

## LISBON

February 28, 2011

The regular meeting of the Lisbon Board of Education was held on Monday, February 28, 2011 and was called to order by Vice-Chairperson, J. Marshall at 6:30 pm.

**Members Present:** L. Herring-Sylvestre, J. Marshall, M. Krauss, I. Rogers, M. Burelle, S. McCabe, R. Browne, R. Rogers, R. Baah

**Members Absent:** None

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

**Administrators Absent:** None

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

**Student Ambassadors Absent:** None

**Others:** M. Jenkins, K. Hunter, N. Hungerford, J. McCloud, B. Beckwith

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 finished their season winning the championship game vs. Wheeler. CMTs start tomorrow with a practice test. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Boston trip is schedule for May and the students are getting excited.

K. Hong reported that this past Friday there was a formal dance held for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. In social studies, we are learning about Mexico and Central America. We just finished learning about Canada. In enrichment, we are working on a document with the seniors from the Lisbon Senior Center named "Leading an Early Life". It is about what the seniors did when they were young and how nothing has really changed since then.

B. Cormier reported that in social studies, we completed a service learning project of collecting school supplies for children in Haiti, and have also ended our Asian tour with a travel journal project and a Japanese Celebration. In science, we have been investigating chemistry with many experiments.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by R. Browne to approve minutes of January 24, 2011 Board of Education Meeting as presented. Seconded by M. Burelle. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

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

- a) Mr. Austin reported that the CMT will take place this week and go until March 15<sup>th</sup>. Make ups will run until March 29<sup>th</sup>. James Rourke, an alumni of Lisbon Central School, is now an author. He has written and published a book called "The Eternal Struggle: Two Worlds, One War". It is a book for young people and there will be a book reading at NFA on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. "A Night for Dad and Me" will be held on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 – 7:30 in the cafeteria for students in grades PK – 4<sup>th</sup>. Activities have been planned with Madonna Place in Norwich. Bricks, for the courtyard, are always available. The cost is \$60.00 for one brick, \$100.00 for 2 bricks. Checks should be made payable to LCS PTO. Mr. Austin reported that he has been working with Brian Sheldon from NFA regarding a summer program for our junior high students. The name of the program is "Endless Opportunities: A Summer of Exploration." The goal is to provide an opportunity for students to experience being on the NFA campus and what they have to offer our students. Summer school for special education students will start on July 5<sup>th</sup> for three days a week and will run until August 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Austin also reported that he met with a former student, Dan Champagne, who is presently working for Barnum Financial Group out of Wethersfield. This group is running a contest and the prizes that could be won are contributions towards students' college funds. Students are asked to write an essay on "What the American Dream Means to Me". Channel 8 news will be the organization judging the essays. The PTO Basket Raffle is scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, Mr. Austin introduced the 2010-2011 QVJC basketball champions. They are coached by Billy Beckwith and assisted by Mario Tulli and Stephen McManaway. The boys' basketball team finished the season undefeated.

Board of Education member R. Rogers arrived at 6:40 pm.

- b) H. Mileski reported that the Open House for CCHS was held last week and was very successful. Mrs. Mileski shared with the Board an article written about CCHS that was published in the Reminder News. CAPT will begin on March 8<sup>th</sup> and run through March 15<sup>th</sup> with make-ups the week of March 21<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Mileski reported that one of the students who has had an internship at the Department of Social Services and Women's Center of New London has been selected to be part of a certification program for a Domestic Violence Counselor. She will receive her certification before the end of the school year. Mrs. Mileski reviewed the process of how a student completes an application for credit.
- c) L. Slocum reviewed the transition process from the Connecticut Birth-to-Three System to Special Education.
- d) D. Cormier reviewed a memo received from the Connecticut State Department of Education regarding the calculation of the School Construction Grant.
- e) Mrs. Keating reported that in regard to maintenance, there have been no leaks due to the inclement weather. Mrs. Keating reported that Dr. Boyles presented at the Professional Development Day on February 18<sup>th</sup>. She is an expert on reading comprehension strategies. There were many positive reviews from the staff. The snow make up days will be added to the end of the school year with the last day of school being June 17<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Keating reported the regional draft calendar is done and she will compare it to the area high schools for any areas of concern.

#### Consent Agenda:

Motion by S. McCabe to approve monthly expenditures for January 2011 in the amount of \$403,757.17. Seconded by M. Krauss. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

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

Board of Education Chairman R. Baah arrived at 7:00 pm.

#### New Business / Old Business:

- a) Language Arts Curriculum Committee Presentation – Language Arts Curriculum Committee members (M. Jenkins, K. Hunger and N. Hungerford) discussed the status of the Language Arts Curriculum work.
- b) Healthy Food Certification Statement – CT General Statutes require that each local Board of Education certify each year in its annual application to the CSDE whether all food items made available for sale to students will meet the nutrition standards.

Motion by R. Rogers to approve the Healthy Food Certification Statement as presented at the February 28, 2011 Board of Education Meeting. Seconded by M. Krauss. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

- c) Amendments to Policy – The Board received the amendments to the policy prior to the Board meeting for their review.

Motion by R. Browne to approve / adopt the following amended policy as presented:

5141.21 – Policy for Administering Medication

Seconded by L. Herring-Sylvestre. Unanimously voted. Motion carried

- d) Policy Drafts – The Board received the policies prior to the Board meeting for their review.

Motion by L. Herring-Sylvestre to waive the first reading of the policy drafts listed below:

5125.11 – Health and Medical Records

6171.2 – Preschool Special Education

Seconded by R. Baah. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by I. Rogers to approve adopt the following policy drafts listed below:

5125.11 – Health and Medical Records

6171.2 – Preschool Special Education

Seconded by R. Bowne. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

**Committee Report:**

Finance Subcommittee – R. Baah updated the Board with regards to progress on the 2011 – 2012 Budget. A Special Board of Education meeting was scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm to approve the 2011-2012 Budget.

Negotiation Committee – R. Browne recommended that the Negotiation Committee meet with regard to the annual contracts.

**Additions to the Agenda:** None

**Next Agenda Planning:** Superintendent Evaluation

**Public Comments:** None

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

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

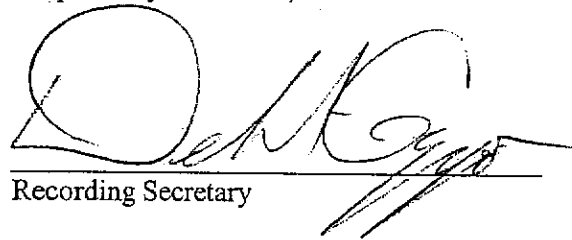
The Board ended executive session at 8:28 pm.

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

Motion by R. Baah to adjourn. Seconded by R. Browne. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Recording Secretary

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Approved

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ATTEST. BETSY M. BARRETT, TOWN CLERK