

Lisbon Board of Education

Lisbon, Connecticut 06351

Regular Board of Education Minutes

Monday, February 22, 2016

Board Members Present: I. Rogers (Chair), M. Avery, J. Jencks, J. Lewerk, J. Danburg, D. Nowakowski,
D. Rickard, J. Marshall, S. McCabe

Board Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: S. Keating (Superintendent), D. Cormier (Business Manager), D. Yellen (Director of Special
Education/Interim Principal), M. Jenkins (Interim Principal)

Administrators Absent: None

Student Ambassadors Present: O. Avery, C. Siquencia

Student Ambassadors Absent: Paige Raposo

Others: A. Townsend, S. Apperson, M. Mlyniec, M. Davidson, C. Riotte, T. Wheeler, K. Gilgenbach, A. Orcutt

1. **Call to Order** - I. Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Public Comment** – None

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5. **Correspondence to Board of Education** – None
6. **Report from Lisbon Central School Student Ambassadors** –

O. Avery reported that the 8th grade students are learning the following: In Social Studies, they are learning about the troubles at home and abroad after war. In Math, they are studying for the SBAC and doing a new unit on geometry. In Science, they are learning about different types of energy such as: nuclear, thermal, electrical, mechanical, chemical, and electromagnetic. In Language Arts, they are reading a book titled "Lyddie" and learning about the Industrial Revolution. Also they have a book report due February 29, 2016. In Spanish, they are learning about direct object pronouns.

C. Siquencia reported the 7th grade students are learning the following: In Math, they are reviewing for the Smarter Balance test and starting geometry. In Language Arts, they are starting a new book project and writing an alternate ending to the book titled "Full Tilt, by Neil Shusterman. In Spanish, they are learning how to tell time, and learning the verb "-ir", meaning "to go". In Science, they are investigating the animal kingdom and are going to dissect flowers. In Social Studies, they did a PowerPoint presentation on South Asia and currently watched a movie about Malala Yousafzai.

7. Approval of Minutes

Motion: J. Lewerk moved to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2016 Regular Board of Education Meeting; M. Avery seconded

Vote: **Unanimous**

Motion Carried

8. Administrators' / Superintendent's Report

- a) Lisbon Central School – Mrs. Megan Jenkins briefly discussed standards-based report cards. She also discussed with the Board, the In-Service Agenda held on the February 12th Professional Day. PD focused on STEAM, Noodle Tools, Data Team Work, and Math Curriculum resources.
- b) Special Education –Mr. David Yellen spoke about the LCS Boys Basketball Team making it into the semi-finals. The Girls Basketball Team were in the playoffs also. Mr. Yellen confirmed to the Board that the Cooking Club would begin March 8th. He also praised the PTO committee for doing a phenomenal job in the fundraising, movie nights and thanked Mrs. Orcutt for a superb job in supplying food for our teachers during teacher conferences.
- c) Business Office – Mrs. Diana Cormier discussed the cafeteria financial report. She stated Mr. Rossi was during a fine job.
- d) Information – Mrs. Keating read a report from Mr. Brian McGlew, Director of Building and Grounds. Mr. McGlew reported the card readers were fixed after the winter storm surge. The cost is unknown at this time. Mr. McGlew brought his concerns to Administration regarding a sinkhole discovered near the Track Project. The First Selectman was made aware of this concern. He was contacting an engineer to check it. Mrs. Keating reported to the Board that the Annual Food Allergy Policy had been reviewed and no updates were needed at this time. Mrs. Keating spoke to the Board about the importance of educating our schoolchildren about “Social Media”. Mr. Yellen is coordinating a speaker for our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Mrs. Keating and Mr. McGlew participated in a webinar called “Student Tools for Emergency Planning (STEP). She will have further discussions with teachers.

9. Consent Agenda

a) Approval of Monthly Expenditures

Motion: J. Lewerk moved to approve the monthly expenditures for January 2016, Fiscal Year 2014-2015 in the amount of \$11,543.99; J. Jencks seconded

Vote: **Unanimous**

Motion Carried

Motion: M. Avery moved to approve the monthly expenditures for January 2016, Fiscal Year 2015-2016 in the amount of \$456,133.85; J. Lewerk seconded

Vote: **Unanimous**

Motion Carried

b) Financial Statement

Motion: S. McCabe moved to approve the Financial Statement for January 2016, Fiscal year 2014-2015 as presented by the Administration; J. Lewerk seconded

Vote: **Unanimous**

Motion Carried

Motion: M. Avery moved to approve the Financial Statement for January 2016, Fiscal year 2015-2016 as presented by the Administration; J. Danburg seconded

Vote: **Unanimous**

Motion Carried

10. New Business / Old Business

a) **Presentation and Discussion re: Dash and Dot** – Mr. Davidson, Mrs. Riotte and Mrs. Gardner have been working hard with third grade students teaching them Dash and Dot. Mr. Davidson, Mrs. Riotte, Mrs. Gardner and third grade students prepared and did a brief presentation with robots for the Board. This was a prelude to the STEAM fair on March 30, 2016.

b) **Presentation and Discussion re: Math Curriculum Series** – Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Apperson discussed the selection made for the math curriculum. Their final selection was “Bridges in Mathematics” for grade K-5. They explained how the math committee made their final decision. Further discussion will be conducted at the next Board meeting.

c) **Presentation and Discussion re: Data Team Work** – Mrs. Apperson and Mrs. Mlyniec presented to the Board, “real data” from the Data Team process and how it relates to student achievement. It was a very informative presentation.

d) **Presentation and Discussion re: Topics in Special Education** – Mr. Yellen presented a comprehensive PowerPoint demonstration explaining the process which all children with disabilities have available to them for an appropriate education. In this presentation, he explained the critical factors on identifying the child’s needs, doing a complete assessment, and determining the related services for a successful education.

e) **Discussion re: Acceptance of Completion of the Window Replacement Project and Possible Action** – Administration provided an update regarding the completion of the window replacement project.

Motion: J. Jencks approved and signed off on the completion of the Window Replacement Project, as presented by the Building Committee; J. Lewerk seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

f) **Discussion re: Possible Initiative Between High Schools and Possible Action** – Mrs. Keating lead a discussion regarding the recent news of a possible initiative between NFA and the Brooklyn School District. More discussion may occur at the March Board of Education meeting.

g) **Discussion re: 2015-2016 Board of Education and Possible Action** – Mr. Rogers and Administration provided an update regarding the additional appropriation submitted to the Board of Finance. On February 17th, The Board of Education Chairperson and the LCS administration attended the Town’s Board of Finance meeting to request an additional appropriation of \$233,700. The shortfall in the original 2015-2016 budget submitted in February 2015, primarily was due to additional tuition and transportation costs for new students entering the district, and placement of special education students into outplacement programs. The Board of Finance voted, and there was an initial defeat (3-3). They ultimately voted (4-2) to approve a lesser amount \$233,699. There will be a Special Town Meeting in March to address this appropriation. The meeting is open to the public.

h) **Discussion re: Healthy Food Certification Statement and Possible Action** – Connecticut General Statutes require that each local Board of Education certify each year in its annual application to the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) whether all food items made available for sale to students will meet the nutrition standards.

Motion: S. McCabe approved the Healthy Food Certification Statement as provided by the CSDE; J. Jencks seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

i) **Discussion re: Policy # 5145.15 Students Directory Information and Possible Action** – We currently do not have this policy. The Policy Committee members reviewed/summarized this draft. The Board of Education recommended tabling this discussion to gather and review more information.

j) **Discussion re: 2016-2017 Board of Education Budget and Possible Action** – Administration and the Finance Subcommittee provided the final update of the 2016-2017 Board of Education Budget to be presented to the Board of Finance on March 10, 2016.

Motion: S. McCabe approved the 2016-2017 Board of Education Budget; J. Marshall seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

11. **Committee Reports** – None

12. **Additions to the Agenda** - None

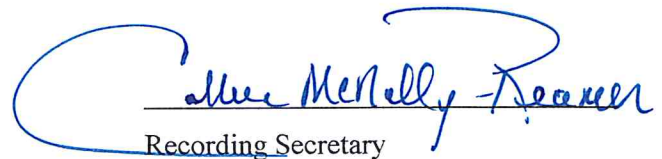
13. **Next Agenda Planning** – To discuss Math Curriculum and Board of Education policy

14. **Public Comment** - None

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15. **Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Approved


Recording Secretary

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ATTEST. LAURIE TIROCCHI, TOWN CLERK


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