

# Lisbon Board of Education

Lisbon, Connecticut 06351

## Regular Board of Education Minutes

Monday, December 16, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Lisbon Central School Library/Media Center

**Board Members Present:** I. Rogers, K. Vane, L. Baah, B. Larkin, K. Barber, J. Jencks, J. Lewerk, D. Nowakowski

**Board Members Absent:** J. Danburg

**Administrators Present:** S. Keating (Superintendent), B. McGlew (Director of Building and Grounds), J. Paradis (Business Manager), C. Sheldon (Principal), J. Sullivan (Director of Special Education)

**Administrators Absent:** None

**Student Ambassadors Present:** T. Nowakowski, N. Vane, A. Bialowas

**Student Ambassadors Absent:** None

**Others:** None

1. **Call to Order** – I. Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Public Comment** – None

**Please note:** The Lisbon Board of Education welcomes comments and suggestions from citizens of the Lisbon community. Citizens who wish to speak with the Board of Education about a particular subject or concern shall be recognized during the public comment portion of the meeting. Each citizen wishing to speak at that time shall be restricted to three (3) minutes. As provided in Robert's Rules of Order, speakers shall be courteous, avoid personal attacks and refrain from the use of vulgarity. Public comment is an opportunity for citizens to bring concerns to the attention of the Board, but not an appropriate time to engage the Board in conversation. The Board may choose to direct the Superintendent to follow up on a matter as warranted.

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

T. Nowakowski, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Ambassador, reported on the following: In ELA, they are reading American Classics, like the “Gift of the Magi”, in Math, they are learning how to find the y intercept, and in Social Studies, they are learning about the American Revolution. In Spanish, they are learning about sports vocabulary and in Science, they are learning about velocity.

N. Vane, the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Ambassador, reported on the following: In Science, they have been doing a bean experiment, in Math, they had a test and in Social Studies, they have been learning about the Caribbean and South America. In Spanish, they have been working on verbs and ELA, they have been learning about concrete and abstract nouns and writing strategy.

A. Bialowas, the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Ambassador, reported on the following: In ELA, they are writing children’s books and reading “Nine Ten”, in Math, they are working on positives and negatives on a number line, and in Science, they are dissecting frogs. In Social Studies, they are reading myths about the ancient Greeks and in Health, they are learning about CPR.

7. **Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** L. Baah made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2024 Board of Education Meeting; K. Barber seconded

**Vote: Unanimous**

**Motion Carried**

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

- a) Lisbon Central School – Mr. Christopher Sheldon reported on the November Students of the Month and the Winter Band Concert.
- b) Special Education –Ms. Janine Sullivan reported on the Special Education Enrollment Numbers.
- c) Business Office – Mr. Jonathan Paradis reported on the Auditor’s Visit.
- d) Building and Grounds – Mr. Brian McGlew provided an update regarding the LCS physical plant.
- e) Information – Mrs. Sally Keating gave accolades to the Cafeteria Staff and discussed the 2025-2026 Budget Preparation.

9. **Consent Agenda**

a) **Approval of Monthly Expenditures**

**Motion:** B. Larkin made the motion to approve the monthly expenditures for November 2024, Fiscal Year 2024-2025, in the amount of \$678,636.25; K. Vane seconded

**Vote: Unanimous**

**Motion Carried**

b) **Financial Statement**

**Motion:** B. Larkin made the motion to approve the financial statement for November 2024, Fiscal Year 2024-2025 as presented by the Administration; J. Leverk seconded

**Vote: Unanimous**

**Motion Carried**

10. **New Business / Old Business**

a) Presentation re: Students with Highest Achievement/Most Growth on SBAC Scores – Mr. Christopher Sheldon introduced students for their outstanding performance on the most recent SBAC tests.

b) Presentation by Novus and Possible Action – Novus personnel presented prioritized needs in technology for LCS.

c) Discussion re: Attorney’s Response to Committee Membership and Possible Action – Mr. Ian Rogers discussed the Committee Membership.

**Motion:** I. Rogers made the motion to add K. Vane to the Finance and Negotiations Committees and K. Barber to the Awards Committee; L. Baah seconded

**Vote: 7-Yes**

**1-Opposed**

**Motion Carried**

d) Discussion re: Amendments to Policies and Possible Action – The Policy Committee Members summarized revisions to the following policies:

- a. Policy Series 1000 Automatic External Defibrillators
- b. Policy Series 1000 Pesticide Application on School Property
- c. Policy Series 1000 Use of School Facilities
- d. Policy Series 1000 School security and Safety
- e. Policy Series 1000 Prohibition Against Smoking
- f. Policy Series 1000 Visitors and Observations in Schools
- g. Policy Series 1000 School Volunteers, Student Interns and Other Non-Employees

**Motion:** L. Baah made the motion to waive the first read of Policy Series 1000 Automatic External Defibrillators; B. Larkin seconded

**Vote: Unanimous**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** L. Baah made the motion to approve Policy Series 1000 Automatic External Defibrillators; B. Larkin seconded

**Vote: Unanimous**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** L. Baah made the motion to waive the first read of Policy Series 1000 Pesticide Application on School Property; B. Larkin seconded

**Vote: Unanimous**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** L. Baah made the motion to approve Policy Series 1000 Pesticide Application on School Property; B. Larkin seconded

**Vote: Unanimous**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** L. Baah made the motion to waive the first read of Policy Series 1000 Use of School Facilities; B. Larkin seconded

**Vote: Unanimous**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** L. Baah made the motion to approve Policy Series 1000 Use of School Facilities;  
B. Larkin seconded

**Vote: Unanimous**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** L. Baah made the motion to waive the first read of Policy Series 1000 School Security and Safety; B. Larkin seconded

**Vote: Unanimous**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** L. Baah made the motion to approve Policy Series 1000 School Security and Safety;  
B. Larkin seconded

**Vote: Unanimous**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** L. Baah made the motion to waive the first read of Policy Series 1000 Prohibition Against Smoking; B. Larkin seconded

**Vote: Unanimous**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** L. Baah made the motion to approve Policy Series 1000 Prohibition Against Smoking;  
B. Larkin seconded

**Vote: Unanimous**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** L. Baah made the motion to waive the first read of Policy Series 1000 Visitors and Observations in Schools; B. Larkin seconded

**Vote: Unanimous**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** L. Baah made the motion to approve Policy Series 1000 Visitors and Observations in Schools; B. Larkin seconded

**Vote: Unanimous**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** L. Baah made the motion to waive the first read of Policy Series 1000 School Volunteers, Student Interns and Other Non-Employees; B. Larkin seconded

**Vote: Unanimous**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** L. Baah made the motion to approve Policy Series 1000 School Volunteers, Student Interns and Other Non-Employees; B. Larkin seconded

**Vote: Unanimous**

**Motion Carried**

- e) Discussion re: Dissemination of BOE Meeting Packets and Possible Action – An open discussion took place regarding the possible electronic emailing of packets. Packets will not be emailed.
- f) Discussion re: Estimate(s) on LCS Cafeteria Floor and Possible Action – Mr. Brian McGlew lead the discussion.
- g) Discussion re: Estimate(s) on LCS Gym Floor and Possible Action – Mr. Brian McGlew lead the discussion.
- h) Discussion re: The Ducharme Survey and Possible Action – Mrs. Brandi Larkin provided an update regarding feedback from the survey.

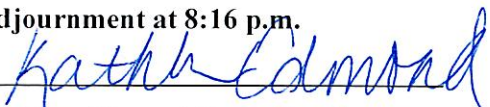
11. **Committee Reports** – None

12. **Additions to the Agenda** – YouTube Recording of BOE Meetings – This topic was discussed; NOVUS will be contacted to lend assistance to the issues.

13. **Next Agenda Planning** – Ducharme Survey, Computer Curriculum, SBAC, SRO Meeting

14. **Public Comment** - None

15. **Adjournment at 8:16 p.m.**

  
Kathleen Edmond, Recording Secretary

  
Ian Rogers, Board of Education Chairman

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