

Lisbon Board of Education

Lisbon, Connecticut 06351

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 16, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Lisbon Central School

Library / Media Center

Board Members Present: J. Jencks, J. Marshall, M. Avery, L. Baah, J. Danburg, J. Lewerk, D. Nowakowski, I. Rogers, and K. Vane

Board Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: S. Keating (Superintendent), B. Apperson (Principal), C. Schofield (Business Manager), S. Trepanier (Director of Special Education/Early Childhood Coordinator) and B. McGlew (Building and Grounds)

Administrators Absent: None

Student Ambassadors Present: A. Cuff and D. Jeffs

Student Ambassadors Absent: None

Others: Ms. Guertin, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Nolan

1. **Call to Order** – J. Jencks called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Public Comment**- The National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony was held this evening. Following the ceremony, the present and new members joined the Board of Education members in the Media Center. Mr. Steve Brown introduced the new National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) inductees to the Board of Education. The new members are: Emma Boots, Haley Bryant, Lilly Coney, Addison Cuff, Sayde Dawley, Conor Dempsey, Christopher Derjue, Adila Haque, Nova Johnson-Abrams, Jaidin Ladouceur, Ashlynn LaFlamme, Rylie Laflamme, Claire LaSalle, Ashlyn McAvoy, Reed Nowakowski, Sage Onorato, Aria Rain, Brandon Riley, Alyson Zinewicz.

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5. **Correspondence to Board of Education** – None
6. **Report from Lisbon Central School Student Ambassadors** -

D. Jeffs reported that the 8th grade students are learning the following: In Science, they have been doing Interim Assessment Blocks (IAB) in preparation for their SBAC test on Wednesday, May 18th. They have also been learning about phylogenetic trees and common ancestors. In Steam, they have sanded soda bottles in order to make launchable rockets. In Spanish class, they are reviewing the basics they have learned over the past two years. They have a test on Tuesday, May 24th. In Social Studies, they are reading about the build up to the Civil War. For instance, they have covered the Lincoln-Douglas Debates, the extent of the northern and southern slavery divide, and more. In Math, they have finished both the SBAC and Aimsweb tests. Now, they are researching a mathematician of their choice and will be writing a paper about them. It needs to include birth and death dates, achievements, education and how they are important to math. In Language Arts class, they have completed all of their computer testing. A research paper about the energy source they think is the best for the U.S. was due today, May 16th. They are taking an essay test on the book "The Graduation of Jake Moon", tomorrow, Tuesday, May 17th. A poster about a nonprofit organization of their choosing is due on Wednesday, May 25th and will be displayed on the night of graduation to show that they are not bystanders. As a side note, Daisy would like to congratulate the 2022 National Junior Honor Society members!

A. Cuff reported that the 7th grade students are learning the following: In Language Arts, they are writing research papers on fun, free and historical places to visit in New England. She noted she is writing about Mystic Village, New London Ledge Lighthouse, and the Cape Cod Potato Chip Factory. In addition, they are working in literature circle groups. She noted her group is reading the book "Shooting the Moon". In Science, they went on their final Project Oceanology field trip today. In addition, they finished their unit on Alfred Wegener. He was a geologist who believed the continents formed on a super continent two hundred million years ago. In Social Studies, they are learning about the history of India. They talked about early Indian civilizations, the location of India, and how it evolved. In Spanish, they recently finished their unit on basic animals and more verbs. Now, they are learning how to pronounce the words for different emotions. In Math, they finished SBAC and Aimsweb testing for spring 2022. They did many practice IABs, which prepares them for the SBAC tests.

7. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion: J. Lewerk motioned to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2022- Regular Board of Education Meeting; L. Baah seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

8. **Administrators' / Superintendent's Report**

- a) Lisbon Central School – Mr. Brian Apperson provided a report on the following:
Regarding the Jr. High Dances, there have been two dances so far. Grade 7 was held on Apr. 29th and Grade 6 was held on May 13th. The students had a great time and many thanks to Mrs. Fabry and staff for chaperoning the dances. The Eighth Grade Dance will be June 10th. Next, the Color Run event will be May 22nd which is sponsored by the LCS PTO. Next, he announced that the 8th Gr. Boston trip and the PreK-7 Field Day will be on May 26th. Lastly, he reported that the ESY and Summer School for K-5 and the Math Camp for grades 6 and 7 will be held in June and the sign- up for these were going well.
- b) Special Education –Mr. Scott Trepanier reported on the Special Education Enrollment Numbers for May. He also spoke about the part-time Social Worker, Erin Jenicek. She was hired under the Esser Grant last year and will continue for 2022-23. He expressed that she was doing a terrific job helping our students who may be in need of additional support dealing in areas coming out of the pandemic such as stress, anxiety, depression, and life coping skills.
- c) Business Office – Mrs. Cynthia Schofield reported on the upcoming End-of-School Year Tasks such as the payroll rollover and entering the 2022-23 budget in the database. She will also be reconciling and closing out grant expenditures by June 30th.
- d) Building and Grounds –Mr. Brian McGlew provided an update regarding the LCS Physical Plant: Aqua Compliance did their inspection on the water tanks and it went well. They will be scheduling the drainage of the tanks during the summer. During the inspection, it was discovered that one pipe needed replacement and it was recommended to do the replacement while the tank is empty.

- e) Information –Mrs. Sally Keating spoke regarding the Superintendent’s Award. This award is given annually to three students. In the spring, a nomination form goes out to all 7th, 8th grade and Special Area teachers because they work with the students. They are able to rate three students, scoring 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest). The categories scored are Achievement Related to Ability, Leadership Service and Community. The scores are tallied and the three students with the highest scores receive the awards. They then choose teachers to talk about them and those teachers also help to present the awards. This ceremony is next Monday, May 23rd at 4:00 p.m. in the courtyard. The highest rated students are: Ashley Allard, Nora Gosselin, and Matayo Swepson.

9. Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of Monthly Expenditures

Motion: M. Avery motioned to approve monthly expenditures for April 2022, Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$876,885.70; J. Lewerk seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

- b) Financial Statement

Motion: M. Avery motioned to approve the financial statement for April 2022, Fiscal Year 2021-2022 as presented by the Administration; J. Lewerk seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

10. New Business / Old Business

- a) Discussion re: Math Curriculum Materials Presentation and Math Update and Possible Action-Mrs. Megan Jenkins and Mrs. Mary Nolan spoke on the highlights of the selected math curriculum materials for grades 6-8, beginning next school year. They review several math series. They spoke of the criteria for their decision such as available resources, assessment reports, rigorous and challenging learning levels, scaffolding for those needing remediation and enrichment, encouragements for problem solving, vocabulary alignment with SBAC, provision of professional development for teachers, many on-line resources for students, teachers and parents, and many more great features. Mrs. Jenkins also listed other districts who are utilizing this program. This series will also align with the lower grade levels. The recommended math series is Eureka Great Minds. Mr. Apperson followed up on the models for the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade for next year. We currently do movement pods in 7th and 8th grades and will add 6th grade to this model. This was a recommendation by Mrs. Keating, Mrs. Jenkins, Mr. Apperson and Mrs. Nolan as a result of several meetings/discussions. Mr. Nowakowski complemented Mrs. Nolan on the math results thus far.

Motion: M. Avery made the motion endorsing the new math program, Eureka Great Minds; I. Rogers seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

- b) Update re: Status of New Bus Contract-Mrs. Keating gave a broad update of the new bus contract. Mrs. Keating and Mrs. Schofield have been in ongoing contact with Attorney Chris Tracey from Shipman and Goodwin regarding the contract with M & J. One of the topics was reconfirmed with Mr. Hipsher from M & J. that the gas cost is included in their prices. Another Negotiation Committee Meeting will be scheduled within the near future.

- c) Update re: Draft Agreement with Lebanon School District re: Lyman Memorial High School- Mrs. Cindy Schofield and Mrs. Keating have been in contact with Attorney Antonetti from Shipman and Goodwin and a draft agreement was given to the Lebanon School District for their Board to review. This agreement is for 2023-2024 so there is still time for further negotiations if needed before the final draft comes to the LCS Board for approval.
- d) Discussion re: 2021-2022 Budget Projections and Possible Action- Mrs. Cindy Schofield provided an update from the last BOE Meeting in April. She also provided an update of the priority list.

Motion: J. Lewerk motioned to move forward with the recommendation of the priority list; J. Marshall seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

- e) Discussion re: Salary Agreements (Proposed Executive Session); Possible Action re: Salary Agreements-This agenda item needs to be moved to Executive Session, immediately following Agenda Item # 14- Public Comment.

Motion: J. Marshall motioned to move Agenda Item #10 (e) Discussion re: Salary Agreements (Proposed Executive Session) to Executive Session, immediately following Agenda Item # 14 – Public Comment; M. Avery seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

11. Committee Reports – None

12. Additions to the Agenda- None

13. Next Agenda Planning-For review-Policy #4111/4211-Personnel Recruitment, Math Update, Projections, Bus Contract, Lebanon Contract, A list of Summer Topics

14. Public Comment- Mr. Karen Barber complemented Mrs. Mary Nolan for the great job she is doing with the students in math. She also expressed her displeasure with Mrs. Keating for responses to parent concerns.

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Motion: J. Lewerk motioned to enter into Executive Session and to invite Mrs. Sally Keating, Mrs. Cynthia Schofield and separately, each employee whose salary/employment is being discussed re: Agenda Item 10 (e) Discussion re: Salary/Employment Agreements; M. Avery seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:27 p.m.

The Board ended Executive Session at 7:47 p.m.

Motion: I. Rogers motioned to approve the 2022-2023 Salary Agreement for Director of Building and Grounds, Brian McGlew; J. Marshall seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Motion: I. Rogers moved to accept as presented the 2022-2023 Salary Agreement for Administrative Assistant to the Business Manager/Superintendent, Colleen McNally-Reamer; J. Marshall seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Motion: I. Rogers motioned to approve the 2022-2023 Salary Agreement for the Business Manager, Cynthia Schofield; J. Marshall seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Motion: I. Rogers motioned to approve the 2022-2023 Salary Agreement for the School Nurse, Theresa Svab; J. Marshall seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Motion: I. Rogers motioned to approve the 2022-2023 Employment Agreement for the School Nurse Aide, Ellen Sobanski as amended; J. Marshall seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Motion: I. Rogers moved to accept as presented the 2022-2023 Employment Agreement for Part-Time PM Childcare Support Staff, Olivia Avery; J. Marshall seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

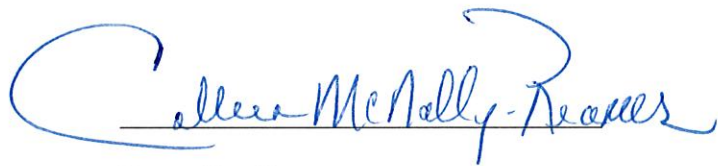
Motion: I. Rogers motioned to approve the 2022-2023 Employment Agreement for the Part- Time School Readiness Support Staff-Jeanette Coleman; J. Marshall seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

15) Adjournment: 7:52 p.m.

Approved



Recording Secretary

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