

MINUTES OF THE LISBON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER, 13, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE LISBON TOWN OFFICE MEETING ROOM. (NOTE: These Minutes are not official until approved by the School Committee. Such action, either to approve or amend and approve, is anticipated at the November 09, 2009 meeting.)

Members Present: Prudence Grant, Janice Comber, Traci Austin; Deb Danuski; Robin Tupper; Richard A. Green, Interim Superintendent of Schools

Members Absent:

Administrators Present: James Churchill, Technology Director; Jim Damsgaard, School Nutrition Director; Sara Flowers, Adult Education Director; Kenneth Healey, Principal; Carlene Iverson, Principal; Thomas Landberg, Assistant Principal/Co-Curricular Director; Susan Matthews, Director of Student Services; Catherine Messmer, Business Manager; Christopher Moreau, Assistant Principal/Co-Curricular Director; Darrell Orr, Director of Operations and Transportation; Kate Race, Assistant Principal; and Jeff Ramich, Principal

Administrators Absent:

Others Present: Ed Nunery, Marilyn Curtis, parents, students and members of the public

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairperson Grant called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. MINUTES:

A. **VOTED: (1)** To receive and approve the Minutes of September 14, 2009 and September 28, 2009 meeting of the School Committee. (Danuski – Tupper) (5 – 0)

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

15. B. 2. Letter of resignation

6. GOOD NEWS & RECOGNITION:

- A. PWS – Marilyn Curtis, 6th grade Science and Math teacher gave a brief update on the National Science Educational Leadership Association (NSELA). Ms. Curtis attended along with 130 other educators and reported that they gained a better understanding of science curriculums and how to use it in the classrooms to find out what students actually understand. Ms. Curtis presented an example of Standard-and Research-Based Study of a Curricular Topic and an Assessment Probe.
- B. Ed Nunery introduced Wendy Ault, Executive Director and Stephenie Cook, Grant Coach with MELMAC Education Foundation. Ms. Ault reported briefly on the strategic focus areas used in the screening process for this grant. Ms. Ault commended Lisbon for taking the grant to the next level when competing for the 2007 grant. When questioned by the School Committee, Mr. Nunery explained the grant money was used to directly benefit students with college access through programs with parents, campus visits and other creative programs.

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATORS/EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION:

- A. Darrell Orr – Summer Update: Director Orr reported on the great work done over the summer by the custodians. This is the first year that the team all worked the same shift and it has proven to be extremely efficient resulting in the completion of many extra projects at each of the schools. Mr. Orr reviewed work left to do including field work at the high school.
- B. Christopher Moreau Update: Co-curricular Director Moreau explained in great detail the current status of the ice hockey program. Mr. Moreau reported on the reasons the MPA has denied the Lisbon, Oak Hill, Mt. Ararat request to have a three-school ice hockey team. Director Moreau reviewed discussions and various possibilities going forward to help the hockey players to at least get some ice time this year. Members of the School Committee and parents asked questions and offered suggestions on how to continue with the ice hockey program.
- C. Kenneth Healey – Safety Update: Principal Healey reported on the number of fire drills conducted at the high school, the evacuation drill and the canine assisted search (no drugs were found). Mr. Healey confirmed that a campus closure drill was conducted in conjunction with the canine assisted search which was beneficial with today's lock-down.
- D. Jeffrey Ramich – Safety Update: Principal Ramich reviewed the number of fire drills completed and a full evacuation which all went well. Mr. Ramich reported that the Lisbon School Department is working collaboratively with the Lisbon Police Department with completing an application for the Homeland Security Grant to fund two-way radios and outdoor security cameras.

Principal Ramich announced that Thomas Landberg is the new chair of the safety committee.

- E. Carlene Iverson – Safety Update: Principal Iverson reported on Lisbon Community School’s evacuation drills; playground safety projects; and bus safety. Ms. Iverson explained how hectic arrival and dismissal can be with last minute calls from parents regarding dismissal plans. She credited the bus drivers with ensuring the children are being delivered to the correct locations because they know their students and where they should be on which day.

8. REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

Interim Superintendent Green gave an update on MEA assessment results for the three schools and announced a workshop scheduled for November 23rd. Mr. Green reported that the clinics for the H1N1 Influenza have been scheduled for Saturday, November 7, 2009 or November 14, 2009 depending on when the vaccine arrives. Superintendent Green discussed his recommendation for the School Committee to postpone the implementation of the new 2009-2010 graduation requirements that is on the agenda. Mr. Green reported on the facilities and his recommendation to form a facility usage committee to work with the town on grants for the track project. He noted that he is investigating a messaging system, AlertNow Communication Service, which links to our existing software at the schools and would allow us to alert parents by way of email, voicemail or text.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **VOTED: (2)** To support the proposed MSBA Resolutions. (Danuski – Tupper) (5 – 0)
- B. **VOTED: (4)** To approve an out-of-state college trip to New Hampshire for the 11th and 12th grade students on November 10th. (Danuski – Austin) (3 – 2) Grant, Austin
- VOTED: (3)** To amend the motion to take the students on Saturday or a non-student day. (Grant – Tupper) (2 – 3) Comber, Danuski, Tupper **MOTION FAILED**
- C. **VOTED: (5)** To approve an Overnight Field Trip to Camp Kieve for the Lisbon High School SADD Chapter students on November 13, 2009 to November 15, 2009. (Danuski – Comber) (5 – 0)

D. **VOTED: (6)** To approve a Proposal for a 5th grade Math Club at Lisbon Community School. (Danuski – Austin) (5 – 0)

E. **VOTED: (7)** To approve Scott Simons Architects/Casco Bay Engineering to perform a feasibility study for Lisbon High School. (Danuski – Tupper) (5 – 0)

12. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

A. Lisbon High School – M/E August 31, 2009

B. Philip W. Sugg Middle School – M/E August 31, 2009 and September 30, 2009

C. Lisbon Community School – M/E None

D. Lisbon School Department – As of October 08, 2009

13. COMMUNICATIONS (CONSENT AGENDA):

A. NEASC

B. List of Lisbon Committees 2009-2010

14. COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Member Tupper announced that the Homecoming went very well.

Member Austin thanked the members of the LEARN Committee for their focus on school readiness reading night. Members of the community reading were Lynn Plourde, Children's Author; Chief Brooks; Steve Eldridge, Town Manger; Jeff Ramich; Brian Hirst (filling in for Officer Estes who was ill) and Jo-Jean from the library.

15. PERSONNEL:

A. New Hires:

1) **VOTED: (8)** To nominate members to the Certification Committee for the 2009-2010 school year. (Danuski – Austin) (5 – 0)

2) **VOTED: (9)** To employ Patti Mendelson as a late bus monitor at the PWS Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year. (Danuski – Tupper) (5 – 0)

3) **VOTED: (10)** To employ Hazel Shorey as an Ed Tech II at the Lisbon Community School for the 2009-2010 school year. (Austin – Danuski) (5 – 0)

4) **VOTED: (11)** To nominate Mark Sylvester as Grade 7 basketball coach at the PWS Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year. (Danuski– Comber) (5 – 0)

5) **VOTED: (12)** To nominate Karen Whitney as yearbook advisor at the Lisbon High School for the 2009-2010 school year. (Austin– Danuski) (4 – 0 – 1) Tupper (Friend)

B. Resignations:

- 1) Kathryn Kolb as Spanish teacher at Lisbon High School effective November 6, 2009.
- 2) Dean Rider as custodian/bus driver for Lisbon School Department effective October 16, 2009.

C. Retirees:

- 1) Lorraine Giasson as French teacher at Lisbon Community School effective at the end of the 2009-2010 school year.

16. POLICY REVIEW:

- A. Policies 10 Packet #2 was distributed for review with plans for 1st Read on November 09, 2009 and Final Adoption on December 14, 2009.
- B. 1st Read on the Following Policies: 10 Packet #1
 1. IHBAI Independent Educational Evaluations (IEPs)
 2. IHBAJ Special Education Student Oversight Agreement
 3. IHBAJ-E Progress Report Form
 4. IHBAK Life-Sustaining Emergency Care
 5. JRA* Student Education Records and Information
 6. JRA-E Notification of Rights Under FERPA

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. **VOTED: (13)** To enter executive session to discuss duties of employees, pursuant to Freedom of Access Statute, Title 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (A). (Danuski – Austin) (5 – 0) (9:04 p.m.)

18. GENERAL SESSION:

- A. **VOTED: (14)** To approve the proposed recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools proposal. (Danuski – Austin) (4 – 1) Comber (9:14 p.m.)

19. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. **VOTED: (15)** To enter into Executive Session to discuss policy changes pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A). (Danuski – Tupper) (5 – 0) (9:16 p.m.)

20. GENERAL SESSION:

- A. **VOTED: (16)** To approve the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to suspend standards based 2009-2010 graduation requirements until the new standards based requirements are passed by the state. (Danuski – Tupper) (5 – 0) (9:28 p.m.)

21. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

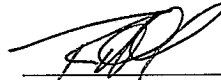
- A. **VOTED: (17)** To enter executive session to discuss the Interim Superintendent's evaluation pursuant to Freedom of Access Statute, Title 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A). (Danuski – Comber) (5 – 0) (9:30 p.m.)

22. GENERAL SESSION:

Returned to general session. (10:38 p.m.)

23. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: (18) To adjourn. (Danuski – Austin) (5 – 0) (10:40 p.m.)



Richard A. Green
Secretary, Lisbon School Committee

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