

LISBON**May 16, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Lisbon Board of Education was held on Monday, May 16, 2011 and was called to order by Chairman, R. Baah at 6:30 pm.

Members Present: I. Rogers, R. Baah, L. Herring-Sylvestre, M. Krauss, M. Burelle, S. McCabe, R. Brown, R. Rogers, J. Marshall

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: S. Keating, L. Slocum, D. Cormier, H. Mileski

Administrators Absent: B. Austin

Student Ambassadors Present: K. Hong, B. Cormier

Student Ambassadors Absent: B. Way

Others: J. Gracia, G. Pryor, R. Pryor

The Student Ambassadors led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: None

Lisbon Central School Ambassadors Report:

K. Hong reported that his 7th grade class went to Project Oceanology last Thursday. On June 1st, the 7th grade students will be going on a Medieval Times field trip. In Language Arts, the students are learning about science-fiction books and are currently working on a frog dissection in science.

B. Cormier reported that the 6th grade students are going to New York on June 3rd where they will visit the U.S. Ellis Island and Ground Zero. He also reported that in Language Arts the students are learning a new writing process about how to persuade their parents to go on a vacation. In science, the students have just finished up learning about the digestive system.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by M. Burelle to approve minutes of April 25, 2011 Board of Education Meeting as presented. Seconded by R. Browne.

Motion by R. Browne to approve the minutes of April 25, 2011 Board of Education Meeting with the spelling correction under item #9d of Browne. Seconded by J. Marshall. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Administrators' / Superintendent's Report:

- a) S. Keating reported that B. Austin is continuing his recuperation and hoping to be back on May 31st. The 2nd grade assembly regarding "Commitment" was great. Special moments during the assembly were when the 2nd grade teachers introduced their parents, showing their commitment and a conference call was made to our dedicated Principal, Mr. Austin. On May 11th, the National Junior Honor Society held an induction ceremony and it went very well. The 8th grade students will be going to Boston on May 19th and 20th. The Environmental Symposium students are doing a presentation on May 31st from 9:30 - 10:00 in the Library / Media Center. This event will highlight their work this year. The Superintendent's Award Dinner is scheduled for May 31st @ 5:00 pm and will be held in the LCS Cafeteria. This year's winners are Justin Benson, Erica Traini and Albert Tulli IV.
- b) H. Mileski reported that N. Gallagher from NEASC visited CCHS on April 27th. He met with H. Mileski, S. Keating, R. Baah, J. Marshall for most of the day. He observed classrooms, spoke with staff

and students and spent a large part of the time reviewing current systems and documentation. He was looking for our connections to state standards, rubric or assessment tools and curriculum. He informed us at the end of the day that we are on the right track and ready to begin the three year process. N. Gallagher will be presenting his findings at a June NEASC committee meeting and a report will be forwarded to CCHS. Mrs. Mileski also reported R. Pryor, a senior, has an internship at the Women Center of New London. She recently completed a certification program for a Domestic Violence counselor. During her studies for that program she was inspired to write a song. She presented this song at her 3rd quarter exhibition with her mentor present. She was so impressed she asked her to sing for the opening of their annual benefit breakfast at the Mystic Hilton. The event took place last Thursday with over 200 people present. Mrs. Mileski introduced R. Pryor and she sang her song for the Board.

- c) L. Slocum reported on the topic of "Assistive Technology" and provided examples for the Board to see.
- d) D. Cormier discussed with the Board 2010 – 2011 projections. An RFP needs to be written with regards to the alarm system as soon as possible.
- e) S. Keating reported that the State Police apprehended the individual that broke into the school. This happened on May 7th. The damage for the window replacement came to \$641.00. The May 13th ½ day teacher in-service went well. The teachers met for data team meetings and teachers in grades K through 6 were able to attend training on the new Language Arts program "Reading Street" or did planning for enrichment activities.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by R. Browne to approve monthly expenditures for April 2011 in the amount of \$487,694.78. Seconded by M. Burelle. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Burelle to approve the financial statement for April 2011 as presented. Seconded by I. Rogers. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

New Business / Old Business:

- a) "Leading an Early Life" Project – The Board watched the video that was a collaborative project with the seniors, 7th grade enrichment group, Mr. Gracia, Mr. Austin and Mrs. Keating.
- b) 2009 – 2010 Strategic School Profile – Mrs. Keating presented a summary of the purpose of the strategic school profile report and information which is included in it.
- c) IDEA Grant (2011 – 2012) – Mrs. Slocum reviewed with the Board the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Special Education Grant.
- d) Equity in School Lunch Pricing – Mrs. Keating and Mrs. Cormier discussed the equity in school lunch pricing provision. Effective July 1, 2011, section 205 of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 requires school food authorities (FAs) participating in the National School Lunch Program to provide the same level of support for lunches served to students who are not eligible for free or reduced price lunches (i.e. paid lunches) as they are for lunches served to students eligible for free lunches. This provision has been reviewed and our lunch prices do not need to be increased at this time.
- e) Signature Change for Bank Account Re: American Revolution Bicentennial Award – G. Milone is the authorized signer for the bank account transactions regarding this award. In order to change the authorized signer, an approval must be made by the designated Board, according to the bank's policy/procedures.

Motion by M. Krauss to change the authorized signer regarding banking transactions for the American Revolution Bicentennial Award from the current authorized user, G. Milone to T. Wheeler (LEA Treasurer). Seconded by J. Marshall. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

- f) Community Connections High School – Mrs. Keating and Mrs. Mileski gave an update regarding the recent newspaper article regarding CCHS.
- g) Confidential Student Issue – Mrs. Keating stated there are concerns with a residency situation and recommended it be discussed under executive session.

Motion by R. Rogers to move item #9(g) Confidential Student Issue to be discussed under Executive Session on the Board of Education meeting agenda. Seconded by R. Browne. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

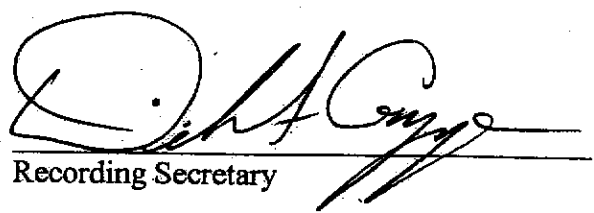
Committee Report: None
Additions to the Agenda: None
Next Agenda Planning: Policy Audit
Public Comments:

G. Pryor stated that he is very happy with CCHS and that his daughter has blossomed within this learning environment.

Motion by J. Marshall to enter into executive session to inform the Board of a confidential student issue and to invite L. Slocum and D. Cormier. Seconded by M. Krauss. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

The Board entered into executive session at 8:00 pm.
The Board ended executive session at 8:48 pm.
No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.
Motion by R. Rogers to adjourn. Seconded by R. Browne. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.
The Board adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Recording Secretary

Approved

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