Lisbon Board of Education

Lisbon, Connecticut 06351

Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 19, 2021
6:30 p.m.
Lisbon Central School
Library / Media Center

Or

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

Board Members Absent: M. Krauss, J. Lewerk, and S. McCabe

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: None

Student Ambassadors Present: B. Nowakowski, A. Cuff, and D. Jeffs

Student Ambassadors Absent: None

Others: None

1. **Call to Order** – J. Jencks called the meeting to order at 6.30 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 are doing another book report and they have just finished their thesis papers and essay tests. He stated that they were difficult but they all made it with great scores In Math, they have just finished the Pythagorean Theorem lesson and are learning how to find distances of an angled line on a graph. They have completed the Eighth Grade curriculum and are now studying for the SBAC test. In Science, they are learning about the evolution of creatures, how they begin from single cells and become large, functioning creatures. He finds it very fascinating how the organism can evolve in such a way over millions of years. In Social Studies, they are learning about the industrial revolution in North America and the hardships of the slaves in the South. They are learning about the arguments of slavery, how the workers in the textile mills in the North were in difficult working quarters. In Spanish, they are learning about the foods of Central and South America. They have viewed recipes and learned unique foods.

D. Jeffs reported that the 7th grade students are learning the following: In Language Arts, she reported they have been discussing their first research paper and have been going over the first of very many steps of how to do a research paper. Tomorrow the class will be choosing authors and learning how to set up the eighth grade book report. In Math, they are currently going over the geometry of composite figures and once that unit has finished, they will be moving onto scale factors and reviewing for the upcoming SBAC test. In Science, they finished their worm dissection activity last week, reviewed their lesson on food webs and ecosystems and are now starting to learn and discuss population studies. In Social Studies, they have been reading about Brazil and its environmental issues. They will also be watching an educational documentary about the Amazon Rainforest, leading up to a research paper. In Spanish, they are starting a new unit and learning how to tell the time and how to describe their daily class schedule.

A. Cuff reported that the 6th grade students are learning the following: In Language Arts, she reported they are learning about a woman named Yoshiko and her and her family's hardships during the Pearl Harbor bombing. In Math, they are practicing for their upcoming SBAC test. This test includes what they have learned such as percentages, ratios, rates and lots more. In Science, they are learning how different organisms reproduce in different ways. She finds it very interesting to learn how others reproduce differently. In Social Studies, they continue to learn about Ancient Rome. She enjoys learning about the different mechanisms that they had back then.

7. Approval of Minutes

Motion: J. Marshall motioned to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2021 Regular Board of Education Meeting; J. Danburg seconded

Vote: Unanimous **Motion Carried**

8. Administrators' / Superintendent's Report

a) Lisbon Central School – Mr. Brian Apperson provide an update on the March Student of the Month. Testing is underway for grades 3,4,5 and 7. Grade 6 will begin their ELA test this week. He gave an update of the computer purchase order. He has been tracking the shipment and hopes to receive them shortly. Lastly, the LCS Variety Show videos are being finalized. Mr. Gracia has offered his assistance with the videos. The final product will be put into a video. Many thanks to Mrs. Gilgenbach and the PBIS staff!

b) Special Education –Mr. Scott Trepanier reported on the Special Education Enrollment Numbers, and PreK Screening will take place on May 7th.

c) Business Office – Mrs. Diana Cormier provided an update regarding Medicaid.

d) Building and Grounds –Mr. Brian McGlew will provide an update regarding the LCS physical plant. He reported the security cameras have been cleaned, and the fire protection system has been tested. Lastly, he wanted to thank the Lisbon Fire Department for their help in replacing our flag pole rope.

e) Information – Mrs. Keating updated the Board regarding the recent ESSER II grant application for approximately $222,501 and reviewed what the money will be used for. A call was made to the State to ask about the status of the grant and Mrs. Keating should hear over the next two weeks regarding the status. She has applied for the REAP Grant for approximately $33,000. The status should be known in the summer. Next, the Security Grant is on the horizon and Mrs. Keating and Mr. McGlew will be working on that one. Mrs. Keating would like to hold a Reopening of School meeting next week and will reach out to the committee members. Lastly, Mrs. Keating reached out to Ledyard Superintendent Jay Hartling. This is in relation to the possibility of having Ledyard High School as an option for our students. Last week was Spring Break, so she will reach out again.

9. Consent Agenda

a) Approval of Monthly Expenditures

Motion: M. Avery motioned to approve monthly expenditures for March 2021, Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in the amount of $1,118,161.53; J. Marshall seconded

Vote: Unanimous **Motion Carried**

b) Financial Statement

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

Vote: Unanimous **Motion Carried**

c) Transfers

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

Vote: Unanimous **Motion Carried**

10. New Business / Old Business

a) Update re: New Microphone System – Mrs. Sally Keating briefly commented on the status of the new microphone system which is in place for this BOE Meeting.

b) Update re: Spring Sports – Mr. Apperson and Mrs. Keating provided an update regarding intramural spring sports and the reasons for not having competitions and spectators. Softball and track began today and baseball is delayed due to waiting for a coach's certificate.

c) Update re: The LCS Website – Mr. Apperson provided an update on the status of the LCS website. Novus has the design plans and are working on creating the new website. With the guidance of Mrs. Jenkins, the Gifted and Talented students had some great input for the design of the website. We hope to have it up and running soon.

d) Discussion re: May Meeting and Possible Action – Mrs. Judy Jencks led the discussion on this topic. The Board Chair has asked Attorney Jessica Ritter to talk to the Board regarding protocols related to the Board of Education. A training workshop will occur next month at 5:30 p.m. before the next Board Meeting and may continue in the future.

e) Discussion re: 2021 Eighth Grade Graduation and Possible Action – Mr. Brian Apperson and Mrs. Sally Keating led the discussion on this topic. Plans are being discussed regarding the graduation ceremony. If things continue in the right direction regarding little or no impact from COVID, there may be a possibility of have a graduation outdoors with limited guests. Mrs. Keating will continue to update the Board.

f) Discussion re: Exploration of Algebra Class for Eighth Grade for Next School Year and Possible Action – Mr. David Nowakowski, Mr. Brian Apperson and Mrs. Sally Keating discussed a possible proposal for a separate algebra class for eighth graders beginning next school year. No action was taken at this time.

g) Discussion re: 2020-2021 Budget Projections - Mrs. Diana Cormier led the discussion regarding this topic. Again, we are in good financial standing

h) Discussion re: Current Needs for LCS and Possible Action – Mrs. Sally Keating and the LCS Administrative Team led the discussion on items that are needed for LCS this year and the possibility of purchasing them this year with unexpended funds in our current budget.

Motion: L. Baah motioned to proceed with buying from the needs list, items 1 - 12; J. Marshall seconded

Vote: Unanimous **Motion Carried**

11. **Committee Reports** – None

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

13. **Next Agenda Planning** – To discuss the Needs list items 13-17, Review of the BOE Bylaws

14. **Public Comment** – None

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15. **Adjournment** – 7:35 p.m.

Approved

Recording Secretary

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