

LISBON

March 21, 2011

The regular meeting of the Lisbon Board of Education was held on Monday, March 21, 2011 and was called to order by Chairman, R. Baah 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, D. Cormier

Administrators Absent: H. Mileski

Student Ambassadors Present: B. Way, B. Cormier

Student Ambassadors Absent: K. Hong

Others: M. Jenkins, S. Apperson, K. Hunter, N. Hungerford, J. Lepore, D. Gauthier, M. Mlyniec, S. Brown, 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 8th grade students are highly anticipating the end of the year activities, including graduation. He also reported that high school registration forms have been turned in.

B. Cormier reported that in science, bone wars are getting underway and in social studies the students are studying Africa. The 5th and 6th grade activity was held last Friday, March 18th at the Groton Sub Base and the students had a blast.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by S. McCabe to approve minutes of February 28, 2011 Board of Education Meeting as presented. Seconded by R. Rogers. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by R. Browne to approve minutes of March 8, 2011 Special Board of Education Meeting as presented. Seconded by R. Rogers. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Administrators' / Superintendent's Report:

- a) Mr. Austin reported that the school has received two more working computers from Mrs. Wohlleben, a parent, who works for social security. Mr. Austin thanked Mrs. Danieluk and Mrs. Gozzo for volunteering their time to run intramural volleyball after school for 7th and 8th grade girls for 5 weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15 – 5:00 pm. Mr. Austin read a letter from Malinda McDermott thanking the staff at LCS for donating our dress down money to the March of Dimes. The after school clubs are starting up. Activities being offered are cooking for PreK, creating models, cooking for older students, dominos, bonco, test prep fun, chess and dance club. There are 104 students participating. Ms. Lerro runs the after school club program. Smartboards were collected last week and updated with software, cables were checked and we made sure all accessories were working. This was completed by our technician Mr. Nick Austin, no relation to me. During the CMT, he came in early to check computers of those students who would be using them for the test. Our Dad and Me program was a huge success. We had a lot more students than anticipated. Dad and Me is a program run by Madonna Place. We plan on running more next year and also, throw in a Mom and Me. The LCS staff has breakfast once a month with each grade level responsible for bringing in healthy and sometimes unhealthy food. This year, there are a number of staff members who actually make syrup and it was decided to have a contest. There were four entries including Aunt Jemima. Aunt Jemima was the winner. Mr. Austin reported that he recently spoke with K. Johnson who attended LCS approximately 6 years ago. She now attends SCSU and would like to come to our school to make some observations for a class she is taking. She made All American in track and field and was especially proud of the fact that she also made the All Academic Team. Lastly, Griswold sent a letter thanking us for contacting them and offering our services when they lost four students on December 7th of this year. They wanted to thank our staff and students for all their support.

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- b) L. Slocum discussed the methodology for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) and demonstrated discrete trial instruction (DTI).
 - c) D. Cormier gave the Board an update on the server that is no longer working since the power outage. She also discussed the timeline for budget projections.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by J. Marshall to approve monthly expenditures for February 2011 in the amount of \$1,768,660.00. Seconded by L. Herring-Sylvestre. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by R. Browne to approve the financial statement for February 2011 as presented. Seconded by M. Burelle. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

New Business / Old Business:

- a) Recommendation for Adoption of Language Arts Series – Grades K – 6 and age appropriate media for grades 7 – 8. The Language Arts Writing Committee (M. Jenkins, S. Apperson, N. Hungerford, J. Lepore and K. Hunter) presented a proposal regarding the adoption of “Reading Street” for grades K – 6 and age appropriate media for grades 7 – 8.

Motion by R. Rogers to adopt the Language Arts Series “Reading Street” for grades K – 6. Seconded by R. Browne. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Krauss to adopt age appropriate media (e.g. short stories, poetry, non-fiction) for grades 7 – 8. Seconded by S. McCabe. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

- b) Science Curriculum Update – Members of the Science Curriculum Writing Committee (D. Gauthier, M. Jenkins, M. Mlyniec, and S. Brown) gave a progress report to the Board regarding their work.

Retirement Letter – Mrs. Kathleen Belisle, a 1st grade teacher, submitted her letter of retirement effective July 1, 2011.

Motion by R. Rogers to accept Mrs. Belisle’s retirement letter with regret and wish her a happy retirement. Seconded by R. Browne. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

- d) Superintendent’s Performance Evaluation

Motion by R. Rogers to move Item 9(d) Superintendent’s Performance Evaluation to Executive Session. Seconded by M. Burelle. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Committee Report:

Policy Committee – M. Krauss reported that the policy book has been sent to CABA for a policy audit. She also reported that she and J. Marshall will be attending a workshop regarding Social Networking Sites Policy.

Finance Subcommittee – R. Baah reported that the 2011 – 2012 Budget was presented to the Board of Finance on Wednesday, March 18th. A Public Hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 30th.

Additions to the Agenda:

Out of Town Tuition Students – R. Rogers requested that the Superintendent/Principal contact Preston regarding their procedures regarding students from out of town attending school in their district.

Agenda Planning: Follow up regarding Out of Town Tuition Students

Public Comments:

J. Benjamin stated that students from Lisbon should attend our own high school if the cost is cheaper.

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Motion by R. Rogers to enter into executive session and to invite the Superintendent to discuss a personnel issue.
Seconded by I. Rogers. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

The Board entered into executive session at 8:00 pm.

The Board ended executive session at 8:12 pm.

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

Motion by R. Browne to adjourn. Seconded by S. McCabe. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Recording Secretary

Approved

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