

MINUTES OF THE LISBON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2008 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 December 08, 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: 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: James Churchill, Technology Director

Others Present: Members of the community

CALLED TO ORDER:

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

4. WORKSHOP:

- A. Budget Audit for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008: Auditor Kathy Tyson presented the final audit for the School Department's FY08 Budget. There were no reportable conditions this year because the summer salary "pay ups" are made in the budget year in which the work was completed. This has been a long-term goal of the School Committee and they were commended for that effort. The auditor's review of the budget indicated no findings of concern and overall went very smoothly.
- B. Capital Plan: Directors Orr and Ramich presented detailed information about the School Department's Capital Plan. This included a review of recent work completed and proposed future work. The focus of future capital work is the Lisbon High School's facility. The proposal is for a

\$500,000 bond for analysis of the current facility and related planning for schematic design. These funds would enable the school department to bring a complete proposed project to the voters for a referendum vote in late fall or early winter 2009. The goal is to provide facilities and grounds that are safe for students and support a quality educational program.

- C. **State Subsidy Curtailment:** The State announced that our subsidy reduction for this current budget year is \$134,508. Dr. Welsh noted that we have a very tight school budget and have been working hard on conservation efforts to offset heat and light costs which were already putting a strain on our budget. This latest subsidy reduction will require even further efforts to contain costs. Administration met last week and believe we can meet the target reduction by reducing purchases, the cost of substitutes, tuition reimbursement, along with other obligations.

17. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- A. **VOTED: (1)** To go into Executive Session to discuss LEA Negotiations pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D). (Danuski – Austin) (5 – 0) (8:20 p.m.)

Janice Comber left at 9:08

18. **GENERAL SESSION:**

Returned to General Session at 9:30 p.m.

19. **ADJOURNMENT:**

VOTED: (2) To adjourn. (Danuski – Austin) (4 – 0) (09:30 p.m.)

Shannon L. Welsh
Secretary, Lisbon School Committee

SLW:sjc