

MINUTES OF THE LISBON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE GYM OF LISBON HIGH SCHOOL. (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; Sara Flowers, Adult Education Director; Warren Galway, Assistant Principal; Richard Green, Principal; Kenneth Healey, 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: Jim Damsgaard, School Nutrition Director; Carlene Iverson, Principal

Others Present: Many members of the staff and public.

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairperson Grant called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. WORKSHOP: Facilities Project Workshop

Superintendent Welsh reported that Lisbon High School is a source of pride but it is also a source of concern. While we are providing a strong academic program that is a source of pride, the facility does not support or enhance the academic program.

Lisbon has attempted to attain State funds for a new or renovated high school for over 20 years. The State now reports that funds are not available for construction; in fact some projects have had funding delayed.

New England Association of Schools and Colleges is the accrediting organization for high schools. They have identified that the "facility is problematic." The school department is requesting a referendum vote for up to \$500,000 to design the systems and building to address these concerns.

A Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) would be taken out, as needed, to complete the work to design a new or renovated school. That project would be presented to the voters at a later date. Payments would not need to be made for 2-3 years so the tax impact would be included in either the fiscal year 2011 or 2012. There would be no immediate impact to the tax rate.

Following the presentation of information the community participated in a question and answer session.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Facilities Project Workshop

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION:


VOTED: (1) To enter into executive session to discuss LAA Negotiations, pursuant to Freedom of Access Statute, Title 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D).
(Comber – Danuski) (5 – 0) (8:21 p.m.)

7. GENERAL SESSION:

VOTED: (2) To ratify the LAA Agreement. (Danuski – Austin) (5 – 0) (8:47 p.m.)

8. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: (3) To adjourn. (Danuski – Comber) (5 – 0) (8:49 p.m.)


Shannon L. Welsh 3/25/09
Secretary, Lisbon School Committee

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