

LISBON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Lisbon, Connecticut

Board of Education Minutes
Monday, December 15, 2014
Regular Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

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

Board Members Absent: None

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, C. Siquencia

Student Ambassadors Absent: None

Others: A. Townsend, M. Davila, R. Browne

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**

L. Lepage reported that in 8th grade the students are finishing their research paper and book report. They will start reading to PK – 3 grade students after the holiday. In Science they are studying shifting and sliding in preparation for the SBAC.

O. Avery reported that in 7th grade the students are learning about major cities in Africa in Social Studies. In Spanish the students are studying adverbs and in Math they are learning how to label a coordinate plane. A short story is due tomorrow in Language Arts.

C. Siquencia reported that in 6th grade, the students are learning the principal parts of regular verbs in Language Arts. In Science they are studying energy & matter and in Math they are learning how to add and subtract decimals. The students will be taking a pretend airline trip in Social Studies tomorrow.

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: M. Krauss moved to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2014 Special Board of Education Meeting; J. Lewerk seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

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

a) S. Keating read and discussed a report from M. Jenkins. The Technology Committee created two surveys, one for staff and one for LCS families. The parent survey results will be reported on at the January meeting. Some key findings from the staff survey indicated that the staff is interested in 3D

printers, iPads, smartboards, clusters of computers for classrooms, touch screens and robots for K – 2. Software that is of interest includes CGI, Earobics, iPad apps, etc. The staff also indicated that they would like more training in areas such as Clicker 6, smart response system and other areas. The PTO has decided to do a Mixed Bag fundraiser in the spring. These bags are very affordable and are made of recycled materials. The 8th graders are holding a Pancake Breakfast with Santa this Saturday, December 20th in the LCS cafeteria from 8:00 am – 11:00 am. Tickets are \$5.00 and all proceeds go to the 8th grade class to help defray the costs of end of the year trips and activities.

- b) D. Yellen introduced Maria Davila to the Board. She is the newly hired Special Education Secretary. He also discussed the recent School Readiness Family Fun Night. Those that attended made tags and bows, played games and enjoyed some pizza. He thanked D. Cormier, L. Beams, C. Kinmonth, M. Jenkins and S. Keating for helping with this event. He is planning a Mommy and Me Yoga night as the next get together. D. Yellen informed the Board that he has hired a long-term substitute for the special education position vacated by K. Graves.
- c) D. Cormier reported on the locked-in price for oil for next year. The price locked in is \$2.48/gallon. She also discussed the cost savings realized from recent staffing changes/transitions.
- d) S. Keating read a report from Mr. Brian McGlew with regards to maintenance. During the upcoming holiday break, the Associated Electronic Company will be here to test the fire alarm system and the A.L. Fire Protection Company will be here to test the sprinkler system. S. Keating discussed the status of the Special Education tuition account. She also discussed professional development that three staff members will be attending in Boston re: STEAM. S. Keating recommended that the Policy Subcommittee meet to create a policy with regards to laptops being brought home by students. S. Keating informed the Board that the Board of Finance has asked her and others to attend a meeting on Wednesday to discuss policies/procedures as it relates to the childcare program.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: I. Rogers moved to approve the monthly expenditures for November 2014, Fiscal Year 2014-2015 in the amount of \$1,873,952.92; J. Lewerk seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: I. Rogers moved to approve the financial statement for November 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: Tools for Schools Program – S. Keating discussed the Tools for Schools training which six (6) LCS staff members received before the Thanksgiving Holiday. She stated that the next step is to develop an action packet for the staff.
- b) Discussion re: Stipend for the Advisor of the Jazz Band and Possible Action: S. Keating discussed with the Board a request from R. Miller with regards to starting an after-school Jazz Band beginning in January 2015. S. Keating proposed a stipend of \$375.00 for this activity

MOTION: M. Avery moved to approve a stipend of \$375 for the Advisor of the Jazz Band, effective January 2015 – June 2015; J. Lewerk seconded.

VOTE: Yes – R. Baah, M. Krauss, J. Jencks, J. Danburg, M. Avery, M. Danieluk, I. Rogers,
J. Lewerk
No – R. Rogers

MOTION CARRIED

- c) Discussion re: Budget Topics and Possible Action – S. Keating discussed current and future needs of LCS with the Board. Discussion was held.

MOTION: J. Lewerk moved to approve an additional \$275.00 for the purchase of Cheerleading and Basketball Uniforms; M. Krauss seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

- d) Discussion re: Stipend for School Readiness Coordinator(s) and Possible Action – S. Keating reported that the School Readiness Grant allows for a stipend of \$5,400.00 to be given to the School Readiness (SR) Coordinator(s) for the additional work that needs to be done with regards to the SR Initiative.

MOTION: J. Lewerk moved to approve that the SR Grant stipend of \$5,400 for the SR Coordinator(s) be divided between the Director of Special Education and the Business Manager for the 2014 – 2015 school year; M. Avery seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

- e) Discussion re: Payment of Ad for Posting of Town Meeting and Possible Action – R. Baah reported that the Board received a bill for the posting of the recent Town Meeting held at LCS for the Window Replacement Project. The amount of the bill is \$147.88. Discussion was held.

MOTION: J. Lewerk moved to have the Board of Education pay for the bill of \$147.99 for the ad for the posting of the Town Meeting regarding the Window Replacement Project; M. Danieluk seconded.

VOTE: Yes – J. Lewerk, R. Rogers, M. Danieluk, R. Baah

No – M. Avery, I. Rogers, J. Jencks, M. Krauss, J. Danburg

MOTION DENIED

- f) Discussion re: E-rate Application and Possible Action – D. Cormier discussed with the Board changes in the e-rate application.

MOTION: M. Krauss moved to apply for the E-rate for the 2015 – 2016 school year; J. Lewerk seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION DENIED

- g) Discussion re: Confidential Attorney-Client Communication

- h) Discussion re: Confidential Student's Issue and Possible Action

MOTION: M. Krauss to move Agenda Item #10(g) Discussion re: Confidential Attorney-Client Communication and Agenda Item #10(h) Discussion re: Confidential Student's Issue and Possible Action to be held at the end of the Board meeting after Agenda Item #14 Public Comment

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

12. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – None

13. NEXT AGENDA PLANNING – Insurance
Budget
Social Studies Framework

14. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

MOTION: J. Lewerk moved to enter into Executive Session and to invite Mr. Dave Yellen, Mrs. Diana Cormier and Mrs. Sally Keating to discuss Agenda Item #10(g) Discussion re: Confidential Attorney-Client Communication and Agenda Item #10(h) Discussion re: Confidential Student's Issue and Possible Action; I. Rogers seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:12 pm

The Board ended Executive Session at 8:34 pm

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

MOTION: M. Kraus moved to approve accepting an 8th grade student with tuition, based on policy of children of staff members, for the remainder of the school year; J. Lewerk seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

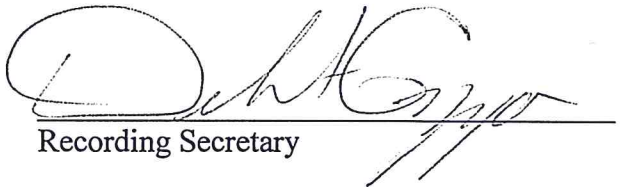
15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: M. Avery moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m.; J. Lewerk seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,


Recording Secretary

Approved

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