

Lisbon Board of Education

Lisbon, Connecticut 06351

Special Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 12, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Lisbon Central School

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

Board Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: S. Keating (Superintendent), C. Sheldon (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

Student Ambassadors Absent: None

Others: Ms. Guertin, Mrs. Jenkins and several teachers attended for the SBAC result celebration agenda topic

1. **Call to Order** – J. Jencks called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Report from Lisbon Central School Student Ambassadors**

A. Cuff reported that the 8th grade students are learning the following: In Language Arts, they are reading a short story titled, “The Lady or the Tiger”. It’s a story about a man who has to choose between two doors. Behind one door is a beautiful woman. Behind the other door is a vicious tiger. In Social Studies, they are learning about the first cultures of North America and how European products ended up in the Americas. In Spanish, they are learning how to say different sports in Spanish. For example, basketball in Spanish is “el baloncesto”. In Math, they are learning the laws of exponents. Also, they finished aimsweb testing for the fall. In Science, they are learning about car collisions. They watched a Myth Busters video showing a smart car colliding into a bigger car. They also made models showing what happens when two cars collide head on. Lastly, she reported that she enjoyed the Open House and commented that she thought it was a great opportunity for eighth graders to check out the high schools.

5. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion: L. Baah motioned to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2022-Regular Board of Education Meeting; J. Lewerk seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

6. **Administrators’ / Superintendent’s Report**

a) Lisbon Central School – Mr. Christopher Sheldon provided a report on the following: The first week of school went very well. The students were excited about being back. He also reported that there was a wonderful turnout for the Open House and it was nice to meet the parents. Lastly, he reported he attended the PTO meeting and he was excited for the upcoming activities that are being planned.

b) Special Education –Mr. Scott Trepanier reported on the Special Education Enrollments. He also reported that Mrs. Ibbison and Ms. Knerr lead training for their fellow teachers on the CT –SED. Lastly, he commented that the PreK Orientation had a great turnout.

- c) Business Office – Mrs. Cynthia Schofield reported that she locked in the oil pricing for this years’ budget with the consortium after discussions with the Finance Committee. She also reported that the annual audit with King and King will start soon. She is awaiting confirmation dates. Lastly, she reported that the State report is complete with the help and guidance from Mrs. Diana Cormier.
- d) Building and Grounds –Mr. Brian McGlew provided an update regarding the LCS Physical Plant. He reported that vendor Aqua Compliance has been replaced by Aqua Pump to conduct the LCS well treatment services.
- e) Information – Mrs. Sally Keating reported that due to the heavy rain that fell last week, she requested to the Business Manager to file an insurance claim for damage to areas within the building. Mrs. Keating commented that Mrs. Schofield mentioned that the refund that was recently received by Cirma will offset the new claim deductible. Mrs. Keating stated that Mr. Brian McGlew did a great job preparing the building and grounds for school, after this severe rainfall. Lastly, Mrs. Keating reported that COVID test kits will be distributed to families and parents will be notified. Employees already received them. Protocols for COVID related matters have been posted on our website.

7. Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of Monthly Expenditures

Motion: I. Rogers motioned to approve monthly expenditures for August 2022, Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$0.00; J. Lewerk seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Motion: I. Rogers motioned to approve monthly expenditures for August 2022, Fiscal Year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$450,783.26; J. Lewerk seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

- b) Financial Statement

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

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Motion: I. Rogers motioned to approve the financial statement for August 2022, Fiscal Year 2022-2023 as presented by the Administration; J. Lewerk seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

8. New Business / Old Business

- a) Discussion re: Celebration of Math SBAC Scores and Possible Action –Mrs. Keating opened the discussion by generally commenting on the overall great performance on the SBAC test. She then asked Mr. Sheldon, Mrs. Jenkins, and Mr. Trepanier to provide a summary of the recent Math SBAC scores, and how our scores compared with other districts’ scores and the State’s performance. Lisbon Central School staff and students should feel great pride with the tremendous results of these scores in terms of growth/achievements. The Board presented the LEA President, Ms. Guertin with a poster and “proclamation” acknowledging and celebrating the test results, to be shared with the staff and students. A standing ovation was given to the staff for their hard work, dedication and recognition.

- b) Discussion re: Amendment to Bylaw# 9121-Bylaws of the Board- Board of Education Officers and Possible Action-Policy Committee members summarized the revisions to this Bylaw.

Motion: L. Baah motioned to waive the 1st read of Bylaws of the Board - #9121-Board of Education Officers; K. Vane seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Motion: J. Marshall motioned to amend and adopt Bylaws of the Board - #9121-Board of Education Officers; J. Danburg seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

- c) Discussion re: Approval/Adoption of Policy# 4112-Personnel-Certified-Appointment and Possible Action- Policy Committee members summarized the revisions to this policy.

Motion: L. Baah motioned to waive the 1st read of Policy# 4112-Personnel-Certified-Appointment; K. Vane seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Motion: J. Marshall motioned to approve and adopt Policy# 4112-Personnel-Certified-Appointment; J. Danburg seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

- d) Discussion re: Award Committee and Possible Action-The Award Committee is meeting on October 3rd at 3:15 p.m. in Room 36 at LCS. This meeting will be deemed a work session. This agenda item will be tabled until the October meeting.
- e) Discussion re: Pronouns-It was requested to place this topic on this agenda. In preparation for the discussion, a copy of Policy#5145.53-Students-Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth was provided for reference, if needed. Mrs. Katie Vane voiced her concern that parents should be given notice if certain topics related to this policy are discussed in classrooms. Mrs. Keating stated that this policy has been in effect since 2016. She also confirmed that proper training is done with staff in relation to this policy. Mrs. Marshall stated she will research if there are any updates needed to this policy.
- f) Update re: Status of Fobs-Mr. Brian McGlew and Mrs. Sally Keating provided a brief update regarding our recent conversation with Trooper Rob Adams. The fobs came in last week and 49 have been programmed thus far.
- g) Update re: Bus Transportation-Mrs. Sally Keating and Mrs. Cindy Schofield provided an update regarding bus transportation, during the first weeks of school. The schedules for the morning transportation are going well. Issues with the afternoon schedules are resolved with the exception of one bus schedule. Mrs. Keating will have a conversation with the M & J Bus Company to discuss resolving that schedule.
- h) Discussion re: Ducharmes' Accounts-Mrs. Judy Jencks provided a summary of the ideas generated thus far regarding the Mr. Ducharme Account and possible direction for going forward. Mrs. Katie Vane also brought forward a greenhouse/garden idea to consider. A survey will be provided to the staff/students to promote other ideas as well.

In regards to Mrs. Ducharme's Account, it was agreed to keep the structure of the award simple by coordinating with high school counselors of 12th grade students, whom graduated from Lisbon Central School and have been accepted to attend college or other institutions of higher learning for the purposes of a career in medicine (including but not limited to physicians, nurses, or therapist) or medical research.

- i) Discussion re: Superintendent Search Committee and Possible Action-Committee members summarized work done thus far regarding the search for a new Superintendent beginning the 2024-2025 school year. The committee will work with a consulting company for this process.
- j) Discussion re: Cafeteria Meal Prices and Possible Action-Mr. Rossi asked that the BOE vote on whether to keep the prices for lunch (\$3.00) and breakfast (\$2.00) the same after the transition from free meals to cost in October/November 2022.

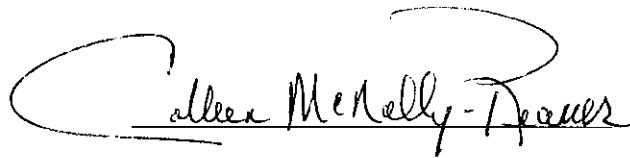
Motion: J. Lewerk motioned to approve and accept the pricing proposed by Mr. Rossi; I. Rogers seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

- 9. **Committee Reports - None**
- 10. **Next Agenda Planning** – Ducharme Accounts, Policies 5145.53 & 1120, Science Test Scores, Awards
- 11. **Adjournment** – 8:00 p.m.

Approved



Recording Secretary

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