

## **LISBON**

**March 19, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Lisbon Board of Education was held on Monday, March 19, 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

**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, S. Way

**Student Ambassadors Absent:** None

**Others:** J. McCloud, R. Browne, D. Starr, A. Starr

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 learning about electricity in Science. In Spanish they have started to learn about food from Spain. The students have finished their projects on City of Ember and have watched the movie. In Social Studies, they have been studying the debates that pushed the U.S. into the Civil War. The students in Environmental Club are putting the finishing touches on the E-waste surveys. LCS held its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Variety show this past Friday; the PTO Basket Raffle will be held this coming Friday (03/23) and there will be a Spring Formal Dance for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

B. Cormier reported that CMT Testing is done for this year. In Science, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students are studying chemical compounds in cells. In Spanish, they are learning about -er and -ir verbs. The students are working on their thesis paper in Language Arts. B. Cormier reported that his topic is Joseph Kony in Uganda and the crimes he committed against children. In Social Studies, Ancient Rome is the focus. This past Friday over 350 people attended the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Variety Show. The money raised will be used to purchase a new sound system. Also this past Friday, there was a Project Oceanology trip.

S. Way reported that the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students recently celebrated Pi day in Math. They are also learning about circumference, diameter and radius. In Science, the focus has been on learning the bones of the body and getting ready for Bone Wars. In Language Arts, the students are learning about explorers and their motivation to become explorers and in Social Studies, the topic is discrimination of African Americans.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by M. Krauss to approve minutes of February 27, 2012 Board of Education Meeting as presented. Seconded by J. Lewerk. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Burelle to approve minutes of March 5, 2012 Special Board of Education Meeting as presented. Seconded by P. Allyn. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Marshall to approve minutes of March 12, 2012 Special Board of Education Meeting as presented. Seconded by M. Burelle. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Krauss to approve minutes of March 14, 2012 Special Board of Education Meeting as presented. Seconded by J. Lewerk. Yes – R. Baah, M. Krauss, J. Marshall, J. Lewerk, I. Rogers, J. Jencks, P. Allyn, M. Burelle. No – R. Rogers. Motion carried.

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

- a) B. Austin reported that on March 16<sup>th</sup> he attended the Project O field trip. It was around 35 degrees and damp. The students should be commended for doing a great job and answering all the questions the Project O personnel threw at them. M. Mlyniec and S. Brown did a great job. They taught class in the morning and had the students dissect a squid. The rest of the trip was spent on the boat. The LCS PTO will be having their Basket Raffle / Auction Extravaganza this Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> in the gymnasium. Basket viewing begins at 5:00 pm and everything should wrap up around 8:00 pm. The money raised will go towards the purchase of Smart Boards. The PTO will also have a movie night during the live auction. The National School Breakfast Week and Reading is Fundamental, (RIF) will be held from March 26<sup>th</sup> through March 30<sup>th</sup>. All students will pick a free RIF book and have breakfast. An art activity will also be offered. Thank you to M. Jenkins, our SRBI Coordinator, for putting this all together. CMTs are over. We just have to do make-ups and there is a supplementary test that 8<sup>th</sup> grade and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will take. Thank you to N. Nelson for making sure that we followed all the procedures correctly that were given by the State. N. Nelson attends numerous workshops throughout the year. Lastly, congratulations to the students for a wonderful Talent Show and the staff who gave many hours towards it for it to be a success.
- b) K. Graves informed the Board about activities that CCHS students participate in as part of the EastConn Interdistrict Grant.
- c) L. Slocum reviewed Lisbon School District's "new" referral process.
- d) D. Cormier updated the Board regarding the payroll process.
- e) S. Keating stated that B. McGlew reported that a stand up fridge in the kitchen on the serving side was not functioning. The International Refrigeration Co. was called and found the stat cap had gone bad. They replaced it with a new one at the cost of \$180.00. Mountain View Landscaping will be here this Tuesday or Wednesday to start adding on to the block retaining wall. They are planning to bring the wall up to the stairs that are leading down to the track. One other project that they are planning is to add a handicap access from the parking lot up to the track. S. Keating reported on some of the work that S. Brown and the Environmental Club have done over the past year, such as their contribution to the Town of Lisbon Annual Report, Fiscal year 2010-2011.

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion by J. Lewerk to approve monthly expenditures for February 2012, Fiscal Year 2011-2012 in the amount of \$1,887,267.06. Seconded by J. Marshall. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by I. Rogers to approve the financial statement for February 2012, Fiscal Year 2011-2012 as presented. Seconded by J. Lewerk. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

**New Business / Old Business:**

- a) Discussion Regarding 2012-2013 School Calendar – S. Keating reviewed the regional calendar with the Board. She reported that she has just received the calendar from NFA and will have a draft calendar for the Lisbon School District at the April meeting.
- b) Discussion Regarding Full Day Kindergarten – Additional information was provided to Board members prior to the Board of Education meeting. Discussion was held. A proposal was requested and will be provided at the April meeting.
- c) Discussion regarding Regionalization – The Board reviewed information that was provided regarding regionalization. Discussion was held.
- d) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding SECASA/MSSA Regional Professional Development Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) 2012 – 2013 School Year – S. Keating reviewed the cost effective process of offering meaningful professional development for specialists (e.g., art, music, P.E., Spanish).

Motion by M. Krauss to approve the SECASA/MSSA Regional Professional Development MOU for the 2012-2013 School Year. Seconded by J. Jencks. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by R. Rogers to move Agenda Item #9(e), #9(f) to follow Agenda Item #13. Seconded by I. Rogers. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

**Committee Report:** None.

**Additions to the Agenda:** None

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

**Public Comments:**

J. McCloud stated that as a parent he is in favor of Full Day Kindergarten. If the expense increases, maybe the cost could be split between the parents and the school.

R. Browne stated that there is a substantial number of building lots in the area and the potential for growth. He also stated that the Administration should hand out a flyer at the PTO Basket Raffle to inform the community about the possibility of Full Day Kindergarten

D. Starr stated that he does not understand the need for the school to have an attorney present at their child's PPT meeting.

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(e) Discussion Regarding Students' Issues of a Confidential Nature and #9(f) Community Connections High School and Possible Contracts. Seconded by M. Krauss. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

The Board entered into executive session at 7:40 pm.

The Board ended executive session at 8:07 pm.

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

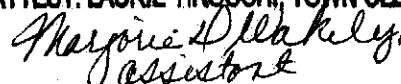
Motion by I. Rogers to adjourn. Seconded by R. Rogers. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Recording Secretary

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Approved

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CT ON 03/21/2012 AT 10:20 a.m.  
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Assistant