

Lisbon Board Of Education
Lisbon Regional School
Lisbon, New Hampshire

December 9, 2020
5:30 PM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Owen Clark, Vice Chairman Bob Adams, Principal Jackie Daniels, Dean of Students Paula Frank, Superintendent Tari Thomas, Business Administrator Toni Butterfield, Board Members Arthur Boutin, Steve Sherry, Nina Brown, Lori Williams and Mo Chandler.

Public Attendees: Koren Superchi, Cathy Colby

Chairman Clark called the meeting to order at: 5:33 pm.

Public Hearing -

MOTION MADE BY NINA BROWN TO ACCEPT THE SPSRF FUNDS FROM THE STATE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,600, SECONDED BY ARTHUR BOUTIN. ALL IN FAVOR. APPROVED.

Basketball - coaches have decided to start practicing on January 4th when we return to school for in person learning.

Koren Superchi told the board that she feels like it is a disadvantage to our students to not have basketball practice until January. She told the board that there is only one town from here to Twin Mtn to Lincoln that has five or less cases. Lyman 0, Bethlehem 1-4, Littleton 0, Lisbon 0, Bath 0, Franconia 5 cases. Nina said that NH has actually turned into a "red zone" now. Nina said there are actually 19 active cases in the immediate area. Chairman Clark shared concerns with Koren in regards to our students not practicing. They will not be able to be as competitive as their opponents who've already started practicing.

MOTION MADE BY NINA BROWN TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER BOARD MINUTES, SECONDED BY ARTHUR BOUTIN. ALL IN FAVOR. APPROVED.

FINANCIAL:

Toni said that we got \$5,091 less due to adequacy change. She handed out a letter to the members of the board. We are able to hold 5 percent of local revenues - appropriations. We source our energy, so she was looking for the best deal herself, but has decided to talk to a consultant. She handed out a spreadsheet to the board of the current rates through Eversource.

Toni recommended that we go with the 34 month option at \$0.06691/kWh. She recommends we go with Direct Energy from the company Freedom Energy.

MOTION MADE BY STEVE SHERRY TO PROCEED WITH THE \$0.06691/kWh QUOTE FOR ENERGY, SECONDED BY NINA BROWN. ALL IN FAVOR. APPROVED.

Food sales are down - which is to be expected due to covid and remote learning. The Abbey Group has dropped what we are paying them per month. If we overpay them, they will have to pay us back, so they are being proactive at this time. Instead of \$14,000 we paid them \$10,000 last month.

Expenses and revenues are right on par.

Taxes: Toni talked to the Dept. of Revenue - we have revenues that we report and expenses that we report. Our expenses are up by close to 1 million.

Chairman Clark and board member Arthur Boutin will be meeting at the SAU next week to try to figure out what happened.

Taxes went up \$3 per thousand, so Toni was asking the DoR for a breakdown to see what is going on. We didn't account for our revenue being slightly off.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

Royal Electric fixed or replaced the emergency lighting components - did some units, installed dedicated receptacles for the heat tape (kitchen - the water lines run through) and the surface mount boxes were re-attached. Chris replaced four LED panels in a gym fixture (under warranty). The bottle fill station in the gym needs new solenoid which will cost \$85. It's good for about 7000 dispenses. Bill Taxter blocked in an area near where the new bottle fill station is being installed - \$150. We are looking at tree service bids because there are tree branches hanging over the roof that need to be cut. Chris spoke to Laur-ie Reger (the neighbor that owns the land the trees are on) - she wants the cut wood. There are 18-20 limbs, 2 trees that need to be cut completely - \$2,900. ModCon Boiler (LP) is still failing - has been since day 1. Chris called George at ENE. He is supposed to bring the company rep on 12/14. North Country Mechanical started the walk in freezer job. We were able to get a freezer truck from Abbey Group which saved us some money. The "Victory" electrostatic sprayer needed a new hose and wire assembly. It'll be about three weeks. Chris was able to get it warrantied \$250. We purchased a new refrigerator (floor model #474, 18 cf) from Lowe's for the teachers room.

BUDGET:

Met today. We have a pretty good start on the budget. Due to increases in health care and retirement it was increased by \$195,000. That's a ½ percent increase from last year to this year.

POLICY HANDBOOK:

No Report

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

No Report

NEGOTIATIONS (PROFESSIONAL STAFF):

No report

NEGOTIATIONS (SUPPORT STAFF):

No Report

TRANSPORTATION:

No Report

TECHNOLOGY:

No Report

BROWN FUND:

No Report

LISBON EDUCATION FOUNDATION:

No Report

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Lisbon got a grant - written by Alexis Blowey, our new SAP person. We will be adopting it. The grant is through student wellness... staff training, parent training and more. The grant goes from January to the end of June. Most of the speakers will do virtual presentations due to COVID. Parents are much more positive about remote learning this time around. Everything seems to be going very well. We are sending meals home on Mondays and Wednesdays for the week. Principal Daniels sends out a google link every Sunday and families sign up for meals for the week on that link.

SUPERINTENDENT:

STAFF RETIREMENT - June 2022

Sue Lucas

Sandra Roberts

Lila Hall Nilsen

MOTION MADE BY ARTHUR BOUTIN TO ACCEPT THE THREE RETIREMENTS,
SECONDED BY NINA BROWN. ALL IN FAVOR. APPROVED.

The current enrollment is 310 students which includes the distance learning students.

Superintendent Thomas' report has the Latest in NH school funding, covid updates, musical performances, new staff updates and more.

MOTION MADE BY NINA BROWN, SECONDED BY ARTHUR BOUTIN TO GO INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION PER RSA 91A:3,1,11 AT 6:27 PM UNDER THE RIGHT TO KNOW LAW TAKING PRINCIPAL DANIELS AND SUPERINTENDENT THOMAS. ALL IN FAVOR, FOLLOWING A ROLL CALL VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

There being no additional business to come before the Board, MOTION MADE BY ARTHUR BOUTIN, SECONDED BY NINA BROWN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:30 PM. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Bailey
Board Clerk