

MINUTES OF THE LISBON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MONDAY, MARCH 09, 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 April 13, 2009 meeting.)

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

Members Absent:

Administrators Present: James Churchill, Technology Director; Jim Damsgaard, School Nutrition Director; Sara Flowers, Adult Education Director; Warren Galway, Assistant Principal; Richard Green, Principal; Kenneth Healey, Principal; Carlene Iverson, Principal; Susan Matthews, Special Education Director; Catherine Messmer, Business Manager; Darrell Orr, Interim Director of Facilities Maintenance and Pupil Transportation; Kate Race, Assistant Principal and Jeff Ramich, Co-Curricular Director

Administrators Absent:

Others Present: Several 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:

A. **VOTED: (1)** To receive and approve the Minutes of February 09, 2009 and February 28, 2009 meeting of the School Committee. (Danuski – Austin (5 – 0)

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

None

6. GOOD NEWS & RECOGNITION:

A. Jeff Ramich – LHS Student Athlete Recognition

Mr. Ramich recognized the following students for their outstanding accomplishments:

Sam Purcell- MVC Player of the Year in women's soccer.

Cam Bubar- Outstanding wrestler at the MPA State Wrestling Championship.

Marcus Bubar- MVC Player of the Year in men's soccer, Outstanding Wrestler at the All-Star Wrestling Tournament and won a match at the New England Regionals.

Tyler Campbell- silver medal winner at the New England track and field championships in the racewalking event, and qualifying for the USA Junior National Track and Field Team to be held in Eugene, Oregon in June.

B. Mrs. Cornish and Mrs. Lemmings – Literacy and Social Studies Grade 6 presentations:

1. Persuasive Adverting Project, Commercial presented by Sean Ball, Josh Collier and Becket Wagner
2. Ancient Egyptian Tomb presented by Monica Austin, Stevie Charest and Amanda Hazelton
3. Patriot's Pen Essay Contest Winners - 1st place winner Travis Caton and 3rd place winner Jeff Willey read their essays.

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATORS/EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION:

- A. NEASC Presentation:** Dr. Pamela Gray-Bennett Director, New England Association of Schools & Colleges provided detailed information on her evaluation of Lisbon High School in regards to action taken to address the recommendations in the Commission's February 19, 2008 notification letter. Dr. Bennett explained that they do not rate schools on student performance but rather on adults and noted that they are pleased with the teaching and learning performance. The school was placed on warning status because of the facility only and that inadequate progress to complete these recommendations could result in probationary status for the school. Her evaluation identified areas that needed improvement and identified concerns with health and safety, building infrastructure, and negative impact on teaching and learning. To stay accredited schools must address their needs and demonstrate improvements with a plan. Although LHS has submitted their annual progress reports the condition of the building has not improved. Dr. Bennett explained that LHS is in real danger of losing its accreditation.

When asked what the benefit of keeping our accreditation was Dr. Bennett stated that 95% of New England schools are accredited. She has no information on the 5% that are not but stated that there are many negative consequences of not being accredited.

8. REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

- A. Facilities Project Update:** Superintendent Welsh reported that the Town Council voted to send the facilities project funding proposal to referendum. Dr. Welsh announced that there would be another public information meeting and tour of the Lisbon High School on March 23, 2009 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. followed by the Lisbon School Committee at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. The workshop scheduled will be to address the impact to programming on the information from NEASC. Superintendent Welsh stated that they would do

everything they could to educate the people on the cost and time to design and draw the renovated or new facility.

A flyer will be mailed to homes the week of March 16th and another April 13th in preparation of the April 21st referendum vote.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Deb Barry is concerned about the safety issues presented by Dr. Bennett. She suggested Lisbon Community School might consider a non-standard schedule and had some ideas for raising funds.
- Donna Stevens has students in all three schools and is against moving students due to child care costs.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. **VOTED: (2)** To tentatively adopt the Lisbon School Department budget for 2009 2010. (Danuski – Comber) (5 – 0)

Adult Education Director Sara Flowers presented the Adult Education budget which was included and tentatively adopted with minor changes as noted by Director Flowers.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

12. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- A. Lisbon High School – M/E February 28, 2009.
- B. Philip W. Sugg Middle School – M/E January 31, 2009
- C. Lisbon Community School – M/E February 28, 2009.
- D. Lisbon School Department – As of March 04, 2009.

13. COMMUNICATIONS (CONSENT AGENDA):

- A. List of Lisbon Committees
- B. Index of Lisbon's Adopted Policies and Procedures

14. COMMITTEE COMMENTS: (REPORT OUT ON SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS):

Member Danuski enjoyed reading aloud Friday evening at LCS and having birthday cake for Dr. Seuss.

Member Austin reported that the Curriculum meeting was canceled due to snow day so had no report. She thanked the staff who gave tours at LHS and stated she was shocked at the building's condition. Mrs. Austin thanked the parents and students for book donations at LCS – books will be given to student/daycares and families to promote early literacy. She encouraged townspeople to attend all the meetings offered by the School Committee to become more informed about the High School. Member Austin thanked the Civil Rights Team for the card for random acts of kindness.

Member Ingersoll commended the Drama Club for a wonderful production of "Going Buggy".

Chair Grant reported on the Wellness Committee meeting and announced the upcoming Wellness Day, prepared by Jim Damsgaard and staff members, will be May 2, 2009.

15. PERSONNEL:

16. POLICY REVIEW:

A. Policies 09 Packet #6 was distributed for review with plans for 1st Read on April 13, 2009 and Final Adoption on May 11, 2009.

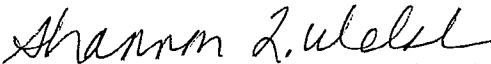
B. 1st Read on the Following Policies: 09 Packet #5

1.	CBI	Evaluation of the Superintendent
2.	DI	Fiscal Accounting and Reporting
3.	DID	Inventories
4.	DIE	Audits/Financial Monitoring
5.	DJ	Bidding/Purchasing Requirements
6.	DJC	Petty Cash Accounts
7.	DLB	Tax Sheltered Annuities
8.	DM	Cash in School Buildings
9.	DN	School Properties Disposition
10.	DO	Approval For New Programs

C. **VOTED: (3)** 2nd Read/Adoption on the Following Policies: 09 Packet #4
(Danuski – Austin) (5 – 0)

17. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: (4) To adjourn. (Danuski – Comber) (5 – 0) (8:39 p.m.)


Shannon L. Welsh 3/26/09
Secretary, Lisbon School Committee