

Lisbon Board of Education

Lisbon, Connecticut 06351

Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 15, 2021

6:30 p.m.

Lisbon Central School

Media Center

Board Members Present: M. Krauss, J. Jencks, M. Avery, L. Baah, J. Danburg, J. Lewerk, J. Marshall, S. McCabe and D. Nowakowski

Board Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: S. Keating (Superintendent), B. Apperson (Principal), D. Cormier (Business Manager), B. McGlew (Building and Grounds), and S. Trepanier (Director of Special Education)

Administrators Absent:

Student Ambassadors Present: B. Nowakowski and A. Cuff

Student Ambassadors Absent: D. Jeffs

Others: Ms. Stacey Guertin

1. **Call to Order** – M. Krauss called the meeting to order at 6.32 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Public Comment** – None

If not attending in-person-Questions/Comments must be emailed to the Board of Education Chairperson at mkrauss@boe.lisbonschool.org 24 hours in advance of the Board Meeting (by 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 14, 2021).

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

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

B. Nowakowski reported that the 8th grade students are learning the following: In Language Arts, he reported they have just started reading a book about how and why World War I happened and they are working on a packet for each chapter. In Math, they learning how to read and graph scatter plots along with finding the volume of spheres, cones, and cylinders. In Science, they are studying fossils and the evolution from wolf to dog. The theory is that wolves started taking scraps left by early humans and started to depend on the humans, eventually changing the breed into the dogs we know today. In Social Studies, they are learning about Lewis and Clark and their adventures to the western frontier and all the challenges they faced along the way. They are also learning about Sacagawea and why she was not mentioned often in the journals of the adventurers. In Spanish, they are learning words re: currency. In addition, they are learning how to say indirect pronouns which opens up their ability to say complete sentences.

A. Cuff reported that the 6th grade students are learning the following: In Language Arts, she reported they are reading a book called, "No Vacancy". The book is about two kids who go to high school. In Math, they are learning how to do proportions and unit rates. Proportions can be simple, or they can be extremely complicated. In Science, they are learning how bees pollinate and how they help us humans live our lives with our needs satisfied. In Social Studies, they are starting their unit on Ancient Rome. Rome was a republic until Julius Caesar and a few others turned it into an empire. In Gifted and Talented, they are finishing their Google slides for the Invention Convention.

7. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion: J. Lewerk motioned to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2021 Regular Board of Education Meeting; J. Marshall seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

8. **Administrators' / Superintendent's Report**

- a) Lisbon Central School – Mr. Brian Apperson provided an update on the February Student of the Month. He also informed the Board that our Parent-Teacher Conferences would be held virtually or by phone, this Thursday and Friday.
- b) Special Education –Mr. Scott Trepanier reported on the Special Education Enrollment Numbers and provided an update regarding the Flexible Resource Rooms.
- c) Business Office – Mrs. Diana Cormier provided an update regarding Medicaid.
- d) Building and Grounds –Mr. Brian McGlew provided an update regarding the LCS physical plant. AA Lock & Key Co. came to repair the crash bar located near the dumpsters.
- e) Information – Mrs. Sally Keating informed the Board that the majority of staff at LCS who wanted the vaccine have made their appointments. She also provided an update of the percentage, which is 8.1% of students who are full remote learning. Students will begin five full days of in-person learning April 19th and the teachers who teach special classes such as art, music, etc. will start teaching in their classrooms again starting Monday, March 22, 2021. Lastly, Mrs. Keating informed the Board she has begun filling out the ESSER II application, which is due by April 6th.

9. **Consent Agenda**

- a) Approval of Monthly Expenditures

Motion: J. Marshall motioned to approve monthly expenditures for February 2021, Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in the amount of \$419,497.64; J. Jencks seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motioned Carried

- b) Financial Statement

Motion: J. Marshall motioned to approve the financial statement for February 2021, Fiscal Year 2020-2021 as presented by the Administration; J. Jencks seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motioned Carried

- c) Transfers

Motion: J. Lewerk motioned to acknowledge the February 2021, Fiscal Year 2020-2021 transfers as presented by Administration; J. Marshall seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motioned Carried

10. **New Business / Old Business**

- a) Discussion re: Cafeteria Finances Update and Possible Action – Mrs. Diana Cormier and Mrs. Sally Keating provided an update regarding the implementation of the proposal provided by Mr. Mike Rossi last month. Mrs. Keating stated that she will be applying for money in the ESSER II Grant in relation to the deficit in the cafeteria finances.

- b) Discussion re: Healthy Food Certification for School Year 2021-2022 and Possible Action- Because we participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), the Board needs to vote annually on the following motions in order to submit the 2021-2022 HFC Statement to the CT State Dept. of Education.

Motion: J. Lewerk motioned to approve the implementation of the Healthy Food Option outlined as follows; J. Marshall seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Healthy Food Option: Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Board of Education or governing authority certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.

If the Board votes "yes" to this motion, a second vote must take place to allow/not allow food and beverage exemptions.

Motion: J. Lewerk motioned to allow food and beverage exemptions, outlined as follows; J. Marshall seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Food and Beverage Exemptions: The Board of Education or governing authority will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The "regular school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held.

- c) Update re: Spring Sports and Possible Action – Mrs. Sally Keating and Mr. Brian Apperson led the discussion on this topic. Mrs. Keating and Mrs. Svab have completed the draft protocols and Mrs. Keating informed the Board that she will be meeting with local Superintendents next Tuesday to discuss possible sports activities in their districts. She will update the Board after that meeting.
- d) Discussion re: Proposed 2021-2022 School Calendar and Possible Action – Mrs. Sally Keating summarized the highlights of the proposed 2021-2022 Calendar. This calendar was developed by Mrs. Keating, Mr. Apperson and Mrs. Jenkins, after reviewing NFA's, Griswold's and LEARN's calendars.

Motion: L. Baah motioned to approve the 2021-2022 LCS Calendar, as proposed by LCS Administrators; J. Danburg seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

- e) Discussion re: Adoption of Policy #0525.1 - Mission-Goals-Objectives-Anti-Racism and Possible Action – Mrs. Joan Marshall provided a brief summary of the new policy. If there are no issues, motions can be made to waive the first read and to vote on the amended policy for approval and adoption.

Motion: J. Marshall motioned to waive the 1st read of Policy #0525.1 - Mission-Goals-Objectives-Anti-Racism; J. Jencks seconded

Vote: Yes:

M. Avery, L. Baah, J. Danburg, J. Jencks, M. Krauss, J. Lewerk, J. Marshall, D. Nowakowski

Vote: Opposed:

S. McCabe

Motion Carried

Motion: J. Lewerk motioned to adopt Policy #0525.1 - Mission-Goals-Objectives-Anti-Racism; J. Marshall seconded

Vote: Yes:

M. Avery, L. Baah, J. Danburg, J. Jencks, M. Krauss, J. Lewerk, J. Marshall, D. Nowakowski

Vote: Opposed:

S. McCabe

Motion Carried

- f) Discussion re: Amendment to Policies and Possible Action – Mrs. Joan Marshall summarized the changes to these policies. If there are no issues, motions can be made to waive the first read and to vote on the amended policies for approval and adoption.

- Policy#4140.2/4240.2- Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified-Compensation and Related Benefits for Non-Bargaining Unit Employees (excluding Superintendent)

Motion: J. Marshall motioned to waive the 1st read of Policy#4140.2/4240.2- Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified-Compensation and Related Benefits for Non-Bargaining Unit Employees (excluding Superintendent); L. Baah seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Motion: J. Lewerk motioned to amend Policy#4140.2/4240.2- Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified-Compensation and Related Benefits for Non-Bargaining Unit Employees (excluding Superintendent); J. Jencks seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

- Policy#4212.42-Personnel-Certified-Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers

Motion: L. Baah motioned to waive the 1st read of Policy#4212.42-Personnel-Certified-Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers; J. Marshall seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Motion: J. Lewerk motioned to amend Policy#4212.42-Personnel-Certified-Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers; L. Baah seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

- Policy#6159 – Instruction – Individualized Education Program/Special Education Program

Motion: L. Baah motioned to waive the 1st read of Policy#6159 – Instruction – Individualized Education Program/Special Education Program; J. Jencks seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Motion: J. Danburg motioned to amend Policy#6159 – Instruction – Individualized Education Program/Special Education Program; J. Lewerk seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

- Policy#6172.4 – Instruction – Title I Parent and Family Engagement

Motion: J. Lewerk motioned to waive the 1st read of Policy#6172.4 – Instruction – Title I Parent and Family Engagement; L. Baah seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Motion: J. Lewerk motioned to amend Policy#6172.4 – Instruction – Title I Parent and Family Engagement; L. Baah seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

- g) Discussion re: 2020-2021 Budget Projections- Mrs. Diana Cormier and Mrs. Sally Keating led the discussion on this topic. Again, we are in good financial standing.
- h) Discussion re: State Standardized Testing- Mr. Brian Apperson provided a summary of the CSDE's as well as LCS' plans for standardized testing for this school year. All testing will be done March 29th – June 4th. Remote learners will be invited to complete in-person or will be done remotely.

11. **Committee Reports** – None

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


13. **Next Agenda Planning** – Discussion re: New Microphone System possibly under a COVID Grant, Sports Update and Website Update.

14. **Public Comment**

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15. **Adjournment:** 7:52 p.m.

Approved


Recording Secretary

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