. Money is being collected in all homerooms and will be donated to UNICEF. A Bonkers game is going to be held after school to earn money for the Iraqi Soccer Project. The goal of the project is to make enough money to pay for the soccer balls that will be given to Iraqi children by Ms. Fontaine-Higgins' cousin, Billy, who is a soldier in Iraq.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by M. Krauss to approve minutes of December 21, 2009 with the correction of R. Browne under New Business/Old Business section (a). Seconded by M. Burelle. Unanimously voted. Motion approved.

Motion by R. Browne to approve the special meeting minutes of January 12, 2010. Seconded by L. Herring-Sylvestre. Unanimously voted. Motion approved.

Superintendent / Principal's Report:

- a) R. Austin reported that the PTO will be holding a spaghetti dinner/movie night. Proceeds will go towards students who are in need of extra funds for the trip to Boston. The Safety Committee held its regular meeting on January 12th to discuss issues regarding safety of our school. We usually meet every six weeks. Students are being identified that need extra help in the area of math using our new screening tool called Star Math. With the help of M. Jenkins and R. Miller, we are trying to find time in our schedule to place these students in intervention. The CMT schedule has been made and testing will begin on March 1st and end on March 17th. Make-up testing will be March 18th to the 24th. The CAPT test reports that were given out at the last meeting were reviewed further, and there was an error. Under senior males it was reported as 44% proficient or passing, that number should have been 72%. There is a Test Prep Fun Club being held Monday through Thursday after school for students in grades 2 – 8. Approximately 40 students are attending. The Geography Bee was held on January 12th and the winner was Colleen King who is an 8th grade student. 100 of the top CT students will be chosen to

compete in the State of CT Geography Bee at Central CT University. We have been attending the state finals for the past 11 out of 12 years. We have four student teachers working in the building for the next 10 weeks. They are working in Preschool, 2nd Grade, 3rd Grade and Jr. High Social Studies. Lastly, through a grant that M. Davidson and N. Nelson wrote, we were given 4 free days of Smart Board training. We now have 10 Smart Boards in our school.

- b) H. Mileski reported that three new students from Plainfield, Scotland and Franklin have started the program. Current enrollment is 24. The 2nd quarter Exhibitions are wrapping up. H. Mileski stated that she is meeting with 2 other Big Picture schools on Tuesday, January 26th to discuss state standards and a future meeting with the Commissioner of Education. NEASC will be visiting on Thursday, January 28th to discuss a timeline for accreditation. As part of the CCHS recruitment plan, we will be hosting a breakfast on February 4, 2010 for area superintendents.
- c) L. Slocum provided the Board with A Guide to Special Education in Connecticut which provides information about laws, regulations and policies affecting special education programs and services.
- d) Information
 - Maintenance – There were at least three leaks found from the rain today. We are in the process of changing our fire alarm service to Absolute Alarm Company. Brian noticed that the water pressure was low and that the motor for the air compressor for the water system was not operating. He called in Aqua Compliance who brought in a replacement compressor and brought the system back online.
 - Residency – S. Keating reported that she reviewed the information with Attorney Mooney, spoke with the high schools and interviewed the families and determined that all three of the residencies issues in question are the responsibility of the Lisbon School District.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by R. Browne to approve monthly expenditures for December, 2009 in the amount of \$986,993.33. Seconded by L. Herring-Sylvestre. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Burelle to approve the financial statement for December, 2009 as presented. Seconded by M. Krauss. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by L. Herring-Sylvestre to approve S. Keating as the designated representative authorized to sign the Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs and to sign claims for reimbursement. Seconded by I. Rogers. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

New Business / Old Business:

- a) K. Washburn presented a proposal for a Lisbon Community Track to the Board. A representative from Boundaries, LLC was available for questions. The proposal is in the beginning stages.
- b) Ad-hoc Administrative Research Committee - R. Browne stated that the opinion of the committee is to offer another year to Mr. Austin.

Motion by L. Herring-Sylvestre to hire R. Austin as Principal through the end of the 2010 – 2011 school year. Seconded by R. Browne. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

- c) R. Baah read a letter from the LEA regarding Early Retirement Incentive. This issue will be forwarded to the Negotiations Committee to discuss and bring back recommendations.
- d) The request for a Special Revenue Fund for CCHS was approved at the Board of Finance meeting on January 20th.
- e) Taping Board of Education Meetings – there was no new information to be shared.

Committee Report:

- a) The Ad-hoc Food Allergy Committee met on January 12th. Washing of cafeteria tables was discussed and guidelines seem to be working nicely. The next meeting is scheduled for February 23rd @ 10:30 am.
- b) S. Keating reported that she has been meeting and gathering information on the School Readiness Program. A work session was recommended.

Additions to the Agenda:

Motion by L. Herring-Sylvestre to add discussion of Anthem Insurance to the agenda. Seconded by R. Browne. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

- a) D. Cormier stated that she received an e-mail from B. Gunther (representative) that Anthem was offering to Lisbon School District a 6% increase for next year.

Motion by L. Herring-Sylvestre to accept the insurance rate of 6% and investigate a RFP for the following year. Seconded by M. Krauss. Unanimously voted. Motion denied.

R. Browne will contact B. Gunther to see if there are any better rates that we can get.

Public Comments:

P. Allyn – recommended that the Board move quickly regarding the insurance rate.

J. Fontaine-Higgins – asked the Board if it was normal to offer the Principal a contract one year at a time.

Motion by R. Browne to enter into executive session. Seconded by I. Rogers. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

The Board entered into executive session at 8:05 pm.

The Board ended executive session at 8:13 pm.

Motion by R. Browne to invite L. Slocum, B. Austin and D. Cormier into executive session. Seconded by J. Marshall. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

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

The Board ended executive session at 8:56 pm.

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

Motion by R. Browne to adjourn. Seconded by L. Herring-Sylvestre. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved

Recording Secretary