LISBON BOARD OF EDUCATION JULY 15, 2015

LISBON REGIONAL SCHOOL 6:30 PM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Bob Adams, members Rob Bruce, Rochelle Cacio, Audrey Champagne, Owen Clark, Jane King, Principal Jackie Daniels, Dean of Students Ben Jellison, Superintendent Pierre Couture, Business Administrator Tina Peabody.

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

MOTION BY AUDREY CHAMPAGNE, SECONDED BY JANE KING TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 15, 2015 MEETING WITH ONE CHANGE – PAGE 3, CHANGE MRS. LOCKE TO MR. LOCKE WILL TEACH ONE SECTION OF CIVICS . ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCIAL:

Bills were circulated for approval.

Tina distributed school lunch and the budget Surplus/Deficit Statements. The regular budget will subsidize the lunch program in the amount of $3040.02 for the past school year.

The year-end balance is now $83,424.00. $20,000.00 will be deducted for warrant article #4 - Building Maintenance Account.

Tina asked the Board if they were interested in putting money in the surplus fund. The fund was set up in March to level off the highs and lows of tax cycles.

Bob Adams said he didn’t feel they should increase taxes by reducing the beginning balance of the 2015-2016 school year just to put money in a fund to lower taxes in a year of their choosing.

The electric contract is up in January. Tina discussed various rates and lengths of contracts that NextEra and Eversource offered.

MOTION BY AUDREY CHAMPAGNE, SECONDED BY OWEN CLARK TO SIGN A 24 MONTH ELECTRIC CONTRACT WITH NEXTERA AT THE RATE OF .08309. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Tina said the school lunch program received a NH state grant that was started by Phyllis and finished by Marge for a convection oven. The value of the oven is $5560.00 and will replace the oven they are currently using.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

The building use forms are not being used as intended. At the end of June, lights were left on in the gym and trash was left on the floor. The back door was also left open. The Committee discussed collecting and reissuing keys.

The gym floor was refinished on June 30 and cannot be used for three weeks.

The Committee is requesting bids for epoxy flooring in some of the halls.

The carport will be installed next week.

Carpet has been ordered for the guidance office.

Pappas will be here next week to repair the stage divider.

The exhaust pipe on the truck was replaced.

Several ballasts were replaced in the multi-purpose room.

The janitors went to a trade show and saw a demonstration on wax removal.

Chris reported that the summer students are doing a good job.

An airgap drain was installed in the kitchen.

BUDGET:

No report

POLICY HANDBOOK:

No report

EXECUTIVE BOARD:   
No report

NEGOTIATIONS (PROFESSIONAL STAFF):

No report

NEGOTIATIONS (SUPPORT STAFF):

No report

STEERING COMMITTEE:   
The Committee will begin meeting in the fall.

TRANSPORTATION:

No report

TECHNOLOGY:

The freshmen laptops are in. Grades 9, 10, and 11 will all have the same laptops this year.

Owen inquired about the possibility of purchasing laptops for the Board members. He commented about the paper that is wasted in preparing for the monthly meetings and at budget time. Ben said that netbooks cost about $350.00 each.

Ben will set up school district e-mail addresses for all Board members. Tina will send financial information electronically to the Board and will no longer bring hard copies to monthly meetings.

BROWN FUND:

No report

LISBON EDUCATION FOUNDATION:

A mailing went out to all street addresses and post office boxes in the 03585 zip code area.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

Jackie said the elementary grades (K-6) are using a 2007 edition of Everyday math and it is not lining up with our competencies. They will be looking at virtual samples to see how the new version lines up with competencies. She said they may pilot a couple of programs next year. There are also on line programs for purchase that students can do on electronic devices. Jackie told the Board she may be asking to purchase a new math program in three years.

Jackie will send a letter to parents to explain the new lunch program. Audrey asked her to stress the importance of parents filling out the free and reduced lunch applications in the letter.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Pierre nominated Ashley Dowse to fill the part time (62.5%) English position. Ashley has a master’s degree. The school is in need of someone with a masters so that we can continue to offer the Running Start Program.

MOTION BY AUDREY CHAMPAGNE, SECONDED BY OWEN CLARK TO APPROVE THE NOMINATION OF ASHLEY DOWSE FOR THE PART TIME ENGLISH POSITION. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

School lunch prices have not been changed for a few years. Our meal prices are lower than the Federal reimbursement rate. Pierre suggested the Board start to bring the rates up. Presently prices are $2.10/high school lunch, $1.85/grade 1-8 lunch, and $1.10/student breakfast.

MOTION BY OWEN CLARK, SECONDED BY ROB BRUCE TO INCREASE ALL MEAL RATES BY $0.10. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

The high school soccer coach position has been advertised and Pierre expects they will have a candidate for the August meeting.

Pierre reported that Jill Fifield coached middle school basketball alone last year.

MOTION BY AUDREY CHAMPAGNE, SECONDED BY JANE KING TO APPROVE JILL FIFIELD AS THE MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS’ SOCCER COACH. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Jackie will follow up with Les about sending surveys to spring sports participants and their parents.

MOTION BY OWEN CLARK, SECONDED BY AUDREY CHAMPAGNE TO GO INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION AT 7:16 PM PER RSA 91A:3, I, II OF THE RIGHT TO KNOW LAW TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL TAKING PRINCIPAL DANIELS, DEAN OF STUDENTS JELLISON, SUPERINTENDENT COUTURE, AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR PEABODY WITH THEM. ALL IN FAVOR FOLLOWING A ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY OWEN CLARK, SECONDED BY ROB BRUCE TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION AT 7:47 PM. ALL IN FAVOR FOLLOWING A ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY OWEN CLARK, SECONDED BY ROB BRUCE TO PAY A $3000.00 STIPEND OUT OF GRANT MONEY TO COVER FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATION REVIEWS. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY OWEN CLARK, SECONDED BY JANE KING TO ALLOW CHRIS LEAVITT TO CARRY OVER UP TO FIVE (5) DAYS OF VACATION TO THE FOLLOWING VACATION PERIOD. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

There being no further business to come before the Board, MOTION BY AUDREY CHAMPAGNE, SECONDED BY ROCHELLE CACIO TO ADJOURN AT 7:52 PM. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Derosia

Clerk