

The regular meeting of the Lisbon Board of Education was held on Monday, February 22, 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, R, Rogers

**Members Absent:** None

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

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

**Others:** None

The Student Ambassadors led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comments:** None

**Lisbon Central School Ambassadors Report:**

R. Arpin reported that the Boys and Girls Basketball Teams are going to the Basketball Hall of Fame on Saturday. On Friday there is going to be a dance (Winter Ball) for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Applications for NFA and Griswold were due and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students that applied to Technical Schools were notified. Ten students were chosen for the Science Symposium to go to the Florida Summit. Progress reports will be coming out shortly for the 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period.

B. Way reported that 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will be going on a medieval times field trip in June to New Jersey. He also stated that the Environmental Team is working on getting ready for the Student Summit which is being hosted by LCS and the University of New Hampshire.

K. Hong reported that the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students have just entered round 2 of the Bone Wars competition. The peace-Peeps SLAP team is hosting a Jump and Hoops for Heart activity to help the American Heart Association. This activity will be for 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and will be held on Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by R. Browne to approve minutes of January 25, 2010 with the correction of adding under Additions to the Agenda the following motion: Motion by I. Rogers to pursue an RFP for Insurance for the 2011 – 2012 school year. Seconded by S. McCabe. Unanimously voted. Motion approved. Seconded by M. Burelle. Unanimously voted. Motion approved.

Motion by M. Burelle to approve the special meeting minutes of January 27, 2010. Seconded by R. Browne. Unanimously voted. Motion approved.

**Superintendent / Principal's Report:**

- a) Mr. Austin reported that the Safety Committee meets three times a year to discuss issues regarding the safety of our school and the safety of our students. One main issue at our last meeting was the increase of strep throat cases. Teachers have been told to remind students not to put their mouths directly on the water fountains. There was a teacher in-service on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Nelson discussed the changes regarding the CMT and the importance of following the guidelines set by the state. Mrs. Keating discussed with the staff the need of a School Improvement Plan. The rest of the day was spent on GLEs (Grade Level Expectations). Each group of teachers worked on their own grade level in regards to language arts. Mr. Brown and Mr. Mlyniec are planning their trip to Project O on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, April 26<sup>th</sup> and May 12<sup>th</sup>. This trip is for 7<sup>th</sup> grade students only. Mr. Austin stated that he attended the cheerleading competition at Wheeler High School on Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup> and our cheerleaders did a fantastic job and brought home the gold. They came in first place. Thank you to their head coach Mrs. Wawrzynowicz. The Boys basketball team had a very good season, in fact it was their best season since 2005. Their record was 14-3. They were in the finals but lost a close one to Preston. They were coached by Billy Beckwith. Ray Grasso from EastConn will be here on February 24<sup>th</sup> to help us with walk-throughs as it relates to evaluations. The PTO Movie Night and Past Dinner last Friday was a success. The money raised goes

towards the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Boston. They raised over \$800. Thank you to Mike Rossi and BillieSue Burelle for volunteering their time. Mr. Austin reported that he and Mrs. Keating were able to visit the Senior Center. The response from the seniors regarding the important tie between their organization and the school was very heartwarming. They appreciate everything we do with them. Lastly, a big thank you to Judy Fontaine-Higgins for organizing the Pennies for Peace/Have a Heart for Haiti campaign. The students raised \$1,955.11.

- b) H. Mileski reported that the students are preparing for CAPT which begins March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The students are also working on their mid-year review which includes a parent survey, student survey, mentor feedback form for student assessment, CCHS feedback and portfolio review. S. Keating and H. Mileski also discussed issues related to staffing, curriculum and high school graduation requirements.
- c) L. Slocum discussed two simulated case studies of high school students being evaluated for special education services and the process that would be followed.
- d) Information
  - Maintenance – There is a new leak in Room #24 due to a drain pipe. A side basketball hoop pipe is bent and needs to be repaired. The cost to fix is \$1050. Brian has spoken with K. Washburn of the Recreation Committee and he indicated that they could possibly pay for half the cost.
  - School Improvement Plan – is being worked on with a team of LCS staff members. This plan needs to be completed by May 2010.

#### **Consent Agenda:**

Motion by M. Burelle to approve monthly expenditures for January, 2010 in the amount of \$371,209.91. Seconded by J. Marshall. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by L. Herring-Sylvestre to approve the financial statement for January, 2010 as presented. Seconded by M. Burelle. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

#### **New Business / Old Business:**

- a) Mrs. Keating reviewed a revised affidavit of residence form and gave rationale.

Motion by R. Browne to approve the revised Affidavit of Residence form with changes discussed at the February 22, 2010 Board of Education meeting and to approve its use by the Lisbon School District effective immediately. Seconded by I. Rogers. Votes – **Yes:** M. Krauss, R. Browne, J. Marshall, S. McCabe, R. Baah, M. Burelle, I. Rogers, L. Herring-Sylvestre. **No:** R. Rogers. Motion carried

- b) The Board reviewed a proposed High School Graduation Policy for Community Connections High School.

Motion by M. Krauss to approve the High School Graduation Policy Draft as a First Reading. Seconded by J. Marshall. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Krauss to approve the High School Graduation Policy as amended. Seconded by M. Burelle. Votes – **Yes:** M. Krauss, R. Browne, J. Marshall, S. McCabe, R. Baah, M. Burelle, L. Herring-Sylvestre. **No:** R. Rogers, I. Rogers. Motion carried

- c) Cafeteria Financial Reporting System – Mr. Browne reported that he will be meeting with Mr. Rossi and will be fine tuning his current QuickBooks system for the cafeteria.

#### **Committee Report:**

- a) The Health and Liability Review Sub-committee met with Anthem representatives and the proposed increase is 5.89%. The group felt that Lisbon needs to look for a new agent that will do more for the school. The group had some questions, but have not heard back from Anthem.

Motion by M. Burelle to lock in with a 5.89% increase with Anthem Insurance for the 2010 – 2011 school year. Seconded by I. Rogers. Votes – **Yes:** M. Krauss, R. Rogers, J. Marshall, S. McCabe, R. Baah, M. Burelle, I. Rogers, L. Herring-Sylvestre. **No:** R. Browne. Motion carried

- b) The Finance Sub-Committee has been meeting for the last few Thursday evenings and should be wrapping up soon.
- c) The Negotiations Sub-Committee needs to meet to review the several individual contracts and also the MEUI contract. The sub-committee will meet on March 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 5:30 pm.

**Additions to the Agenda:**

Motion by R. Rogers to add discussion regarding the part-time custodian position to the agenda. Seconded by I. Rogers. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

- a) The Board discussed options and agreed that this position should be put off being filled until after the budget gets approved.

**Public Comments:** None

Motion by R. Browne to adjourn. Seconded by S. McCabe. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Approved

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Recording Secretary