

LISBON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Lisbon, Connecticut

Board of Education Minutes
Monday, April 22, 2013
Regular Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

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

Board Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: S. Keating (Superintendent), D. Cormier (Business Manager), L. Slocum (Special
Education Director), K. Graves (CCHS Acting Director)

Administrators Absent: B. Austin (Principal)

Student Ambassadors Present: B. Cormier, S. Way, L. LePage

Student Ambassadors Absent: None

Others: None

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair R. Baah called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

5. **LISBON CENTRAL SCHOOL STUDENT AMBASSADORS REPORT:**

B. Cormier reported that the Environmental Symposium Team will be hosting a medical drive on April 27th from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. They will be collecting used medications so they can be disposed of in an environmentally friendly way. He also reported that the spring sports have started. All three teams are practicing almost every day. The baseball and softball teams have their first game tomorrow and the track team has its first meet next Wednesday.

S. Way reported that there was a semi-formal dance for 7th and 8th grade students on Friday, April 12th and the students had a great time. The 7th grade students are starting the dissection of amphibians in science and will be having a math test on Thursday.

L. Lepage reported that the 6th grade students have just finished studying the digestive system in science. In social studies, units on the Holocaust and World War II have just been completed.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: M. Krauss moved to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2013 Regular Board of Education Meeting as presented. J. Lewerk seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: J. Marshall moved to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2013 Special Board of Education Meeting as presented. J. Jencks seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

7. ADMINISTRATORS' / SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a) S. Keating read a report on behalf of Principal B. Austin. Mitze Dame, a former parent contacted Mr. Austin regarding 19 computers she wanted to donate to our school. Mitzi works for the Social Security office in New London. The Talent show was held at NFA on April 5th and was extremely successful with a sold out crowd. The students will be performing for the students at LCS on Wednesday, April 24th. The RIF Breakfast was held the week of April 1st. M. Jenkins did an outstanding job coordinating this event. A former Lisbon student, Zac Gore, was seriously injured while on active duty in Afghanistan. Zac's mother, Robin, is on staff serving as the school Occupational Therapist. There will be a Chicken BBQ Take-Out on May 1st from 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm. All proceeds will help defray costs during his recovery. Tickets are available in the main office if you are interested. The 1st Annual Joe Kelly Fun Run was held this past Saturday, April 20th. The turnout was overwhelming. 374 people registered and 318 actually completed the run.
- b) K. Graves discussed with the Board the Virtual Learning Academy (VLA) and students' VLA work at Community Connections High School.
- c) D. Cormier Discussed the 2012 – 2013 budget projections.
- d) S. Keating read a report from Mr. Brian McGlew with regards to maintenance. The aiphone was put into use on April 8th. The aiphone is a video/intercom system that allows you to control the access by seeing and speaking with the person at the point of entry. Once the person has been approved, the door will then be electronically unlocked allowing them to enter. We currently have one aiphone control pad set up at the front window, and are working on having two more installed, one at each of the secretary's desk in the main office. The public seems to be adapting okay. The fire alarm system was tested over the spring break by the Associated Electronic Systems Company. No problems were reported at this time. Backup batteries are due to be replaced and we are waiting for their proposal. The fire sprinkler system was also tested over spring break. The A.L. Fire Protection Company reported no problems with the system. They did note that the relief valve on the fire pump is showing signs of wear and they are working on a price to replace it. S. Keating updated the Board regarding the interview and hiring process for the position of Principal of LCS. S. Keating discussed a letter which recently went to parents regarding an upcoming assessment. The testing will start on April 25th and will be taken on the computer. S. Keating spoke with the Board regarding the possibility for teachers to be able to take their laptops out of the building for school work as needed. The Board agreed that a policy and/or procedures need to be developed to ensure confidentiality and proper use/care of the laptops.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: I. Rogers moved to approve the monthly expenditures for March 2013, Fiscal Year 2012-2013 in the amount of \$517,852.90; M. Krauss seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: I. Rogers moved to approve the financial statement for March 2013, Fiscal Year 2012-2013 as presented by the Administration; J. Lewerk seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

9. NEW BUSINESS / OLD BUSINESS

- a) Acceptance of Resignation Letter – R. Baah read a resignation letter from Carolyn Hogg, our .2 Speech and Language Pathologist.

MOTION: I. Rogers moved to accept with regret Mrs. Hogg's resignation letter and to wish her much success. M. Krauss seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

- b) Discussion re: CCHS 2013 Graduation Date and LCS 2013 Graduation Date and Possible Action – Dr. Graves and S. Keating would like to move the graduation date for CCHS to June 19, 2013 at 3:00 pm in the LCS courtyard. Regulations / procedures from the State include that the Board of Education should approve this change.

MOTION: I. Rogers moved to approve the change of date of graduation for Community Connections High School to June 19, 2013. J. Lewerk seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

LCS' graduation is slated for June 17, 2013 at 6:00 pm. There is a Board of Education meeting scheduled that same evening. Discussion was held regarding changing the date of the Board of Education meeting.

MOTION: I. Rogers moved to move the June 17, 2013 Board of Education meeting to the following Monday, June 24, 2013. J. Marshall seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

- c) Discussion re: 2013 – 2014 School Calendar and Possible Action – S. Keating discussed with the Board the proposed 2013 – 2014 LCS calendar. NFA has not finalized their 2013 – 2014 calendar which is holding up the LCS calendar. The Board will hold a special meeting to approve the calendar as soon as NFA has finalized their calendar.

- d) Superintendent's recommendation for Non-Renewal of Non-Tenure Teachers in accordance with Connecticut General Statute 10-151 et. seq. (Budget Related) – R. Baah stated that the Board will hear from S. Keating regarding the non-renewal recommendations. S. Keating recommended that the Board vote not to renew the teachers' contracts of S. Clark, D. Herrick, S. Lane, R. Moreau and A. Vallandingham. The non-renewals are a result of the economic need for reduction in force.

MOTION: I. Rogers moved that the contracts of S. Clark, D. Herrick, S. Lane, R. Moreau and A. Vallandingham not be renewed for the following year upon their expiration at the end of the 2012 – 2013 school year and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise such persons in writing of this action. J. Marshall seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

- e) First Read of Policy #6153 – Instruction – Field Trips – The Policy Committee drafted this policy for review. Discussion was held.

- f) Discussion re: Stipends for Interns and Possible Action – L. Slocum stated that obtaining Interns has become highly competitive among area districts. Some are offering stipends up to \$1,000 in addition to paying the interns' graduate program. L. Slocum asked the Board to consider a small stipend up to \$500 for these individuals (in addition to paying for their graduation program). L. Slocum stated that she can pay for these stipends out of the IDEA grant.

MOTION: M. Krauss moved to approve a stipend, up to \$500 for each intern for the 2013 – 2014 school year. I. Rogers seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: I. Rogers moved to move Agenda Items #9(g) Discussion re: Negotiations-Related Issue and Possible Action, #9(h) Discussion re: Student Issue of a Confidential Nature and #9(i) Superintendent's Evaluation to Executive Session to be held at the end of the Board meeting after Agenda Item #13: J. Marshall seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

12. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – None

13. NEXT AGENDA PLANNING – 2nd Read of Policy #6153 – Instruction - Field Trip
Dress Code Policy (For Review)

14. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

MOTION: I. Rogers moved to enter into Executive Session and to invite Mrs. Lynn Slocum, Mrs. Diana Cormier and Mrs. Sally Keating to discuss Agenda Item #9(g) Discussion re: Negotiations-Related Issue and Possible Action, #9(h) Discussion re: Student Issue of a Confidential Nature and to invite Mrs. Sally Keating to discuss #9(i) Superintendent's Evaluation. M. Krauss seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

The Board entered into executive session at 8:05 pm.

The Board ended Executive session at 9:34 pm.

No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

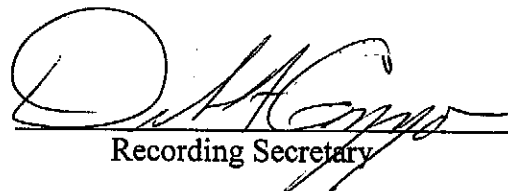
15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: M. Krauss moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.; R. Baah seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,


Recording Secretary

Approved

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CT ON 04/24/2013 AT 2:45pm
ATTEST. LAURIE TIROCCHI, TOWN CLERK
