

LISBON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Lisbon, Connecticut

Board of Education Minutes
Monday, January 27, 2014
Regular Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

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

Board Members Absent: I. Rogers

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

Administrators Absent: None

Student Ambassadors Present: S. Way, O. Avery

Student Ambassadors Absent: L. Lepage

Others: M. Mlyniec, T. Mooney

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

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by the Student Ambassadors

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

P. Allyn – 60 Strawberry Street – requested that the Board exhaust all avenues when deciding on the NFA Contract.

L. Tirocchi – 91 Strawberry Street – stated she is concerned about the current 8th grade students if NFA is not an option.

A. Espinoza – 164 Strawberry Street – commended the Board on their due diligence regarding being financially responsible. She stated that NFA is a great school and asked the Board to keep the lines of communication open with them.

L. Sylvestre – 14 Sergeants Way – stated that her 8th grade child has chosen NFA and she is concerned he will not be able to go there.

A. Kelly – 12 Blueberry Lane – stated she is concerned about the negotiations with NFA. She stated that students work hard and thrive at NFA. She also stated that as a teacher the lines of communication between NFA and other professionals has always been open.

K. Whittaker – 30 Bundy Hill Road – stated he has a student at NFA and he loves it. He stated that it would be a tragedy if NFA is not an option for Lisbon students.

K. Shea – 30 Lower Blissville Road – stated she is concerned about the 7th grade students with regards to the NFA Contract.

M. Drabinski – 11 Lisbon Heights Road – stated he has two children at NFA and they are glad they decided to go there. He hopes this option does not go away.

K. Gleason – 145 Mell Road – asked if NFA is not an option, what the other options will be for Lisbon students.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from T. Sparkman regarding the purchase of a 7.3 acre parcel of land located at 25 Newent Road. He is asking that the Board discuss this matter and offer a recommendation with regards to purchase.

Letter from S. Brown regarding the Lisbon Student Ambassador Program and thanking the Board for their support of the program.

6. LISBON CENTRAL SCHOOL STUDENT AMBASSADORS REPORT

S. Way reported that the 8th grade students are working on their thesis paper in Social Studies, absolute value in Math and indirect object pronouns in Spanish.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: J. Lewerk moved to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2013 Regular Board of Education Meeting as presented; R. Rogers seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

8. ADMINISTRATORS' / SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a) M. Jenkins reported on the holiday "good will" gestures by LCS Staff. She also gave an update regarding the alignment of progress reports with report cards.
- b) D. Yellen stated that he is very happy to be at Lisbon Central School. It is a special place with special people. D. Yellen stated that the review of the special education records is underway. He is also reviewing other options for students that are outplaced to utilize our resources the best way we can.
- c) D. Cormier discussed the recent Anthem issue and stated the issue is almost coming to a close. Anthem has agreed to issue a credit for \$5000 and will send a letter to employees regarding the issue.
- d) S. Keating read a report from Mr. Brian McGlew with regards to maintenance. Last Tuesday in the lower mechanical room, a two inch water line that supplies the back section of the school and the Lisbon Public Works Department was leaking. The soldered joint on a 90 degree elbow was failing and a puddle was starting to form on the floor. Izbicki Plumbing was called and they fixed the water line. In the lower boiler room the B.T. Lindsay Company was called for an ignition problem on boiler number one. The service tech found that the primary controller was going bad and needed to be replaced. The cost for this repair was \$949.00 and will be completed this week. S. Keating stated that the language on Policy #3323 – Business – Awarding of Contracts may need to be amended and asked the Policy Committee for their input. S. Keating stated that the evaluation process is in full swing and the observation phase has begun. S. Keating reported that February 18th is now a school day due to three snow days as of today. Parents and staff were notified of this change on January 9th. As of today, January 27th, the 8th grade graduation ceremony will be on Wednesday, June 11th, and the last day of school will be on Thursday, June 12th.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: M. Krauss moved to approve the monthly expenditures for December 2013, Fiscal Year 2013-2014 in the amount of \$387,854.50; R. Rogers seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: M. Krauss moved to approve the financial statement for December 2013, Fiscal Year 2013-2014 as presented by the Administration; J. Lewerk seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS / OLD BUSINESS

- a) Presentation re: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Initiative – Marty Mlyniec provided an update regarding the STEM initiative at LCS. The Board viewed a power-point presentation and a hands-on demonstration by one of his students. The presentation was very well received.
- b) Acceptance of Resignation / Retirement Letters – R. Baah read the resignation letter from Lindsay Raymond, LCS Health Education Teacher and retirement letter from John Tillinghast, LCS Special Education Teacher.

MOTION: M. Avery moved to accept Lindsay Raymond's letter of resignation with regret and to wish her success for the future; J. Lewerk seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: J. Lewerk moved to accept John Tillinghast's letter of retirement with regret and to wish him well for the future; M. Krauss seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

- c) Discussion re: Budget for After-School Activities and Possible Action – S. Keating discussed the history of budgeting for afterschool activities and options for the future.
- d) Discussion re: Minimum Wage Impact and Possible Action – D. Cormier provided information to the Board regarding the minimum wage increase to \$8.70 effective January 1st 2014. Discussion was held and this issue will be addressed at a Finance Subcommittee meeting.

MOTION: J. Lewerk moved to bypass Agenda Items #10(e) Discussion of Confidential Attorney-Client Communication (Anticipated Executive Session), #10(f) Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Contract between the Lisbon Board of Education and the Norwich Free Academy and #10(g) Litigation Issue (Anticipated Executive Session) until Attorney Mooney arrives; J. Jencks seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Finance Subcommittee has started meeting to discuss the 2014-2015 Budget

12. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

MOTION: J. Lewerk moved to add the letter from T. Sparkman re: land for sale to the Agenda; M. Avery seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: R. Rogers moved to support the Board of Selectmen in purchasing the property adjacent to Lisbon Central School; J. Lewerk seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

13. NEXT AGENDA PLANNING – Policy #3323 – Business – Awarding of Contracts
Coaches (Coach/Student Ratio and other Practices)

10. e) Discussion of Confidential Attorney-Client Communication (Anticipated Executive Session)

MOTION: J. Lewerk moved to enter into Executive Session and to invite Attorney Tom Mooney, Mrs. Megan Jenkins, Mr. David Yellen, Mrs. Diana Cormier and Mrs. Sally Keating to discuss Agenda Item #10(e) Discussion of Confidential Attorney-Client Communication; M. Krauss seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:04 pm

The Board ended Executive Session @ 9:10pm

No motions were made and no votes were taken during Executive Session.

10. f) Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Contract between the Lisbon Board of Education and the Norwich Free Academy

MOTION: M. Krauss moved that the Board hereby directs its Superintendent and legal counsel to negotiate with NFA over the terms of a new designation contract and bring the proposed contract resulting from such negotiations back to the Board for Action; J. Lewerk seconded.

VOTE: Yes – R. Baah, M. Krauss, J. Lewerk, J. Jencks, J. Danburg, R. Rogers, M. Avery
Abstain – M. Danieluk **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION: R. Rogers moved to move to #14 Public Comment; J. Lewerk seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS **MOTION CARRIED**

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

P. Allyn – 60 Strawberry Street – thanked the Board for taking the issue forward and negotiating with NFA

MOTION: M. Krauss moved to enter into Executive Session and to invite Mrs. Megan Jenkins, Mr. David Yellen, Mrs. Diana Cormier and Mrs. Sally Keating to discuss Agenda Item #10(g) Litigation Issue; M. Danieluk seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS **MOTION CARRIED**

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:25 pm

The Board ended Executive Session @ 9:30 pm

No motions were made and no votes were taken during Executive Session.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: R. Rogers moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.; J. Lewerk seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted,


Recording Secretary

Approved

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ATTEST, LAURIE TIROCCHI, TOWN CLERK
Maryanne Wakely, asst