

LISBON

January 24, 2011

The regular meeting of the Lisbon Board of Education was held on Monday, January 24, 2011 and was called to order by Chairman, R. Baah at 6:30 pm.

Members Present: R. Baah, R. Browne, I. Rogers, R. Rogers, M. Krauss, M. Burelle, S. McCabe

Members Absent: J. Marshall, L. Herring-Sylvestre

Administrators Present: S. Keating, B. Austin, L. Slocum, H. Mileski, D. Cormier

Administrators Absent: None

Student Ambassadors Present: B. Way, B. Cormier

Student Ambassadors Absent: K. Hong

Others: M. Jenkins, J. McCloud, D. Marvin, J. Benjamin

The Student Ambassadors led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: None

Lisbon Central School Ambassadors Report:

B. Way reported that the boys basketball team is currently on an 11 – 0 winning streak. The Revolutionary War plays were cancelled due to the snow storm. NFA registration forms are due by February 3rd. The 7th and 8th grade Geography Bee was held on January 11th and was won by S. Shogren from the 7th grade class.

B. Cormier reported that in science, the 6th grade students have been burning sugar to look for chemical reaction. In social studies, a Haiti Service Learning project has been started to provide school supplies to students in Haiti.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by R. Browne to approve minutes of December 20, 2010 Board of Education Meeting as presented. Seconded by S. McCabe. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Administrators' / Superintendent's Report:

- a) Mr. Austin reported that B. McGlew and his staff have done a great job clearing the snow after the past few snow storms. Mr. Austin is working with G. Fonseca from Madonna Place in Norwich on the Fatherhood Initiative. The initiative includes issues such as how we can help fathers continue to develop relationships with their children. Activities are being planned at the school. Thank you to S. Brown and an 8th grade student G. Turcotte, for organizing the food drive for the New London Area Food Pantry. Congratulations to Mrs. Hungerford's class for collecting the most items. Also, thank you to Mrs. Joly for giving Mrs. Hungerford's class the extra time in gym. LCS has purchased "Report Card Plus" which is a module of Administrative Plus. This enables us to do our own report cards rather than have them printed outside of school. We also have the Edline Web based program which allows teachers to take attendance and send this information to the office electronically. Thank you to R. Miller and M. Danieluk for giving the workshop last Friday to our teaching staff. The CMT schedule is out and we will start testing on March 1st and end on March 15th. Make-ups will be from March 16th to March 29th. Thank you to Killingly Eye Care for graciously providing a free eye exam and a free pair of eyeglasses to one of our students whose family could not afford it. So, thank you to Dr. James Boccuzz and Dr. Robert MacNeil. Lastly, a number of former Lisbon Central School students who are now in high school wish to volunteer their services to our students by tutoring them in classes in which they need help. I like this concept and hope this will grow into a free tutoring program that will benefit our students.

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- b) H. Mileski reported that the 2nd quarter exhibitions are wrapping up. There is an Open House tomorrow night (January 25th) from 6:30 – 7:45 pm. On January 20th H. Mileski and a former student went to WICH for a radio interview. The Reminder newspaper visited the school for an article that they are writing. It should be in the newspaper within the next week or two. H. Mileski reviewed the high school transcripts and college opportunities for CCHS students.
 - c) L. Slocum reviewed a State Department of Education audit report that she recently addressed. L. Slocum thanked M. Jenkins for her help in implementing district-wide assessment procedures.
 - d) D. Cormier reported that budget books are finished and recommended that the Finance Sub-committee schedule meetings to start their review.
 - e) Mrs. Keating reported that in regard to maintenance, the State approved well #2's water treatment. The custodial staff has done an excellent job regarding snow removal. Mrs. Keating reported that the Administrative team will be visiting grade level data team meetings to see where everyone is with the process. Mrs. Keating reviewed high school enrollment figures as of January 14, 2011. There is a cost savings associated with the enrollment figures. This money will be utilized for language arts and science resources.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by I. Rogers to approve monthly expenditures for December 2010 in the amount of \$570,854.31. Seconded by R. Browne. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by R. Browne to approve the financial statement for December 2010 as presented. Seconded by I. Rogers. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

New Business / Old Business:

- a) Groton Marine Science Magnet School – D. Marvin from LEARN reviewed the program with the Board. She indicated that it has been in the planning process since 1999. They are hoping for 130 – 150 students for the 2011 – 2012 school year. Any student in the State may apply to the magnet school regardless if it is a designated school for his/her specific school district. Whether it is/is not a designated school, the student's district is responsible for the tuition however, parents would be responsible for the transportation costs.
- b) School Enrichment Model / Language Arts Curriculum Update – M. Jenkins, SRBI Coordinator, showcased the SEM initiative to the Board and provided an update with regards to the Language Arts Curriculum writing process.
- c) Health/Dental/Life Benefits Consultant – R. Baah and other Health and Liability Review Committee members discussed their recommendation of the CBC Kane Partners, Inc to the Board as the choice for Health/Dental/Life Benefits Consultant.

Motion by I. Rogers to approve CBC Kane Partners, Inc. as the Health/Dental/Life Consultant for the Lisbon Board of Education. Seconded by M. Burelle. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

- d) Letter of Resignation – R. Baah reviewed K. McNamara's letter of resignation effective January 7, 2011. B. Austin informed the Board that A. Lafayette would be increased from .4 FTE to .8 FTE through the remainder of the 2010 – 2011 school year.

Motion by R. Browne to accept K. McNamara's resignation effective January 7, 2011 with regret. Seconded by M. Burelle. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Committee Report:

The Finance Sub-committee scheduled meetings at 4:00 pm in the Library / Media Center on February 1st, February 8th and February 15th.

Additions to the Agenda: None

Next Agenda Planning: None

Public Comments:

J. Benjamin asked if the Health/Dental/Life Benefits Consultant includes CCHS?

Motion by R. Rogers to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues and to invite H. Mileski, L. Slocum, B. Austin and D. Cormier. Seconded by R. Browne. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

The Board entered into executive session at 7:55 pm.

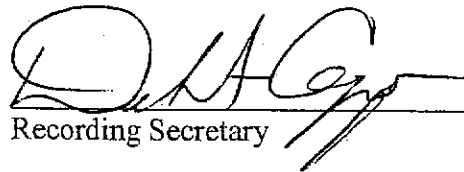
The Board ended executive session at 8:55 pm.

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

Motion by R. Browne to adjourn. Seconded by M. Burelle. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Recording Secretary

Approved

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