

MINUTES OF THE LISBON SCHOOL COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE LISBON HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY. (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 February 11, 2008 meeting.)

Members Present: Prudence Grant, Traci Austin, Deborah Danuski, Janice Comber, Fay Ingersoll; Shannon L. Welsh, Ed.D, Superintendent of Schools

Members Absent:

Administrators Present: James Churchill, Technology Director; Jim Damsgaard, School Nutrition Director; Kenneth Healey, Principal, Richard Green, Principal; Carlene Iverson, Principal; Kate Race, Assistant Principal; Susan Matthews, Special Education Director; Catherine Messmer, Business Manager; Darrell Orr, Interim Director of Facilities Maintenance and Pupil Transportation; and Alene Staley, Adult Education Director

Administrators Absent: Warren Galway, Assistant Principal; Jeff Ramich, Co-Curricular Director

Others Present: Amy O'Brien-Brown, LEA President and members of the staff and 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:

VOTED: (1) To receive and approve the Minutes of December 10, 2007 meeting of the School Committee. (Austin – Danuski) (5 – 0)

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

11. B to follow 16.

6. GOOD NEWS & RECOGNITION:

None

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATORS/EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION:

None

8. REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

A. Consolidation Update

Superintendent Welsh reported on the request by Georgetown to join the Lisbon/MSAD#75 Reorganization Planning Committee (RPC). Representatives met to discuss this request. Georgetown School Committee then voted to formally request to join our RPC. MSAD#75 Board of Directors met last week to consider the Georgetown request. After extensive discussion, the MSAD#75 Board voted not to have Georgetown join the RPC. Lisbon values the work we've done with MSAD#75 and will not take up the Georgetown request as a result of the action taken by MSAD#75.

Lisbon and MSAD#75 have created a timeline regarding communication about the draft Consolidation plan. A mailer will be sent at the beginning of March that will contain highlights of the plan and an invitation to public meetings on March 15, 2008. One public meeting will be held in Lisbon at 10:00 a.m. and one in Topsham at 1:00 p.m. The purpose of these meetings is to provide information to the public about the plan and to give the public an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.

The plan will then be finalized for School Committee consideration prior to the March 28th deadline by the Department of Education. We anticipate a June referendum vote on the plan.

B. Legislative Update

Superintendent Welsh noted that Legislative Sub Committees have been busy working on a variety of issues related to the Consolidation law but nothing has been voted on by the fall legislature. For legislation to take effect immediately, it must be emergency legislation and approved by a two thirds vote. There is some question about whether there is that level of support for some of the changes. If the legislation is approved by a majority vote, the legislation takes effect 90 days after the close of the session. At this point, we need to plan to hold a Budget Validation Referendum vote on the proposed 08-09 budget because of the lack of action by the full legislature. Superintendent Welsh will continue to monitor the hearings and work sessions to keep abreast of any action by the legislature.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

11. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Public Communication Discussions: Are We Doing Enough?

Member Ingersoll noted there are numerous questions about consolidation. There was a recent mailing but many people have questions about the financial impact of not consolidating, what will happen with consolidation and other questions. Member Austin noted that she directs people to the website for information.

Member Comber noted that RPC meetings are advertised and that we held a meeting here in Lisbon.

Member Austin further noted a video clip has been made for broadcast on Channel 7.

Member Ingersoll would like to have a mailing or public meetings prior to the consolidation vote.

12. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

A. Lisbon High School – Month Ending September 30, 2007 and October 31, 2007

B. Philip W. Sugg Middle School – Month Ending November 30, 2007

C. Lisbon Community School – Month Ending November 30, 2007.

D. Lisbon School Department – As of January 11, 2008

13. COMMUNICATIONS (Consent Agenda):

None

14. COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

15. PERSONNEL:

A. Resignations:

- 1) Jana Boody as Curriculum Director for Union #30 effective January 02, 2008.

B. Retirements:

- 1) Claude J. Rioux as Physical Education teacher with the Lisbon School Department effective end of 2007-2008 school year.
- 2) Selma Powers as teacher with the Lisbon School Department effective end of 2007-2008 school year.

- 3) Daphne Izer RN as nurse with the Lisbon School Department effective end of 2007-2008 school year.
- 4) Charlene Bennett as Physical Education teacher with the Lisbon School Department effective end of 2007-2008 school year.

16. POLICY REVIEW:

None

11. B. BUDGET

Proposed 2008-2009 Lisbon School Department Budget Ends @ 9:30 p.m.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

VOTED: (2) To enter Executive Session to discuss Administrator negotiations pursuant to Freedom of Access Statute, Title I, Section 405.6C. (Danuski – Comber) (5 – 0) (9:39 p.m.)

7. GENERAL SESSION:

Returned to General Session at 10:10 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: (3) To adjourn. (Ingersoll – Austin) (5 – 0) (10:11 p.m.)

Shannon L. Welsh
Secretary, Lisbon School Committee

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