

The regular meeting of the Lisbon Board of Education was held on Monday, December 20, 2010 and was called to order by Chairman, R. Baah at 6:30 pm.

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

Members Absent: None

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

Administrators Absent: None

Student Ambassadors Present: K. Hong, B. Cormier

Student Ambassadors Absent: B. Way

Others: J. Fontaine-Higgins, A. Tapia, J. Benjamin

The Student Ambassadors led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: None

Lisbon Central School Ambassadors Report:

K. Hong reported the 7th grade students are making flower arrangements and learning about running a business in Math with the help of a florist, Henry Loven. There was a dance for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students on Friday, December 17th. The 7th grade students are making links with characteristics of trustworthiness.

B. Cormier reported that this past week over 70 students performed in the winter band concert. The 6th grade students pretended to land in Japan to explore the country and learn more about WWII in Mrs. Fontaine-Higgins social studies class. This week is spirit week at LCS and tomorrow will be crazy hat day.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by M. Burelle to approve minutes of November 29, 2010 Board of Education Meeting as presented. Seconded by I. Rogers. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Administrators' / Superintendent's Report:

- a) Mr. Austin reported that the LCS Winter Concert was held over a two day period this past week. The band played on Tuesday, December 14th, directed by Mrs. Miller. There were 72 students who performed that night. On Thursday, December 16th, the 3rd and 5 – 8th grade chorus sang under the direction of Ms. Curtiss. The song “You Raise Me Up” was dedicated to J. Smith. There were 69 students participating. Mrs. Baldwin’s 5th grade class with the help of Ms. Townsend had a window painting project at the Senior Center. The students were praised for their work and how polite they were. The seniors had their Annual Holiday Luncheon on December 15th. Mr. Rossi served 65 lunches. The 8th grade students helped serve and sang holiday songs. The pancake breakfast was held on Saturday, December 11th from 8:00 – 11:00 am. Money raised went towards the 8th grade trip to Boston. Again, I want to thank Mr. Rossi for volunteering his time to help the parents and students. Mackenzie Teper was the winner of the breakfast with Mr. Austin along with a special friend. Every Friday, the staff may dress down and wear jeans. Money this month went towards offsetting the cost of funeral expenses for the tragic loss of life in Griswold. We are also using that money to support needy families who are in need during the holidays. The PTO has adopted two families and different departments in the school have adopted families. Overall, we have been able to help 11 families this holiday season. The 12th Annual National Geographic Geography Bee will be held on January 11th in the media center from 10:10 a.m. – 12:25p.m. The contest is for 7th and 8th grade students. The budget process is under way and thank you to the staff for getting their requests in on time. The boys basketball team competed in a tournament at Kelly Middle School and took 2nd place. During the winter break (December 28th – December 30th), the school will be open from 7:30 am – 1:00 pm. School reopens on Monday, January 3, 2011.

- b) H. Mileski reported that there will be an Open House on January 25th from 6:30 – 7:45 pm. WICH and WCTY will be advertising and Mrs. Mileski and a CCHS student will be interviewed on air in January. Through an EastConn grant, CCHS students will be joining Manchester High School for an indoor rock climbing adventure. The NEASC application has been mailed in and the NEASC representative will be contacting CCHS in January to set up an initial visit. Mrs. Mileski reviewed the NEASC application process with the Board.
- c) L. Slocum reviewed the evaluation process for new referrals to determine eligibility for special education and related services.
- d) D. Cormier discussed budget transfers.
- e) Mrs. Keating reported that with regards to maintenance, there have been no leaks. The fire alarms and sprinklers will be inspected within the next couple of weeks. Mrs. Keating updated the Board on some information with regard to the high school transfer request from the November 29, 2010 meeting. Mrs. Keating stated that some of the staff participated in the School Enrichment Model – Reading training this past week. A meeting was held with a committee of staff to discuss the Science curriculum. The team will be obtaining guides from other schools and also getting standards from the state.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by M. Burelle to approve monthly expenditures for November 2010 in the amount of \$1,623,458.16. Seconded by J. Marshall. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Burelle to approve the financial statement for November 2010 as presented. Seconded by J. Marshall. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

New Business / Old Business:

- a) High School Transfer Request – Mrs. Keating reviewed the letter received by a parent requesting to allow her son to transfer from Science Technology Magnet High School to NFA.

Motion by R. Rogers to move Agenda Item 9(a) to Executive Session. Seconded by M. Burelle. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

- b) Positive Behavior Support – Cougar Pride Code of Conduct – Mrs. Fontaine-Higgins reviewed the Positive Behavior Support initiative and the Cougar Pride Code of Conduct.

The Board endorses this initiative and would like the booklet to indicate this.

Motion by R. Browne to add Public Comment at this time. Seconded by R. Rogers. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

A. Tapia stated that he would like the Board to consider adding the Marine Science Magnet High School as a choice for Lisbon students.

Motion by I. Rogers to return to the regular agenda. Seconded by R. Browne. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

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

Motion by R. Rogers to waive the first read of the policies to be amended. Seconded by L. Herring-Sylvestre. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by L. Herring-Sylvestre to approve / adopt the following amended policies as presented:

- 5113 Truancy (08/16/93)
- 5114 Suspension/Expulsion/Due Process (04/25/94)
- 5131.7 Weapons and Dangerous Instruments (11/16/98)
- 5131.911 Bullying Behavior in the Schools (01/27/03)

- 6115 Ceremonies and Observances (09/23/02)
- 6172.4 Title 1 Parent Involvement (10/21/02)

Seconded by S. McCabe. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

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

Motion by I. Rogers to waive the first read of the policy drafts. Seconded by L. Herring-Sylvestre. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Burelle to approve / adopt the following policy drafts as presented:

- 1316 (Public Relations) Conduct on School Property
- 3524.1 Pesticide Application
- 3541.5 Safety Complaints/Record and Reports (Transportation)
- 4118.231/4218.231 Smoking, Drinking and Use of Drugs on School Premises
- 6141.312 Migrant Students
- 6141.323 Internet Acceptable Use: Filtering
- 6146.1 Grading, Assessment Systems
- 6159 Individualized Education Program/Special Education Program
- 6161.3 Comparability of Services
- 6164.11 (Instruction) Drugs, Tobacco, Alcohol
- 6164.12 (Instruction) Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)

Seconded by I. Rogers. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

- e) Ratification of July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2012 MEUI Contract – Mr. Baah reviewed the highlights / changes of the tentative agreement.

Motion by S. McCabe to approve the tentative agreement between the Municipal Employees' Union "Independent" SEUI Local 506, AFL-CIO, CLC and the Lisbon Board of Education for the period of July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2012 and to authorize the Superintendent to execute this collective bargaining agreement that incorporates all of the changes of the tentative agreement. Seconded by L. Herring-Sylvestre. Yes – J. Marshall, S. McCabe, L. Herring-Sylvestre, R. Brown, R. Baah. No – R. Rogers, I. Rogers, M. Burelle. Abstain – M. Krauss. Motion carried.

Committee Report:

Annual Committee Reports were collected.

Additions to the Agenda:

D. Cormier received an e-mail on December 6th from M. Zelasky requesting to receive the Lisbon Board of Education Financial Statement for their monthly meeting.

Motion by R. Rogers to send a letter to the Board of Finance that the Lisbon Board of Education Financial Statements will be sent after they have been approved at the Board of Education meetings. Seconded by M. Krauss. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Next Agenda Planning: Marine Science Magnet High School

Public Comments:

J. Benjamin wanted to know why the telephone line item is so high and that maybe the Board needs to check around for better rates.

Motion by R. Browne to enter into executive session to discuss high school transfer request, attorney fees and staff, and to invite B. Austin and D. Cormier. Seconded by M. Burelle. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

The Board entered into executive session at 8:16 pm.

The Board ended executive session at 8:54 pm.

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

Motion by J. Marshall to approve the transfer of a student from Science Technology Magnet School to NFA in January 2011. Seconded by R. Browne. Yes – R. Rogers. No – J. Marshall, S. McCabe, R. Browne, M. Krauss, I. Rogers, M. Burelle, L. Herring-Sylvestre, R. Baah. Motion denied.

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

The Board adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved

Recording Secretary