

**LISBON BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Lisbon, Connecticut**

**Regular Board of Education Minutes**  
**Monday, September 21, 2015**

Board Members Present: R. Baah (Chair), M. Krauss, J. Danburg, M. Avery, M. Danieluk,  
I. Rogers, J. Jencks, J. Lewerk, J. Marshall

Board Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: S. Keating (Superintendent), D. Cormier (Business Manager), D. Yellen  
(Director of Special Education)

Administrators Absent: D. Vallese (Principal)

Student Ambassadors Present: O. Avery, C. Siquencia

Student Ambassadors Absent: None

Others: B. McGlew, M. Jenkins, M. Masterjoseph, A. Townsend, S. Brown, D. Nowakowski,  
D. Rikard

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair R. Baah called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

R. Baah read a letter from W. Donaldson, Chairman of the Board of Finance

R. Baah read a letter from T. Sparkman regarding Shredding (Oct. 24) and Hazardous Waste (Nov. 21)

6. **LISBON CENTRAL SCHOOL STUDENT AMBASSADORS REPORT**

O. Avery reported that the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are learning about American History and Christopher Columbus in Social Studies and the earth's layers in Science. In Math, they are learning about Arithmetic and Geometric sequences. The students are working on their September book report and have a Literature Circle Presentation due at the end of this month. In Spanish, they are learning about Puerto Rico and Spanish History.

C. Siquencia reported that the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students have started their short story project in Language Arts. In Science, they are learning about population density and in Social Studies they played a game for Peace Day.

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** M. Krauss moved to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2015 Regular Board of Education Meeting with clerical correction; I. Rogers seconded.

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION:** I. Rogers moved to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2015 Special Board of Education Meeting; J. Jencks seconded.

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **8. ADMINISTRATORS' / SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- a) S. Keating reported for D. Vallese. S. Keating discussed the recent Technology Committee meeting. She updated the Board on the progress of the roll-out of Aesop. S. Keating also informed the Board that the ELL tutor has been hired and started last week.
- b) D. Yellen updated the Board with regards to the Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC). He is planning on reviving this group by the end of October. D. Yellen also informed the Board that a .8 FTE School Psychologist has been hired. His name is Mr. John Murch and he will start on September 28, 2015.
- c) D. Cormier discussed the End-of-Year Board of Education audit. I. Rogers attended the audit meeting and complimented D. Cormier on a job well done.
- d) S. Keating and B. McGlew updated the board with regards to the generator located under the media center and who owns and maintains it. S. Keating also stated that the recess period at the junior high level is going well. The students love recess and are playing organized games during this time. S. Keating also discussed her recent meetings with the Commissioner of the CT State Department of Education. Topics discussed have been challenges of a PK – 8 district, MBR and high school tuition costs. S. Keating reported that a partnership between LCS and the Senior Center is being coordinated with the help of M. Mlyniec. Lastly, Mr. Martin Shea has been hired as Lead Maintainer / Custodian. He will begin on October 5, 2015.

#### **9. CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** I. Rogers moved to approve the monthly expenditures for August 2015, Fiscal Year 2014-2015 in the amount of \$92,401.61; J. Lewerk seconded.

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION:** I. Rogers moved to approve the monthly expenditures for August 2015, Fiscal Year 2015-2016 in the amount of \$306,220.34; M. Avery seconded.

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION:** I. Rogers moved to approve the financial statement for August 2015, Fiscal Year 2014-2015 as presented by the Administration; M. Avery seconded.

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION:** I. Rogers moved to approve the financial statement for August 2015, Fiscal Year 2015-2016 as presented by the Administration; M. Avery seconded.

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION:** I. Rogers moved to acknowledge the September 2015 transfers as presented by the Administration; J. Lewerk seconded.

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**MOTION CARRIED**



## 10. NEW BUSINESS / OLD BUSINESS

- a) **Review of SBAC and CMT Testing Data** – M. Jenkins, M. Masterjoseph and S. Keating reported on the SBAC Language Arts and Math Tests results and also the Science Connecticut Mastery Test results. An Improvement Plan was also reviewed.
- b) **Review of Social Studies Curriculum Development** – S. Keating updated the Board regarding the curriculum work regarding the new Social Studies Standards that was done on the August PD day by teachers in grades PK – 5.
- c) **Discussion re: Representative Paul Brycki's Assistance with LCS Window Replacement Project and Possible Action** – R. Baah, S. Keating and D. Cormier led the discussion. Representative P. Brycki helped LCS to receive special legislation for our window replacement project as well as a small space standards waiver. This enabled the Town to spend considerably less money on the project. A thank you card will be sent.
- d) **Discussion re: Connecticut General Statute 10-219** – S. Keating discussed Connecticut General Statute 10-219 relating to the filling of a vacancy on the Board of Education. The Board reviewed the statute and the attorney's interpretation.
- e) **Discussion re: Rescinding of Policy #1112.2 – Community Relations – News Media Relations and Possible Action** – M. Krauss informed the Board that there were two policies regarding the same topic, therefore this policy needs to be rescinded

**MOTION:** I. Rogers moved to rescind Policy #1112.2 – Community Relations – News Media Relations; J. Lewerk seconded.

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**MOTION CARRIED**

- f) **Discussion re: Amendment to Policies and Possible Action** – M. Krauss reviewed changes made to each policy.

**MOTION:** I. Rogers moved to waive the first read of Policy #1112 Community Relations – News Media Relationship; M. Danieluk seconded.

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION:** I. Rogers moved to approve Policy #1112 Community Relations – News Media Relationship as amended; J. Jencks seconded.

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION:** I. Rogers moved to waive the first read of Policy #1210 Community Relations – School – Community Associations; J. Marshall seconded.

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION:** I. Rogers moved to approve Policy #1210 Community Relations – School – Community Associations as amended; J. Jencks seconded.

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION:** I. Rogers moved to waive the first read of Policy #1324 Community Relations – Soliciting Funds from and by Students; M. Danieluk seconded.

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION:** I. Rogers moved to approve Policy #1324 Community Relations – Soliciting Funds from and by Students as amended; J. Jencks seconded.

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION:** I. Rogers moved to waive the first read of Policy #2000 Administration – Concept and Roles in Administration; J. Lewerk seconded.

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION:** I. Rogers moved to approve Policy #2000 Administration – Concept and Roles in Administration as amended; J. Jencks seconded.

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION:** I. Rogers moved to waive the first read of Policy #3160 Business – Transfer of Funds between Categories; J. Lewerk seconded.

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION:** I. Rogers moved to approve Policy #3160 Business – Transfer of Funds between Categories as amended; J. Jencks seconded.

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**MOTION CARRIED**

g) **Discussion re: Policy for Informational Purposes Only** – M. Krauss informed the Board that Policy #1416 – Community Relations – Fiscal Authority has a minor clerical change, no vote is needed.

h) **Update re: 2015 – 2016 Board of Education Budget and Possible Action** – S. Keating and D. Cormier provided an update with regards to the 2015 – 2016 budget.

i) **Discussion re: Confidential Attorney – Client Communication (Proposed Executive Session) and Possible Action**

j) **Discussion re: Singleton Contracts (Proposed Executive Session) and Possible Action**

**MOTION:** J. Lewerk moved to move Agenda Item #10(i) Discussion re: Confidential Attorney – Client Communication and Agenda Item #10(j) Discussion re: Singleton Contracts to be held at the end of the Board meeting after Agenda Item #14 Public Comment; I. Rogers seconded.

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

I. Rogers reported that on September 30<sup>th</sup> the Board will meet for mediation on the LEA contract.

#### **12. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

R. Baah asked to have Principal Employment and Possible Action added to the Agenda under Executive Session.

**MOTION:** M. Krauss moved to add Principal Employment and Possible Action to the Agenda under Executive Session to be held at the end of the Board meeting after Agenda Item #14 Public Comment; J. Jencks seconded.

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **13. NEXT AGENDA PLANNING**

Annual Committee Reports

#### **14. PUBLIC COMMENT** – None



**MOTION:** J. Lewerk moved to enter into Executive Session and to invite Mrs. Sally Keating, Mrs. Diana Cormier, and Mr. David Yellen to discuss Agenda Item #10(i) Discussion re: Confidential Attorney – Client Communication (for Purpose of Discussion of Public Records Exempt from Disclosure in Accordance with CGS 1-210(b) Specifically Communication Privileged by the Attorney-Client Privilege), Agenda Item #10(j) Discussion re: Singleton Contracts, and Principal Employment; I. Rogers seconded.

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**MOTION CARRIED**

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:46 p.m.

The Board ended Executive Session at 9:48 p.m.

**MOTION:** J. Lewerk moved to accept the Principal's resignation; I. Rogers seconded.

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION:** J. Lewerk moved to offer the Interim Principal a salary of \$99,000 +- 10% prorated for the period of performance; M. Krauss seconded.

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION:** J. Marshall moved to authorize the Administration to explore hiring options and employ two (2) part-time classroom support staff; M. Krauss seconded.

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION:** M. Krauss moved to approve the Administrative Assistant to the Business Manager / Superintendent contract; J. Lewerk seconded.

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION:** J. Lewerk moved to approve the cafeteria staff contract; M. Krauss seconded.

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION:** M. Krauss moved to approve the cafeteria staff contract; J. Lewerk seconded.

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **15. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Joe Lewerk moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.; J. Marshall seconded.

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Recording Secretary

Approved

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CT ON 9/24/2015 AT 2:15pm  
ATTEST. LAURIE TIROCCHI, TOWN CLERK  
