

Lisbon Board of Education

Lisbon, Connecticut 06351

Regular Board of Education Minutes

Monday, April 25, 2016

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

Student Ambassadors Absent: P. Raposo

Others: Ms. Anne Townsend, Mr. Steve Brown and Mr. Andrew Tripaldi

1. **Call to Order** – I. Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Public Comment** - None

Please note: The Lisbon Board of Education welcomes comments and suggestions from citizens of the Lisbon community. Citizens who wish to speak with the Board of Education about a particular subject or concern shall be recognized during the public comment portion of the meeting. Each citizen wishing to speak at that time shall be restricted to three (3) minutes. As provided in Robert's Rules of Order, speakers shall be courteous, avoid personal attacks and refrain from the use of vulgarity. Public comment is an opportunity for citizens to bring concerns to the attention of the Board, but not an appropriate time to engage the Board in conversation. The Board may choose to direct the Superintendent to follow up on a matter as warranted.

5. **Correspondence to Board of Education** – None

6. **Report from Lisbon Central School Student Ambassadors** –

C. Siquencia reported the 7th grade students are learning the following: In Math, they completed the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium testing. They began a unit on linear equations. In Language Arts, they started reading the “Outsiders”. In Spanish, they are learning about Mexico City and are preparing for Cinco de Mayo. In Science, they went on their 2nd Project “O” field trip using an otter trawl and they are learning about vertebrates. They will be dissecting a frog next week. In Social Studies, they started a unit on Australia studies.

O. Avery reported the 8th grade students are learning the following: In Math, they are taking quizzes everyday and are preparing for the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium test. In Language Arts they have a book report due Friday. In Social Studies, they are learning about the Industrial Revolution. In Science, they continue with their rocketry lessons and are now building bottle rockets. In Spanish, they are studying verbs for the final exam on May 11th.

7. Approval of Minutes

Motion: S. McCabe moved to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2016 Special Board of Education Meeting; J. Lewerk seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

8. Administrators' / Superintendent's Report

- a) Lisbon Central School – Mrs. Megan Jenkins presented the “Reading is Fundamental” schedule for next week. She updated the Board with the upcoming field trips and discussed the SBAC Testing. The testing is going very well.
- b) Special Education –Mr. David Yellen reported that LCS was chosen for a Special Education Desk Audit. He explained the procedure to the Board members and he strongly believes that the student files are all in order and does not foresee any issues.
- c) Business Office – Mrs. Diana Cormier presented the cafeteria quarterly report. As discussed in past Board meetings, this fund continues to produce a profit.
- d) Information – Mrs. Sally Keating read the report from Mr. Brian McGlew, Director of Buildings and Grounds. The sprinkler system inspection went well. There was also a yearly water sample test taken checking for lead and copper levels and the results were very good. Mrs. Keating updated the Board of the fixing of the cafeteria refrigerator. The cost is yet unknown. She also discussed the upcoming National Junior Honor Society ceremony scheduled by Mr. Steve Brown for May16th. Further discussion was made in regards to LCS 8th grade graduation. The date will be June 9th at 4:30 p.m. Additionally, Mrs. Keating discussed the possibility of having a training session/orientation for the Board of Education and LCS Administration.

9. Consent Agenda

a) Approval of Monthly Expenditures

Motion: J. Lewerk moved to approve monthly expenditures for March, Fiscal Year 2015-2016 in the amount of \$724,826.90; J. Jencks seconded

Vote: Unanimous **Motion Carried**

b) Financial Statement

Motion: M. Avery moved to approve the financial statement for March 2016, Fiscal Year 2015-2016 as presented by the Administration; J. Danburg seconded

Vote: Unanimous **Motion Carried**

c) Transfers

Motion: M. Avery moved to acknowledge the April 2016 transfers, Fiscal Year 2015-2016 as presented by the Administration; J. Jencks seconded

Vote: Unanimous **Motion Carried**

10. New Business / Old Business

a) **Presentation re:** Mr. Steve Brown demonstrated an interactive robot for the Board members. This technology is being used along with a tutor for a student receiving homebound instruction. It has been a huge success in keeping classmates connected during learning.

b) **Discussion re: Library Plaque and Possible Action** - A request has been made by the family of Mr. Leonard Goldberg to have the plaque that is near the former LCS Library be moved to the wall near the LCS Media Center. After reviewing the meeting minutes of 1983 and the original intent of the location of this plaque, the Board of Education members respectfully agree that the plaque should remain in its current location. They believe the plaque represents the historical location of the original library.

Motion: J. Lewerk, moved to affirm leaving Mr. Leonard Goldberg's plaque in its original location and continuing the legacy of Mr. Goldberg's work and the original library location, D. Nowakowski seconded

Vote: Unanimous **Motion Carried**

- f) **Discussion re: Additional Appropriation and Possible Action** – The vote for the additional appropriation of \$233,699 passed.

Motion: J. Lewerk move to approve the allocation of the additional appropriation of \$233,699, as required in the 2015-2016 budget; J. Jencks seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

- g) **Discussion re: Development of a Five-Year Plan for Lisbon Central School and Possible Action** – Mrs. Sally Keating and Mr. Ian Rogers discussed the development of a five year plan for LCS. The committee representatives will be from the Board of Education, Administration, staff and possibly community members. This committee will meet this summer to begin long term planning relating to capital improvements, student enrollment, staffing, curriculum and student achievement, technology, physical plant issues, budget, etc. The committee members will be as follows: M. Avery, J. Jencks, S. McCabe, J. Lewerk, D. Yellen, S. Keating, D. Cormier, B. McGlew, A. Tripaldi. R. Baah and A. Orcutt will also be asked to join this committee

Motion: D. Rickard moved to approve the formation of the Five-Year Plan Committee; J. Lewerk seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

- h) **Discussion re: EASTCONN Committee Membership and Possible Action** – Mr. Joseph Lewerk lead the discussion on this agenda item. Mr. Lewerk has been the representative from the Lisbon Board of Education. Mr. Lewerk is voluntarily leaving the Committee, and a replacement is needed for this position. There will be further discussion about a new representative from the Board of Education at the next Board meeting. Mrs. Joan Marshall is considering taking the position.

- i) **Discussion re: Education Cost Sharing (ECS) Grant Proposal** – Mr. Ian Rogers and Administration lead the discussion on this topic. With the Governor's revised budget that was released a few weeks ago, there are discussions of significant cuts towards towns and education. There has been no final determination of the ECS money designated for each town.

- j) **Discussion re: 2016-2017 Board of Education Budget and Possible Action** – Mr. Ian Rogers lead the discussion on the recent Board of Finance meeting held at Town Hall on April 13, 2016; specifically, the Education Capital Projects Fund and the corresponding proposed policy.

k) **Discussion re: Singleton Contracts (Proposed Executive Session) and Possible Action -**

Motion: J. Lewerk moved to move Agenda Item # (10k) Discussion re: Singleton Contracts to Executive Session, immediately following Agenda Item #14 Public comment; M. Avery seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

11. **Committee Reports – None**

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

13. **Next Agenda Planning – Discuss re: Plaques**

14. **Public Comment - None**

Motion: M. Avery moved to enter into Executive Session and to invite Mrs. Sally Keating, Mrs. Diana Cormier, Mr. David Yellen and Mr. Andrew Tripaldi, to discuss Agenda Item (10k) Discussion re: Singleton Contracts; J. Lewerk seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:56 p.m.

Motion: J. Jencks moved to accept as presented the contract for Principal Andrew Tripaldi; J. Marshall seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Motion: J. Lewerk moved to accept as presented the contract for Joseph Gracia; D. Rickard seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Motion: D. Rickard moved to accept as presented the contract for Robin Gore; J. Danburg seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Motion: J. Lewerk moved to accept as presented the contract for Kathy Edmond; D. Rickard seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Motion: S. McCabe moved to accept as presented the contract for Business Manager;

J. Lewerk seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Motion: D. Rickard moved to accept as presented the contract for Nurse;
J. Danburg seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Motion: J. Jencks moved to accept as presented the contract for Assistant to Business Manager/Superintendent; J. Marshall seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Motion: J. Marshall moved to accept as presented the contract for Director of Buildings and Grounds; J. Lewerk seconded

**Vote: Yes – I. Rogers, M. Avery, J. Danburg, D. Rickard, D. Nowakowski,
J. Marshall, S. McCabe, J. Lewerk**

No - J. Jencks (Noted Contract should be higher)

Motion Carried

Motion: S. McCabe moved to accept as presented the contract for Director of Special Education; J. Lewerk seconded

Vote: Unanimous

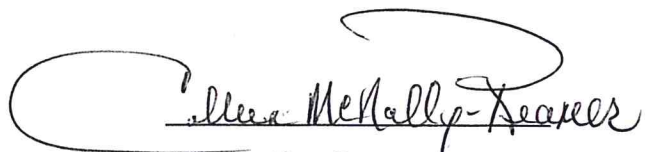
Motion Carried

The Board ended executive session at 9:16 p.m.

15. **Adjournment** The meeting adjourned 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved


Recording Secretary

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ATTEST. LAURIE TIROCCHI, TOWN CLERK
