

LISBON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Lisbon, Connecticut

Board of Education Minutes
Monday, October 20, 2014
Regular Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

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

Board Members Absent: I. Rogers

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

Administrators Absent: D. Yellen (Special Education Director)

Student Ambassadors Present: O. Avery, C. Siquencia

Student Ambassadors Absent: L. Lepage

Others: M. Cassotto, A. Townsend, M. Masterjoseph, B. McGlew

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair R. Baah called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

5. **CORRESPONDENCE** – None

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

O. Avery reported that in 7th grade the students are learning about the Democratic Republic of Congo in social studies. In Spanish the students are preparing for a test on verbs and pronouns on Tuesday. They are learning 3D shapes in Math and adverbs in L.A. In Science, the students are examining owl pellets and making skeletons.

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: M. Krauss moved to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2014 Regular Board of Education Meeting; J. Danburg seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

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

- a) M. Jenkins discussed Title I and Title II grants. These grants are based on free and reduced lunch data. Our school is considered a "Targeted Assistance Program" because we are serving below 35%. The funds will be used to narrow the achievement gap, create academic excellence for all students and to support effective teaching and leadership. M. Jenkins provided the Board with a list of upcoming field trips. M. Jenkins reported that 10 Coaching Days were applied for over the summer to focus on the Common Core. LCS was recently awarded the 10 days and S. Keating, B. Apperson and M. Jenkins met with EastConn to plan out the days. M. Jenkins discussed a new initiative "Just Join Jenkins...on the track." This is being done in an effort to promote healthy habits. High School Choice Night is tentatively scheduled for November 13th. K. Snyder is working on getting high

schools to come and set up informational booths that parents can visit in the cafeteria. M. Jenkins informed the Board about changes with regards to the 8th grade Advisors, class officers and also about the class trip. Finally, the annual PTO Trick or Trunk will take place on October 24th from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm in the upper parking lot area of LCS. Movie night will also take place and the doors will open at 7:00 pm.

- b) S. Keating reported on behalf of D. Yellen. She discussed the School Readiness Council Breakfast. There were three parents/guardians that attended. A scrapbook night is planned to try to get more parents involved. L. Gray and D. Cormier will assist. S. Keating also stated that D. Yellen would like Board approval to hold periodic Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) meetings. The Board approved. D. Cormier discussed the October 1st enrollment and the status of the special education tuition account.
- c) D. Cormier discussed the October 1st enrollment and the status of the regular education tuition account as well as the recent financial audit.
- d) S. Keating read a report from Mr. Brian McGlew with regards to maintenance. B.T. Lindsay has the upper boilers ready to go for the upcoming heating season. They will be returning Tuesday to work on the lower boilers. Steve Kolbukowski from the Aqua compliance company was here Friday for a quarterly inspection. No problems were reported. Security Technologies has installed two outdoor cameras that were paid for by the Homeland Security Grant. The cameras cover the circle drop-off and the upper parking lot. S. Keating also discussed the review of our All-Hazards Security and Safety Plan as well as the National Clearinghouse for Education Facilities (NCEF) checklist.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: J. Lewerk moved to approve the monthly expenditures for September/Final 2014, Fiscal Year 2013-2014 in the amount of \$17,899.34; M. Avery seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: J. Lewerk moved to approve the monthly expenditures for September 2014, Fiscal Year 2014-2015 in the amount of \$492,394.45; M. Avery seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: J. Lewerk moved to approve the financial statement for September/Final 2014, Fiscal Year 2013-2014 as presented by the Administration; J. Danburg seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

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

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS / OLD BUSINESS

- a) Discussion re: Media Center's Resources and Possible Action - M. Cassotto discussed e-book resources and related lending programs. She also informed the Board that PTO gave \$1,000 that was used for e-books.
- b) Presentation re: Arts in Education Grant - A. Townsend discussed a proposal for the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) Arts in Education Grant. The purpose of this grant is to strengthen arts programming through meaningful partnerships with local and statewide arts organizations incorporated with HOT (Higher Order Thinking) Schools Model. Grants in the amount

of a maximum of \$50,000 will be awarded to the applicant schools. Discussion was held. The Board approved to move forward with applying for this grant.

- c) Discussion re: Window Replacement (Energy Efficient) Project Grant and Possible Action – S. Keating updated the Board regarding their meeting with Mr. Al Jacunski, and their conversations with the CSDE's office and other parties regarding the Window Replacement Project Grant. She informed the Board that D. Cormier and B. McGlew will be assisting her with the ED049 form. Discussion was held. R. Baah will contact the town to see if this would fall under Capital Improvement.
- d) Discussion re: Stipend for Math Counts Club and Possible Action – M. Masterjoseph discussed starting a Math Counts Club for top-achieving students in algebra.

MOTION: R. Rogers moved to approve a stipend of \$375 for the Math Counts Club Advisor; J. Jencks seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

- e) Continued Discussion re: Fees for AP Exams and/or other College Pathway Programs and Possible Action – S. Keating reported that Ms. Kathy Snyder contacted all of our high schools regarding whether they could provide us with verification of grades for all of the College Pathway programs. They believe they can, pending the school year is completed on / close to schedule. The weather would have to be cooperative. It should also be noted that results from the AP tests are not released until July. This agenda item will be tabled to the November meeting.
- f) Review and Reaffirmation of Attachment B of Policy #6142.101 – Instruction – Student Nutrition and Physical Activity (Student Wellness Policy) – The cafeteria is undergoing an audit. As part of the audit, Mr. Mike Rossi needs Board of Education minutes to reflect that the Board reaffirmed its commitment to the content of Attachment B of Policy #6142.101.

MOTION: M. Krauss moved to reaffirm the Board of Education's commitment to the content of Attachment B of Policy #6142.101; M. Avery seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

- g) Discussion and Possible Adoption of Policy #5144.4(a) – Students – Discipline – Physical Exercise and Discipline of Students – S. Keating and M. Krauss reviewed the policy draft. Discussion was held.

MOTION: J. Lewerk moved to waive the first read of Policy #5144.4(a) – Students – Discipline – Physical Exercise and Discipline of Students; J. Jencks seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: J. Lewerk moved to adopt Policy #5144.4(a) – Students – Discipline – Physical Exercise and Discipline of Students; M. Danieluk seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

12. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – None

13. NEXT AGENDA PLANNING – AP Exam Fees

Window Replacement (Energy Efficient) Project Grant
NFA Contract

14. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

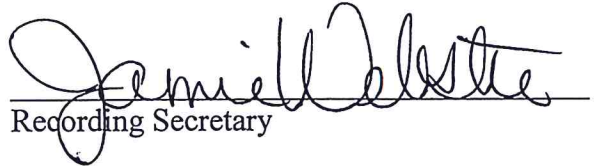
15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: M. Avery moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.; J. Lewerk seconded.

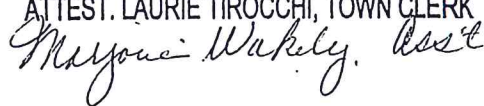
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,


Recording Secretary

Approved

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CT ON 10/21/2014 AT 2:50pm
ATTEST. LAURIE TIROCCHI, TOWN CLERK
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