

LISBON

October 17, 2011

The regular meeting of the Lisbon Board of Education was held on Monday, October 17, 2011 and was called to order by Chairman, R. Baah at 6:32 pm.

Members Present: R. Rogers, R. Baah, M. Krauss, R. Browne, J. Marshall, L. Herring-Sylvestre

Members Absent: I. Rogers, M. Burelle, S. McCabe

Administrators Present: S. Keating, B. Austin, D. Cormier, L. Slocum, K. Graves

Administrators Absent: None

Student Ambassadors Present: K. Hong

Student Ambassadors Absent: B. Cormier

Others: C. Davis

The Student Ambassador led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: None

Lisbon Central School Ambassadors Report:

K. Hong reported that the 8th grade students are continuing to work on their first book report and an individual project due by the end of October. In Science, the students are destroying the truss design bridges to find out which is most efficient. SLAP started last Wednesday and there will be another meeting this Wednesday. The Environmental Club is working on the Haunted Nature Trail and the theme this year is pirates. In Health, the students are learning about the 5 dimensions of wellness: social, physical, emotional, spiritual and intellectual. The 6th grade student ambassadors will begin attending meetings in November.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by M. Krauss to approve minutes of September 19, 2011 Board of Education Meeting as presented. Seconded by R. Browne. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Administrators' / Superintendent's Report:

- a) B. Austin reported that four benches were purchased and installed by the Lisbon PTO. The benches are located by the circle of the main entrance to the school. Over Columbus Day weekend, the PTO put in more trees and bushes in the courtyard area. The courtyard is nearly finished. Thank you to T. Brodeur and family and C. Davis and family who volunteered their time. The PTO movie night was held on September 30th and was the largest crowd to date. Thank you to J. McCloud and G. McCloud for running it and giving up one Friday a month to run this event. The next movie night will be on Friday, October 21st. B. Austin stated that he is working closely with the PTO and they are giving LCS \$7,000 to purchase ENO boards for the classroom, they are very much like smartboards. This will bring our total of smartboards at LCS to 12. The PTO will also be purchasing a plasma TV to be placed in the entrance so that parents are aware of important events going on in the school. The cement sidewalk was finished by the PK and K rooms and it looks great. This is another project funded by the Lisbon PTO. B. Austin stated that he feels that our Code of Conduct has had a positive impact on our students. Our "Caught Being Good" board has gone up and can be viewed outside the main office. Trick or Trunk will be held on October 28th in the parking lot by the Community Barn. If you wish to participate, let B. Austin know. B. Austin stated that one of his goals this year is to be able to get into the classrooms on a more regular basis. He has been doing that and is really impressed with many of the lessons that are being taught. Last week was Fire Prevention week and on Friday we were involved with a fire prevention program with the Lisbon Fire Department. Included this year was a smoke house that was a simulation of a real fire and what the kids should do in case their house is on fire.

- b) K. Graves reported that the enrollment at CCHS is currently 25 students. Virtual Learning Academy is going well and a few students are participating in a math program trial that was offered free for one month. The courses are continuing to expand based on the students' interests. On September 23rd, a letter was received from NEASC stating that CCHS has been awarded Candidacy for Accreditation through the calendar year 2014. There will be a Breakfast on October 20th @ 7:30 am for area Superintendents.
- c) L. Slocum reviewed the October 1, 2011 special education high school student enrollment and budget.
- d) D. Cormier reviewed the October 1, 2011 regular education high school student enrollment and budget.
- e) S. Keating read a report from B. McGlew regarding maintenance issues. Over Columbus Day weekend, the PTO hired The South East Concrete Co. to extend the concrete walkway located next to the PK wing leading to the upper parking lot. This was a very nice gesture on the behalf of the PTO and has added a cleaner completion to the sidewalk/ramp project that was renovated over the summer. The track project has hit a little bit of a snag. The on-site gravel has been deemed unacceptable by Boundaries LLC, the engineering firm for the project. The gravel is not allowing enough water to filter through it and this could cause the track to have frost heaves or even sink holes. The contractor, Mountain View Landscapes, has agreed to remove and replace the gravel at no extra charge. Completion may not be able to be done until April because the project cannot continue during the cold weather. The alarm system has been installed and is just waiting for the computer on which to operate it. Nick Austin has scheduled this for Tuesday. The blue awning located at the front of the building was damaged due to the hurricane. We are waiting for a proposal to replace it or to repair it from the Awnings of Eastern CT, LLC. S. Keating reported on some of the successes of former LCS students. Courtney Danieluk is a senior at NFA and is currently doing a project to help combat homelessness in Norwich. She coordinated NFA's Project Outreach students to collection donations. She also coordinated an overnight sleepover to raise awareness for the homeless. LCS students are also contributing to this project. We are very proud of Courtney for her work. Additionally, 2 former LCS students, who now attend NFA, are receiving what is known as the Martin Luther King scholarship this Thursday evening. Robert Martin and Jacqueline Cardoza will each receive \$20,000 for tuition expenses at a college of his/her choice. These students had to fill out an application, do an essay related to Martin Luther King, be interviewed, have high academic standing and do community service. There are eight people receiving this scholarship this year. They will be recognized at a dinner this Thursday evening at the Mystic Marriott in Groton. B. Austin and S. Keating will attend. Additionally, three students from our eighth grade will be attending with their parents, so that they can hear how students can apply for this scholarship. The students attending from LCS are D. Jayne, K. Arremony and K. Hong.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by M. Krauss to approve monthly expenditures for September 2011, Fiscal Year 2010-2011 in the amount of \$61,637.89. Seconded by R. Browne. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by L. Herring-Sylvestre to approve monthly expenditures for September 2011, Fiscal Year 2011-2012 in the amount of \$832,661.62. Seconded by M. Krauss. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by R. Browne to approve the financial statement for September 2011, Fiscal Year 2010-2011 as presented. Seconded by J. Marshall. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Marshall to approve the financial statement for September 2011, Fiscal Year 2011-2012 as presented. Seconded by R. Browne. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

New Business / Old Business:

- a) Community Connections High School 2011 CAPT Scores Presentation – Dr. Graves gave a presentation to the Board regarding CAPT scores for students attending CCHS.
- b) 2012 Schedule of Board of Education Meetings – The Board reviewed the 2012 schedule of Board of Education meetings.

Motion by R. Browne to approve the 2012 schedule of Board of Education meetings. Seconded by L. Herring-Sylvestre. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

- c) Amendment to Policies – The Board received the policies to be amended prior to the Board meeting for their review.

Motion by J. Marshall to waive the first read of policy Community Relations/Staff Relations – 1330/4330 – Use of School Facilities Policy. Seconded by L. Herring-Sylvestre. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by L. Herring-Sylvestre to accept the amended policy Community Relations/Staff Relations – 1330/4330 – Use of School Facilities Policy. Seconded by J. Marshall. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Krauss to set aside \$7,000 to cover Custodian pay for Saturday coverage. Seconded by J. Marshall. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by R. Rogers to approve a letter to the staff from the Board of Education regarding the changes in the use of the building. Seconded by R. Browne. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and held discussion on policy Students – 5111 – Residency Requirements. This policy will be added to the November meeting. Any questions or concerns should be sent via e-mail to S. Keating to address before the November meeting.

- d) Policy Drafts – The Board received the policy drafts prior to the Board meeting for their review.

Motion by M. Krauss to waive the first read of policy Business and Non-Instructional Operations – 3240 – Tuition Fees: Community Connections High School. Seconded by J. Marshall. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Marshall to approve the adoption of policy Business and Non-Instructional Operations – 3240 – Tuition Fees: Community Connections High School. Seconded by L. Herring-Sylvestre. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Krauss to waive the first read of policy Students – 5131.3 – Student Driving/Parking. Seconded by J. Marshall. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by L. Herring-Sylvestre to approve the adoption of policy Students – 5131.3 – Student Driving/Parking. Seconded by J. Marshall. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

- e) Discussion of 2011/2012 Minimum Budget Requirement (MBR) – The Town approved an additional appropriation of \$11,210 in order to meet the 2011/212 MBR. The Board held discussion to determine the line item to designate this appropriation.

Motion by M. Krauss to add \$11,210 appropriation from the Town to line item 560 – Special Education Tuition Board of Education budget for the purpose of meeting the 2011/2012 MBR.

Committee Report: None

Additions to the Agenda: None

Next Agenda Planning: Residency Policy – 2nd Read
Election of Officers / Committee Appointments

Public Comments: None

Motion by R. Browne to adjourn. Seconded by L. Herring-Sylvestre. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved

Recording Secretary