

LISBON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Lisbon, Connecticut

Board of Education Minutes
Monday, May 19, 2014
Regular Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: R. Baah (Chair), M. Krauss, J. Danburg, J. Lewerk, M. Danieluk, M. Avery
Board Members Absent: J. Jencks, I. Rogers, R. Rogers,
Administrators Present: S. Keating (Superintendent), D. Cormier (Business Manager), D. Yellen (Special Education Director)
Administrators Absent: M. Jenkins (Principal)
Student Ambassadors Present: L. Lepage, O. Avery
Student Ambassadors Absent: S. Way
Others: M. Davidson

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair R. Baah called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by the Student Ambassadors
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None
5. **CORRESPONDENCE** – R. Baah read a thank you card from the Environmental Symposium students.
6. **LISBON CENTRAL SCHOOL STUDENT AMBASSADORS REPORT**

L. Lepage reported that in 7th grade, the students are working on the verb “estar” and how to conjugate it in Spanish and are starting a new unit on pulse in Science. In Social Studies, the students are studying cathedrals and will be having a test tomorrow. In Math, the students are learning about angles and they started a new Wordly Wise week in Language Arts.

O. Avery reported that in 6th grade, the students are learning volumes of three dimensional shapes in Math and Maps of Africa in Social Studies. In Science, the students are studying final digestion and absorption. In Language Arts they are learning the difference of the words “who” and “whom”.

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: J. Lewerk moved to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2014 Regular Board of Education Meeting as presented; M. Avery seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

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

- a) S. Keating reported on behalf of M. Jenkins. The 8th grade class that will be attending NFA has completed their math placement tests. M. Jenkins is happy to report 12 out of 18 Algebra students will be placed in Geometry for their freshman year at NFA. Last year there were only 8 out of 19. Kudos to Mrs. Hart and the students. Placement letters have been sent home. A list of upcoming field trips and events were given to the Board in their packets. M. Davidson showed a clip of the video that the LCS staff made for Maggie Herrmann.

- b) D. Yellen discussed School Readiness and shared the advertisement that has been in the newspaper with the Board. The School Readiness grant will be delivered on May 21st. The preschool screening is scheduled for May 23rd. D. Yellen also stated that the Special Education IDEA grant was delivered last Friday, May 16th and the desk audit was completed.
- c) D. Cormier discussed the LCS tuition cost with the Board.
- d) S. Keating read a report from Mr. Brian McGlew with regards to maintenance. The Brooks Environmental Company was here to do the six-month asbestos inspection. Mark Granville, our consultant, also reviewed and updated the letter that goes into the school's handbook. Mark had no issues to report. The Board was informed that Moira Lewerk, a high school student at NFA won the Caddon William Reading Prize Competition. She is also going to be the Ivy Orator and will speak at graduation. Ten out of 65 students chosen for NJHS were Lisbon students. S. Keating discussed that the food allergy policy is going smoothly with the help of T. Svab. S. Keating notified the Board that teachers were reminded about the dress code policies now that the nice weather is here. All teachers have been observed and administrators are working on finalizing the data and then will begin evaluating non-certified staff.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: J. Lewerk moved to approve the monthly expenditures for April 2014, Fiscal Year 2013-2014 in the amount of \$490,530.19; M. Krauss seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

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

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS / OLD BUSINESS

- a) Update re: STEM Initiative and the Integration of Science and Math - M. Davidson and S. Keating provided a PowerPoint presentation on this topic. The STEM initiative is going well at LCS.
- b) Information re: Insurance Coverage for LCS Students - D. Cormier contacted our insurance agent regarding the questions about insurance coverage for LCS students. She informed the Board of the answers.
- c) Second Read of Amended Policy #6153 – Instruction – Field Trips

MOTION: M. Krauss moved to approve amendment to Policy # 6153 – Instruction – Field Trips with corrections; J. Lewerk seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

- d) Amendment to Policies: #5118.111 – Students – Tuition for Children of Staff and #5111 - Students – Registration of Resident Students.

MOTION: J. Lewerk moved to waive First Read of Policy #5118.111 – Students – Tuition for Children of Staff; M. Danieluk seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: J. Lewerk moved to amend Policy # 5118.111 – Students – Tuition for Children of Staff; M. Danieluk seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: J. Lewerk moved to waive First Read of Policy #5111 – Students – Registration of Resident Students; M. Danieluk seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: M. Krauss moved to amend to Policy #5111 – Students – Registration of Resident Students; M. Avery seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

- e) Discussion re: Safety Policies – S. Keating discussed that Trooper Browning requested that the Board of Education table the safety policies until his supervisors and possibly the legal department could review them. S. Keating provided details regarding this request.
- f) Discussion re: Projections and 2013-2014 Expenditures and Possible Action – D. Cormier discussed projections and a prioritized list of suggestions for possible end-of-year purchases.

MOTION: M. Krauss moved to authorize administration to make end-of-year purchases off of the prioritized list as money is available; M. Avery seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: J. Lewerk moved to move Agenda Items #10(g) Discussion re: Individual Contracts and Salary Agreements, (h) Discussion re: Personnel Issue, (i) Discussion re: Confidential Attorney – Client Communication, (j) Discussion re: Litigation Issue to Executive Session to be held at the end of the Board meeting after Agenda Item #14 Public Comment; M. Avery seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

12. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – None

13. NEXT AGENDA PLANNING – Erosion on Bank Status
Safety Policies
Update on Projections
Salary Agreements
Article in The Bulletin about Common Core Math

14. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

MOTION: M. Krauss moved to enter into Executive Session and to invite Mr. David Yellen, Mrs. Diana Cormier and Mrs. Sally Keating to discuss Agenda Items #10(g) Discussion re: Individual Contracts and Salary Agreements, (h) Discussion re: Personnel Issue, (i) Discussion re: Confidential Attorney – Client Communication, (j) Discussion re: Litigation; M. Danieluk seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:45 pm

The Board ended Executive Session @ 8:10 pm

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

MOTION: M. Avery moved to approve the Principal's contract for 2014-2015 as amended; J. Lewerk seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: J. Lewerk moved to approve the Director of Special Education/Early Childhood Coordinator contract for 2014-2015; M. Danieluk seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: M. Avery moved to approve the Business Manager contract for 2014-2015 as amended; J. Lewerk seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: M. Krauss moved to approve the Food Service Director contract for 214-2015; M. Avery seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: J. Lewerk moved to approve the Director of Building and Grounds contract for 2014-2015 as amended; M. Danieluk seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: M. Krauss moved to approve the Administrative Assistant to the Business Manager/Superintendent contract for 2014-2015 as amended; M. Danieluk seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: J. Lewerk moved to approve the School Nurse contract for 2014-2015; M. Danieluk seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: J. Lewerk moved to approve the Part Time Permanent Superintendent contract for 2014-2015 as amended; M. Krauss seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: J. Lewerk moved to re-enter into executive session; M. Avery seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:20 pm

The Board ended Executive Session @ 8:26 pm

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

MOTION: J. Lewerk moved to approve employment agreement for Billie Sue Burelle; M. Danieluk seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: M. Avery moved to approve employment agreement for Kathy Edmond; M. Danieluk seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: M. Danieluk moved to approve employment agreement for Joseph Gracia; M. Avery seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: M. Krauss moved to re-enter into executive session; J. Lewerk seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:27 pm

The Board ended Executive Session @ 8:42 pm

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

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: J. Lewerk moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:43p.m.; M. Avery seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved


Recording Secretary

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ATTEST. LAURIE TIROCCHI, TOWN CLERK
