

Lisbon Board of Education

Lisbon, Connecticut 06351

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 17, 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: C. Sheldon (Principal), C. Schofield (Business Manager), S. Trepanier (Director of Special Education/Early Childhood Coordinator) and B. McGlew (Building and Grounds)

Administrators Absent: S. Keating (Superintendent)

Student Ambassadors Present: A. Cuff

Student Ambassadors Absent: None

Others: Mrs. Megan Jenkins, Ms. Stacey Guertin, Mrs. Smelser, Mrs. Barber, Mrs. Larkin, and Dr. Galan

1. **Call to Order** – J. Jencks called the meeting to order at 6:35p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Public Comment** – Mrs. Smelser spoke to her concerns regarding pronoun cards used in some classrooms and suggested there should be some universal guidelines for all classrooms.

Dr. Galan spoke regarding his medical opinion regarding transgender identity in adolescents and cognitive skills, identity issues and depression related to this topic.

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5. **Correspondence to Board of Education** – None

6. **Report from Lisbon Central School Student Ambassadors** – A. Cuff reported that the 8th grade students are learning the following: In Language Arts, they are learning what pronouns are and how to use them in a sentence. They are also learning how to annotate text to help them understand a story better. In Social Studies, they are learning about the Salem Witch Trials and the First Thanksgiving. In Spanish, they are working on a ofrenda project. Ofrenda means altar, such as used during the Day of the Dead. They will choose a famous person who has passed away to be their ofrenda topic. In Math, they are learning how to solve and write linear equations. In Science, they are recording how fast a paper car goes down a hill. The hill is at different heights and they record how many meters it went in a matter of seconds. Lastly, she reported that she and her team have an away cross-country meet against Preston.

7. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion: J. Lewerk motioned to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2022-Special Board of Education Meeting; L. Baah seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motioned Carried

8. Administrators' / Superintendent's Report

- a) Lisbon Central School – Mr. Christopher Sheldon reported on: Math Achievement Celebration events for Students and Staff held September 16th. He also reported on School Sports, LCS PTO Truck or Treat coming up on October 28th. Lastly he reported on Fire Prevention Week which took place October 13th-October 14th at the LCS Firehouse. The students had a great time.
- b) Special Education –Mr. Scott Trepanier discussed: Enrollment Numbers in Special Education. He also wanted to recognize Ms. Ann Marie Davidson with EastConn and Christopher Champlin, Director of Special Education at Griswold Public Schools. They have been working with the LCS Admin and Staff training for the CT-SEDS (The New Special Education Software). Lastly, he reported on the PreK Family Social Breakfast Event scheduled for October 25th.
- c) Business Office – Mrs. Cynthia Schofield reported on the upcoming Negotiation Meeting scheduled for October 20th to decide on the RFP bids for the Air Conditioners. Lastly, she reported that the auditors are scheduled to do their audit November 8th – 10th.
- d) Building and Grounds –Mr. Brian McGlew will provide an update regarding the LCS physical plant. He reported that a positive test for chloroform was detected in our water supply again and it was treated and resolved. It was recommended to test monthly to stay on top of any possible reoccurrence.
- e) Information – Mrs. Keating is absent due to an unforeseen situation, so no report will be done.

9. Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of Monthly Expenditures

Motion: I. Rogers motioned to approve monthly expenditures for September 2022, Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$121,584.06; J. Lewerk seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Motion: I. Rogers motioned to approve monthly expenditures for September 2022, Fiscal Year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$1,008,657.37; J. Lewerk seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

- b) Financial Statement

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

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

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Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

10. New Business / Old Business

- a) Presentation/Discussion re: Social Emotional Learning (SEL)-Mrs. Megan Jenkins did a great presentation regarding SEL at Lisbon Central School. She explained where SEL is included in our curriculum daily and she presented examples for two grade levels. She explained that all lesson plans are all age appropriate. Mrs. Jenkins also stated that LCS is in partnership with UCSF and related material is posted on our website for parents' viewing.
- b) Update re: Math-Mr. Christopher Sheldon provided a brief update regarding the status of Math curriculum and instruction at LCS. Great Minds material has been ordered for grades K-4. On November Professional Day both staff from K-4 and 5-8 will be reviewing their material.
- c) Discussion re: Recent Science Test Scores-Mr. Christopher Sheldon presented the most recent Science Test Scores of LCS students.
- d) Discussion re: Teacher Evaluation Plan and Possible Action-LCS Administration discussed a decision made by the Professional Development and Evaluation Committee (PDEC) to implement the flexibility option for evaluation for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion: J. Lewerk motioned to approve the PDEC recommendations to implement the flexibility option for the 2022-2023 school year; J. Marshall seconded

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

- e) Discussion re: Awards Work Session and Possible Action- Mr. Joe Lewerk and Mrs. Katie Vane provided a summary of the Award Committee's recent work session. Their recommendation would be to provide two awards regarding three categories, one for a girl and one for a boy at \$100.00 each for the next 10 years. They would like to table further discussions until next the November meeting.
- f) Discussion re: Mr. and Mrs. Ducharmes' Accounts and Possible Action-Executive Board of Education Committee members recommend tabling this discussion until the November meeting.
- g) Discussion re: Amendment to Policy # 5145.53-Students-The Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth and Possible Action-Policy Committee members wish to table this discussion until the November meeting.
- h) Discussion re: Amendment to Policy # 1120-Community Relations-Public Participation of Board of Education Meetings and Possible Action- Policy Committee members wish to table this discussion until the November meeting.
- i) Discussion re: Emergency Use of Narcan at LCS and Possible Action-This topic is tabled until the November meeting.
- j) Discussion re: Superintendent Search Committee-Consultant Cost and Possible Action-Mrs. Judy Jencks and Mr. Ian Rogers lead the discussion for this agenda item. It is recommended to set up a budget cost for \$1,500.00 to begin utilizing consulting organizations.

Motion: I. Rogers motioned to approve the suggested cost of \$1,500.00 to hire a consultant to work with the Superintendent Search Committee; J. Lewerk seconded

Vote: Unanimous


Motion Carried

11. **Committee Reports** – None
12. **Additions to the Agenda**- None
13. **Next Agenda Planning**-Policies 5145.53 and 1120, Moby Max & Computers, Narcan, Plus Portal, Cohorts for Science.
14. **Public Comment**-Mrs. Barber spoke about her concerns with Policy #5145.53 and Mrs. Larkin spoke about SEL topics.

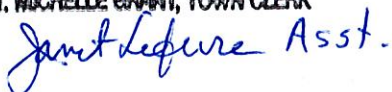
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15. **Adjournment**-7:40 p.m.

Approved



Recording Secretary

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