

The regular meeting of the Lisbon Board of Education was held on Monday, April 26, 2010 and was called to order by Chairman, R. Baah at 6:32 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: A. Gonzalez, T. Hart, L. Beams, J. Benjamin

The Student Ambassadors led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: None

Lisbon Central School Ambassadors Report:

R. Arpin reported that ten science symposium members are leaving for Florida on May 4th. The eighth grade trip to Boston will be from May 18th to May 19th. All of the science symposium members will be going to New Hampshire from May 24th – 27th.

B. Way reported that the seventh grade students have finished their Exchange City interviews and will be going to Exchange City in Rhode Island on April 29th. The seventh grade students will be going on a medieval times field trip to New Jersey.

K. Hong reported that the 6th grade students will be performing their puppet shows in a few weeks. The 6th grade students are also having a contest to see who can collect the most articles about what the UN is doing. The winners of each homeroom will get a cash prize.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by M. Burelle to approve minutes of March 15, 2010 Board of Education Meeting as presented. Seconded by I. Rogers. Unanimously voted. Motion approved.

Superintendent / Principal's Report:

- a) Mr. Austin reported that he, Mrs. Keating, Mrs. Slocum, Mrs. Mileski attended the 10th Annual Military/Superintendent's Liaison Committee of Southeastern Connecticut Breakfast. J. McCloud was given a letter of appreciation and a special medallion for the volunteer work he does for the Lisbon Central School. There was a scavenger hunt held for teachers just before vacation. The students were very involved in helping their teacher solve the clues. There were six golden tickets to find with the last one being the hardest. Mr. Geer from the WCTY radio station was here a few weeks ago taping the K – 5th graders reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. They will be airing on WCTY the week of April 26th. The S.L.A.P Team (Service Learning Action People) held an assembly for students in grades K – 8 on April 8th. The chorus sang, there was a leadership slide presentation and recognition of outstanding leaders (2 per homeroom). Leader bracelets will be given out this week to each homeroom. J. Fontaine-Higgins and the students did a wonderful job on the assembly. The LCS Talent Show was held at Norwich Free Academy on April 9th. It was a great show and all the volunteers deserve a huge thank you. The PTO sponsored a guest speaker, Kris Johnson, for grades PK – 8th. He is a motivational speaker and his message was "Yes, I can". He talked about respecting others, how we are all the same and we should treat people fairly and be the best that we can be. The PTO is also sponsoring a family fun night on Friday, April 30th with a free movie in the cafeteria. The movie is called Alvin and the Chipmunks the Squeakquel. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The PTO had a microwave donated to the staff lounge from Home Depot. A refrigerator and stove have been purchased along with 24 new chairs. They are still going to purchase one or two small tables, a few rugs and a couple of side light fixtures. Again, thank you PTO. Parent Conferences were held on April 15th & 16th and overall they went well. L. Gallagher is holding a Legal Issues Conference at LCS on May 4th. Some of the speakers will be discussing gambling addiction, sexting, drug/alcohol addiction and bullying. 7th and 8th grade students will be involved in that conference. A Lisbon student who is currently a freshman at Norwich Tech, AJ

Knight, is the president of her class. Congratulations to AJ. Thank you to S. McCabe for the free educational material for teachers – maps, CDs, games, a whole bunch of educational stuff. The teachers appreciate it. Lastly, E. Joly received a strange call from Lisbon Central School...that's right LCS of New York. They were getting rid of uniforms for soccer, basketball, baseball and softball. Their colors are the same as ours and the uniforms are in excellent condition.

- b) H. Mileski reported that recruitment is going well. She and Mrs. Keating recently met with representatives from the Mashantucket tribe and they were very interested in sending students for next year. There are 28 confirmed students for next year with 7 current additional interests. Mrs. Mileski stated that CCHS has signed a new contract with Three Rivers Community College for a high school partnership. Five students who will be juniors/seniors next year are applying this week. Mrs. Mileski reviewed the assessment components for students at CCHS. She stated that she would like to bring a few students to the next Board of Education meeting to share their perspective.
- c) L. Slocum discussed the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) legal mandate. LRE is the legal mandate of the IDEA requiring that students with disabilities receive their education in the regular classroom environment to the maximum extent appropriate or, to the extent such placement is not appropriate, in an environment with the least possible amount of segregation from the students' nondisabled peers and community.
- d) D. Cormier provided an initial discussion on expenditure projections. She stated she will have a better picture at the next Board of Education meeting.
- e) Information
Mrs. Keating reported that there was a sprinkler inspection done over the school break and we passed with flying colors. The holes for the VB poles in the gymnasium were done and the basketball hoop was repaired. Mrs. Keating gave a brief history of the CAPSS Award and the process of how the winners are selected. The three students who were selected this year are Nicholas Houle, Colleen King and Moira Lewerk. Mrs. Keating stated that a draft of the School Improvement Plan has been sent to the staff for their review and feedback. The plan will be brought to the next meeting for Board approval. Mrs. Keating reported that a draft of the 2010 – 2011 Calendar has been completed and every effort has been made to standardize the calendar with area high schools. The calendar will be brought to the May meeting for Board approval.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by M. Krauss to approve monthly expenditures for March, 2010 in the amount of \$590,794.61. Seconded by R. Browne. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Burelle to approve the financial statement for March, 2010 as presented. Seconded by J. Marshall. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

New Business / Old Business:

- a) Coach Gonzalez reviewed with the Board his All Star Basketball Camp Program and requested that he be allowed to use the LCS facilities for one week during the 2010 summer.

Motion by M. Krauss to approve Coach Gonzalez's 2010 All Star Basketball summer camp proposal, incorporating LCS as the camp location, as presented at the April 26, 2010 Board of Education Meeting. Seconded by M. Burelle. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

- b) Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Beams proposed a cost of care for the LSACC program, including the School Readiness component. Mrs. Hart stated that the School Readiness Council met and approved the recommendation presented to the Board.

Motion by L. Herring-Sylvestre to approve the cost of care for the LSACC program, including the School Readiness component, as presented by Mrs. Beams and Mrs. Hart at the April 26, 2010 Board of Education meeting. Seconded by J. Marshall. Votes – **Yes:** M. Krauss, J. Marshall, R. Baah, M. Burelle, L. Herring-Sylvestre, R. Browne, S. McCabe, R. Rogers. **No:** I. Rogers. Motion carried.

- c) The Board discussed the January 5, 2010 letter from the LEA regarding Early Retirement Incentive.

Motion by L. Herring-Sylvestre to not offer the Early Retirement Incentive for the 2009 – 2010 school year. Seconded by S. McCabe. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Committee Report:

- a) The Ad-hoc Food Allergy Committee will be meeting on April 27th @ 10:30 am.
- b) The Policy Revision Committee reported that that they recently attended a workshop and it was recommended that school policies be put on the website for parent access.
- c) The Hot Lunch Committee met on March 23, 2010. Letter were sent out today to families with an outstanding balance.
- d) The Finance Subcommittee reported that the budget process is moving along and the next step is a Town meeting and then Referendum. On Wednesday, April 28th at 7:15 p.m., the Board of Education, Board of Finance and Selectmen have been invited to a meeting with Marcia Marien to discuss budget and special revenue funds.
- e) The Negotiations Committee has set a couple dates for negotiation with MEUI. These dates are May 10th and May 24th.

Additions to the Agenda: None

Next Agenda Planning: None

Public Comments:

J. Benjamin asked if the Board would consider adding other Vo-Ag programs, besides Ledyard, that Lisbon students could choose, such as Lebanon and Killingly.

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

The Board entered into executive session at 8:20 p.m.

The Board ended executive session at 9:00 p.m.

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

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

The Board adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved

Recording Secretary