

## **LISBON**

**February 27, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Lisbon Board of Education was held on Monday, February 27, 2012 and was called to order by Chairman, R. Baah at 6:30 pm.

**Members Present:** R. Baah, M. Krauss, R. Rogers, J. Marshall, J. Lewerk, M. Burelle, P. Allyn, I. Rogers  
J. Jencks (arrived at 7:20 pm)

**Members Absent:** None

**Administrators Present:** S. Keating, B. Austin, L. Slocum, K. Graves, D. Cormier

**Administrators Absent:** None

**Student Ambassadors Present:** K. Hong, B. Cormier

**Student Ambassadors Absent:** S. Way

**Others:** K. Gilgenbach, N. Hungerford, E. Benjamin, J. Benjamin, J. McCloud

The Student Ambassadors led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comments:** None

### **Lisbon Central School Ambassadors Report:**

K. Hong reported that the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are studying the Earth, Moon and Sun in Science. In Spanish they have been working on commands, reflective verbs and vocabulary. Slope formulas are the focus in Algebra and they are studying the Age of Reform in Social Studies. Last Friday, the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students watched Remember the Titans in honor of Black History month. There was also a dance for students in 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Three 8<sup>th</sup> grade students were recently accepted into the NJHS as new members. They are P. Whittaker, S. Shogren and S. Houle.

B. Cormier reported that the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students are working together to put on an assembly about respect. In Science, they just finished worm dissection and are starting to learn about cells and heredity. In Social Studies, the students are working on the Bag a Country presentation. B. Cormier reported that he has Barbados as his country.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by I. Rogers to approve minutes of January 23, 2012 Board of Education Meeting as presented. Seconded by J. Lewerk. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by I. Rogers to approve minutes of January 27, 2012 Special Board of Education Meeting as presented. Seconded by J. Lewerk. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

### **Administrators' / Superintendent's Report:**

- a) B. Austin reported that on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, a geologist from the Charter Oak Environmental Services, Lori Smith-Hall, came in to talk with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students regarding her love of rocks, the planet earth and all things geology has to offer. Along with her was an engineer, Richard Kerrigan, who is a parent in our school. He talked with the students about how important it was that he works closely with the

geologist before he has any thoughts of building a structure on land. The assembly went well. On March 12<sup>th</sup>, there will be a professional development pertaining to students on the autism spectrum. First and second grade teachers will be participating. Krista Bordeleau from Creative Interventions will be conducting the workshop and will provide an overview of autism spectrum disorders, address behavior concerns and how the general education teacher can plan an active role in the education of their students. Students ages 6 to 14 are eligible to participate in an essay contest regarding "What the American Dream Means to Me". Cash prizes are offered and it is through Barnum Financial Group. Daniel Champagne is a Financial Service Representative for the group and a former LCS student. The Dennis & Phillip Ratner Museum contacted B. Austin with regards to donating an alphabet art set in lithograph drawings by the artist Phillip Ratner. Through School Readiness, B. Austin was able to get L. Caruso from "Fitness Rocks" to come to Lisbon to work with our students for an entire day. She will be integrating physical fitness into what she is teaching through our physical education classes. She will also be doing a night program for moms and their daughters on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. She is a certified personal trainer and it should be a fun evening for all. B. Austin reported that he recently received a call from a parent informing him that her son A. Cardin has graduated from Villanova University and was accepted at the University of Pennsylvania. His masters will be in Medical Physics. B. Austin updated the Board with regards to the Student Success Plan. This plan needs to be developed by July 1<sup>st</sup> and he is confident that it will be done.

- b) K. Graves discussed what Virtual Learning Academy is and reviewed CCHS data with regards to how the students are progressing.
- c) L. Slocum discussed CMT Testing modifications for students with special needs.
- d) D. Cormier discussed the non-lapsing account.
- e) S. Keating stated that B. McGlew reported that there are no major problems at this time. He did report that there was an issue with the hot water heater in the lower boiler room. He tried to reset the unit a couple of times and then noticed that the fuel line shut off valve had broken off. This caused the shut off valve to fail to close and would not allow fuel to the burner. The BT Lindsay Co. was called in and replaced the valve. S. Keating reported that on the professional development day held on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Trish Burgie-Capps gave a presentation regarding Diversity and Multi-Culturalism and Instruction. There was positive feedback from the staff. Staff would like to have her come in to do a presentation with the students. The Technology Plan is due to the State Department of Education this summer. Once the team has finalized it, the plan will be sent to EastConn first before being brought to the Board of Education. After the Board of Education has approved it, it will then be sent to the State.

#### **Consent Agenda:**

Motion by I. Rogers to approve monthly expenditures for January 2012, Fiscal Year 2011-2012 in the amount of \$438,919.87. Seconded by M. Burelle. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by I. Rogers to approve the financial statement for January 2012, Fiscal Year 2011-2012 as presented. Seconded by M. Burelle. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

**New Business / Old Business:**

- a) Eno/Smart Board Presentation – K. Gilgenbach and N. Hungerford gave a presentation regarding the application of Reading Street, utilizing the Eno/Smart Board.
- b) Acceptance of Strategic School Profiles – The Board reviewed the 2010-2011 Strategic School Profiles. A brief summary was given and highlights were provided by S. Keating, B. Austin and K. Graves.

Motion by M. Krauss to accept the 2010-2011 Strategic School Profiles. Seconded by J. Marshall. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

- c) Amendment to Policy – The Board received the policy to be amended prior to the Board meeting for their review.

Motion by J. Marshall to waive the first read of policy Instruction – 6146 – Graduation. Seconded by J. Lewerk. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Krauss to accept the amended policy Instruction – 6146 – Graduation. Seconded by J. Marshall. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

- d) Discussion re: mySchoolBucks.com Banking Application – S. Keating stated that M. Rossi would like to apply for this online payment center for students' meals. Parents would have the option of paying online and also would be able to view their child's cafeteria purchases. There is no cost to the district for this online system.

Motion by I. Rogers to approve mySchoolBucks.com Banking Application for the Cafeteria. Seconded by J. Marshall. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

- e) Full Day Kindergarten Proposal – Articles regarding the pros and cons of full day kindergarten and other relevant information were reviewed by the Board. Discussion was held. The board decided to table this issue to the next meeting and have the Superintendent get more data.

Motion by R. Rogers to move Agenda Item #9(f), #9(g) and #9(h) to follow Agenda Item #13. Seconded by J. Marshall. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

**Committee Report:** None.

**Additions to the Agenda:** R. Rogers requested an updated address/telephone list of the current Board members.  
R. Rogers recommended that the Board buy a brick for the courtyard in memorial of a student who recently passed.

**Next Agenda Planning:** Full Day Kindergarten Proposal  
2012-2013 Calendar  
Regionalization

**Public Comments:**

E. Benjamin stated that she feels an informal meeting with members of the community would be helpful in regards to full day kindergarten. She feels that the community needs to be made aware of what is being taught at the kindergarten level so that members of the community are more knowledgeable on the issue.

Motion by R. Rogers to enter into executive session and to invite B. Austin, D. Cormier, K. Graves, L. Slocum and S. Keating to discuss Agenda Item #9(f) Student Issue of a Confidential Nature and #9(g) Contracts and to invite S. Keating to discuss #9(h) Superintendent's Evaluation. Seconded by J. Lewerk. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

The Board entered into executive session at 8:56 pm.

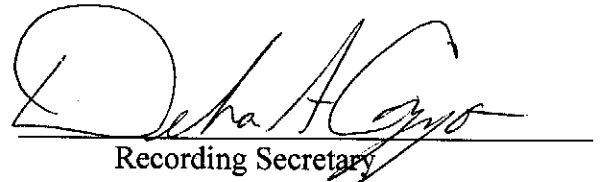
The Board ended executive session at 9:25 pm.

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

Motion by R. Rogers to adjourn. Seconded by P. Allyn. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Recording Secretary

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Approved

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