

The regular meeting of the Lisbon Board of Education was held on Monday, March 15, 2010 and was called to order by Chairman, R. Baah at 6:30 pm.

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

Members Absent: R. Rogers

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

Student Ambassadors Present: R. Arpin, B. Way, K. Hong

Others: P. Allyn, E. Benjamin, J. Benjamin

The Student Ambassadors led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: None

Lisbon Central School Ambassadors Report:

R. Arpin reported that this is the last week of CMTs. This past Friday, there was a dodge ball tournament. She also reported that some 8th grade students in Mrs. Gallagher's class went to a "We the People" conference on March 4th.

B. Way reported that the Environmental Team is continuing its work to get ready for the Student Summit. The medieval times field trip to New Jersey is still being planned. He also reported that Mr. Brown's science class project proved that bleach was an effective cleaner.

K. Hong reported that in 6th grade, CMTs are coming to an end. There are only 2 more tests left. The 6th Grade SLAP team, Da Airheads, planned a Dodgeball Tournament last Friday as a little stress reliever for students in 5th – 8th grade.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by M. Krauss to approve minutes of February 22, 2010 Board of Education Meeting as presented. Seconded by L. Herring-Sylvestre. Unanimously voted. Motion approved.

Superintendent / Principal's Report:

- a) Mr. Austin reported that the PTO will be hosting a free monthly movie night on Friday, March 19th in the Cafeteria. This month's movie will be Planet 51. Mr. Austin has spoken with Mr. McCloud about having movie night over the summer. They are looking into purchasing an outside movie screen. Maybe we can bring back the concept of drive-ins. The 5th and 6th grade activity night will be held on Friday, March 26th. Students will be traveling to the Groton Sub Base. They will be watching a movie, bowling, swimming and having dinner at the base. There is a dance scheduled for 7th and 8th grade students at LCS, also on March 26th. The winter sports banquet for the boys and girls basketball teams and cheerleaders will be held on Thursday, March 25th. Mrs. Wohlleben, a parent and assistant district manager of the social security office in New London, donated 10 computers to our school and we are expecting 22 more, minus the monitors. Before we take in any computers, F. Cross and G. Bugbee must look at them for specs. A letter of thanks was sent to Mrs. Wohlleben. We have intramural volleyball on Tuesdays and Thursdays for girls in grades 7 and 8. Thank you to M. Danieluk, D. Gozzo, E. Joly and a parent N. Surfus for volunteering their time. Summer school will be held starting July 13th on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 – 12:00. It will end on August 12th. There was a number of 8th grade parents who were concerned that their child did not get into Norwich Tech. I encouraged them to write a letter asking why they did not get in. I also called Norwich Tech and talked

with J. Leonard. She explained to me that they had 500 applications and they can only take in between 200 and 225 students. They look at grades, attendance, statement of interest from students, an entrance exam and CMT scores.

- b) H. Mileski reported that there are 8 serious interested students from Sprague, Lisbon, Preston, Griswold and the Mohegan Tribe for next year. President Obama recently mentioned Big Picture as an educational design that is important for the future. Daniel Pink's Book Drive also mentioned the importance of the Big Picture design. H. Mileski discussed with the Board the process for addressing CT state standards. The Performance Expectations / Standards for Language Arts, Math and Science for CCHS students were reviewed.
- c) L. Slocum discussed a simulated case study and the process that occurs when a parent disputes the recommendation of the team.
- d) Information
Mrs. Keating reported that the fire alarm company, Associated Electronic Systems, was here last week to make repairs based on our annual report. The old computers, printers and VCRs were picked up by the East Coast Asset Recovery Company, due to arrangements made by prior administration. Mrs. Keating also reported that she will be conducting a Data Team Training this week as part of the school improvement plan. She will train approximate 10 staff members who will then assist the other staff members in the model. Data drive decision-making is a research based model, known to increase student achievement.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by R. Browne to approve monthly expenditures for February, 2010 in the amount of \$1,763,811.47. Seconded by M. Burrelle. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Marshall to approve the financial statement for February, 2010 as presented. Seconded by L. Herring-Sylvestre. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Motion by I. Rogers to approve the Healthy Food Certification Statement as presented. Seconded by J. Marshall. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

New Business / Old Business:

- a) Mr. Austin reviewed with the Board prior use of the school by Coach Gonzalez' All Star Camp. Mr. Austin stated that Coach Gonzalez was asked to attend the meeting.

Motion by R. Browne to table the usage of the school by Coach Gonzalez due to questions that need to be answered. Seconded by S. McCabe. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

- b) Mrs. Keating and Mrs. Cormier discussed with the Board a check representing unclaimed funds from the Office of the Treasurer's Unclaimed Property Division and where these funds could be targeted.

Motion by M. Krauss to accept the check representing the unclaimed funds from the Office of the Treasurer's Unclaimed Property Division and to target these funds towards technology needs. Seconded by M. Burrelle. Unanimously voted. Motion carried.

- c) R. Browne reviewed with the Board his thoughts after meeting with the Cafeteria personnel. Mrs. Keating stated that she met with the Cafeteria Director and he is very willing to implement changes and open to ideas. Mr. Austin stated that the Cafeteria personnel donate their time for many functions that benefit the students, staff and community.

Motion by L. Herring-Sylvestre to pay the propane bill in the amount of \$723.95 this one time and have the Hot Lunch Committee meet with the Cafeteria director to review the program and discuss ideas / changes. Seconded by J. Marshall. Votes – **Yes:** M. Krauss, J. Marshall, R. Baah, M. Burelle, L. Herring-Sylvestre. **No:** R. Browne, I. Rogers, S. McCabe. Motion carried.

Committee Report:

a) The Ad-hoc Food Allergy Committee will be meeting on March 16th @ 10:30 am. At last month's meeting, T. Svab discussed plans for an in-service for LCS staff on food allergies that will take place on May 7th. The committee is also looking into the responsibility of the school nurse for after-school activities.

b) The Finance Sub-Committee has met several times over the last couple of months and have a proposed budget with a 0% increase to present to the Board of Finance. The Board members reviewed the proposed budget.

Motion by J. Marshall to adopt the proposed Lisbon School District 2010 – 2011 budget as presented. Seconded by I. Roger. Votes – **Yes:** M. Krauss, J. Marshall, R. Baah, I. Rogers, S. McCabe, L. Herring-Sylvestre. **No:** R. Browne, M. Burelle. Motion carried.

Additions to the Agenda: None

Next Agenda Planning: None

Public Comments:

E. Benjamin stated that she has been watching the budget and was wondering if the CCHS budget will be presented to the Town separately.

J. Benjamin asked if the budget allows for tuition increases that have been reported from area high schools.

P. Allyn commended the Board on presenting a budget with a 0% increase. She stated that she was disappointed that the town was not brought through the budget process as in past years, and asked with a 0% increase, what was being cut. She also asked what effect CCHS becoming a special revenue account has on the budget.

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

The Board adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved

Recording Secretary