

Lisbon Board of Education

Lisbon, Connecticut 06351

Regular Board of Education Minutes

Monday, January 22, 2024

6:30 p.m.

Lisbon Central School

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Board Members Present: K. Vane, J. Jencks, L. Baah, J. Lewerk, D. Nowakowski, J. Danburg, B. Larkin, K. Barber

Board Members Absent: I. Rogers (Chair)

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

Administrators Absent: None

Student Ambassadors Present T. Nowakowski, N. Vane

Student Ambassadors Absent: P. Contino

Others: Phillip Kinslow, Tara Hood and Family

1. **Call to Order** – K. Vane called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Public Comment** – Student J. Hood and Family commented regarding student's communication progress and relevant resources.

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

T. Nowakowski reported that the 7th Grade Students are learning the following: In Language Arts: They are reading "The Giver". In Math: They took a test and are moving on to a new subject. In Social Studies: They are learning about the Andes and the Pampas. In Spanish: They are learning about the forms of tener (the Spanish word to have.) In Science: They are learning about photosynthesis and cellular respiration. In Health: They are learning about mental awareness. He reported that there was a basketball game tonight and it is going great. N. Vane reported that the 6th Grade Students are learning the following: In Language Arts: They have been doing Aimsweb testing, reading a book called "Nine Ten", writing in their writing packets and working on Wordly Wise Lesson 10. In Math: They have been working on negative and positive numbers with absolute value. They have also been doing Aimsweb testing on Thursdays and Fridays. In Social Studies: They have been working on God and Goddesses posters. She chose Hera, the goddess of marriage and family; her symbols are daises and peacocks. In Science: They have been learning about digestion. There has been discussion about the upcoming 6th Grade trip to New York.

7. Approval of Minutes

Motion: J. Lewerk moved to approve the minutes of the 1/2/24 Special Board of Education Meeting; B. Larkin seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

8. Administrators' / Superintendent's Report

- a) Lisbon Central School – Mr. Christopher Sheldon congratulated the December Students of the Month.
- b) Special Education –Mr. Scott Trepanier spoke about the Special Education Enrollment Numbers and gave an update on the Co-Teaching Model Rounding/Mentoring.
- c) Business Office – Mrs. Deborah Ladouceur spoke about the timelines for the development of next year's budget/working with Infinite Visions regarding tax information.
- d) Building & Grounds –Mr. Brian McGlew spoke about the intercom system being repaired, an update on the bathroom project and another clean water sample.
- e) Information- Mrs. Sally Keating discussed the most recent Security, Safety and School Climate Meeting that was held January 12, 2024.

9. Consent Agenda

a) Approval of Monthly Expenditures

Motion: L. Baah motioned to approve the monthly expenditures for December 2023, Fiscal Year 2023- 2024 in the amount of \$657,101.57; J. Lewerk seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

b) Financial Statement

Motion: L. Baah motioned to approve the financial statement for December 2023, Fiscal Year 2023- 2024 as presented by the Administration; J. Lewerk seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

10. New Business / Old Business

- a) Acceptance and Approval of Employee's Resignation and Possible Action- Mr. Joseph Gracia our dedicated Full-Time Technology/Video/STEAM/Media Support Staff Member is retiring at the end of the school year. He will be missed!

Motion: B. Larkin motioned to accept and approve Mr. Joseph Gracia's resignation with regret and to wish him much success in the future; D. Nowakowski seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

- b) Presentation and Discussion re: Middle College- Mr. Ted Keleher from Quinebaug
Middle College gave a presentation regarding the Quinebaug Middle College Magnet High School.
- c) Update re: Reading at Lisbon Central School- Mr. Christopher Sheldon and Mrs. Sally Keating discussed the status of the Science of Reading initiative at LCS and also provided an update on the reading grants.

- d) Update re: Board of Education Policies-Policy Committee Members reviewed previously approved policy. They noted no amendments needed.

- Policy 3593.1 S Business- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Fiscal Compliance

Motion: D. Nowakowski motioned to waive the 1st read of Policy 3593.1 S Business- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Fiscal Compliance; J. Lewerk seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Motion: B. Larkin motioned to accept Policy 3593.1 S Business- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Fiscal Compliance; L. Baah seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

- Policy 5515 S Students- The Pledge of Allegiance

Motion: D. Nowakowski motioned to waive the 1st read of Policy 5515 S Students- The Pledge of Allegiance J. Lewerk seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Motion: B. Larkin motioned to accept Policy 5515 S Students- The Pledge of Allegiance; L. Baah seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

- Policy 6176 S Instruction- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act- Alternative Assessments for Students with Disabilities for Statewide and District-Wide Assessments

Motion: D. Nowakowski motioned to waive the 1st read of Policy 6176 S Instruction- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act-Alternative Assessments for Students with Disabilities for Statewide and District-Wide Assessments; J. Lewerk seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Motion: B. Larkin motioned to accept Policy 6176 S Instruction- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act-Alternative Assessments for Students with Disabilities for Statewide and District-Wide Assessments; L. Baah seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

- e) Discussion re: Amendment to Board of Education Policies and Possible Action-Policy committee members summarized the proposed changes to the following policies.

- Policy 1732 S Community/Board Operations- Policy Regarding Green Cleaning Programs

Motion: J. Lewerk motioned to waive the 1st read of Policy 1732 S Community/Board Operations- Policy Regarding Green Cleaning Programs; K. Barber seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Motion: J. Lewerk motioned to amend and adopt Policy 1732 S Community/Board Operations-Policy Regarding Green Cleaning Programs; B. Larkin seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

- Policy 3583.1 S Business- Gifts, Grants and Bequests to the District

Motion: J. Lewerk motioned to waive the 1st read of Policy 3583.1 S Business- Gifts, Grants and Bequests to the District; B. Larkin seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Motion: J. Lewerk motioned to amend and adopt Policy 3583.1 S Business- Gifts, Grants and Bequests to the District; B. Larkin seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

- Policy 6178 S Instruction- Parental Access to Instructional Materials

Motion: J. Lewerk motioned to waive and amend the 1st read of Policy 6178 S Instruction to include the word “within” by D. Nowakowski- Parental Access to Instructional Materials; L. Baah seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Motion: J. Lewerk motioned to amend with the word “within” and adopt Policy 6178 S Instruction- Parental Access to Instructional Materials; L. Baah seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

- f) Discussion re: Transportation Costs and Grants- Mrs. Sally Keating discussed the status of transportation grants in Connecticut. Mr. Kevin Chambers from the State Department stated that there are no grants for transportation in CT.
- g) Update/Discussion re: Future Bus Contract and Possible Action- Mrs. Sally Keating stated that one bid came in and that there is a meeting scheduled for Thursday February 1st at 3:30 p.m. in Room 36 at LCS to review the bid.
- h) Discussion re: Ducharme Accounts and Possible Action- Mrs. Judy Jencks gave an update on the Ducharme accounts. Mr. Joseph Lewerk volunteered to help with these accounts.
- i) Discussion re: Superintendent’s Evaluation (Proposed Executive Session); Approval of Superintendent’s Evaluation.

Motion: J. Lewerk motioned to table this Agenda Item #10(i) Discussion re: Superintendent’s Evaluation (Proposed Executive Session) until next month; K. Barber seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried


- 11. **Committee Reports** – Building and Grounds Committee met on January 22, 2024 and will be discussed at the next BOE Meeting.
- 12. **Additions to the Agenda**-Mrs. Brandi Larkin mentioned that at a former Board of Education Meeting, under Public Comment a person brought up that teachers should be able to go to the Board of Education directly without going to Administration first regarding issues. It was also mentioned that teachers and community should evaluate Administration. Parents should have the opportunity to give feedback regarding school personnel. It was noted that School Climate Surveys are done yearly by parents, staff and students.

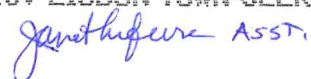
13. **Next Agenda Planning-** Curriculum Committee, Climate Survey Results, Policies, Building and Grounds Committee, Budget Update, School Calendar, NFA Contract, Bus Contract, 3 Rivers Middle College, Quinebaug Middle College
14. **Public Comment** – Mr. Phillip Kinslow commented that he liked the idea of surveys for both the District as well as the Board Members.

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15. **Adjournment- 7:58 p.m.**

Approved


Recording Secretary

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 ASST.