LISBON BOARD OF EDUCATION MARCH 8, 2017

LISBON REGIONAL SCHOOL 5:00 PM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Bob Adams, members Arthur Boutin, Rob Bruce, Rochelle Cacio, Scott Champagne, Owen Clark, Mike King, Steve Sherry, Jim Trudell, Principal Jackie Daniels, Dean of Students Paula Frank, Superintendent Pierre Couture, Business Administrator Tina Peabody

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Becky Stockley and Casey Veilleux asked the Board for permission for 25 Seniors to go on their class trip May 22 – May 23 to the New England Aquarium in Boston and Six Flags in Agawam. The trip will be paid with money the class has raised. The Board told Becky and Casey to have a good trip.

MOTION BY OWEN CLARK, SECONDED BY SCOTT CHAMPAGNE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2017 MEETING, AS WRITTEN. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL:

Bills were circulated for approval.

Tina distributed the financial report. The projected end of the year balance is $184,858.00 (down almost $40,000.00 since last month). The major changes contributing to the decrease is health insurance, student activities, SAU administration, new laptops, and the bus lease payment. Owen asked if this was the final payment of the bus lease. Tina will check on the terms of the bus lease and get back to the Board.

Tina handed out a fuel comparison that showed even with a rate increase, the Eversouce bill is down over $2200.00 in six months.

Tina asked the Board if they would be interested in extending the Lyman bus contract by one year. The only change in the proposed contract is a 3% cost increase. At the end of the next school year, every district in the SAU will be negotiating new contracts. Owen said our other three contracts had 2% cost increases each year but he has no problem agreeing to a 3% increase for one year on the Lyman contract.

MOTION BY OWEN CLARK, SECONDED BY STEVE SHERRY TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED ONE YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH BERRY TRANSPORATION FOR THE LYMAN ROUTE. ALL IN FAVOR (SCOTT CHAMPAGNE ABSTAINED), MOTION CARRIED

Tina said there was an issue with Casella Waste. Our contract with them expired and they upped the price by a large amount. Casella agreed to bring the price back down to the current contract when this was brought to their attention. Tina said they will be putting the contract out to bid.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

The boiler and hot water heater have been cleaned.

Ansul inspection was done on 3/2.

One of the smoke detectors kept going off while the custodians were cleaning them during vacation so they replaced it. Chris feels they should replace all of the smoke detectors. The Committee will wait to see what the year-end balance is before making a recommendation. The detectors cost $60.00/each.

The town mechanic fixed all the issues with the bus (blower motor for heater, battery box, oil change, and short in fan).

Chris and three individuals cleared 1/3 of the roof of snow after the last storm. The remainder of the snow melted over the next several days.

The quote to replace carpet under the bookshelves in the library came in at $2800.00.

Tile color has been picked for room 107.

A camera was installed in the multi-purpose room to monitor the Café Services drink cooler.

ENE was here on 3/8 and worked on roof top unit 1A and 1B. They worked on the dampers and found a differential pressure sensor needed to be replaced as well. They also worked on the damper in the Nurse’s office (mixed air actuator failed).

The sink in room 186 has a leak under the vanity. It may cost $5,000.00 to fix it.

Chris found a small crack in the roof membrane and sealed it using Lexel. It seems to be holding.

George from EEI will be here on Friday to change lights that were missed.

The Gym will be closed 6/29 - 7/28 for recoating.

A health inspection was done in the kitchen on 3/7. The proofing oven may need to be replaced.

During the Committee meeting, Chris inquired about asbestos training. Tina will check on what is required.

BUDGET:

No report

POLICY HANDBOOK:

There was a second reading of policies IHBAA and IHBA-R. The only change to each policy directs people to the Department of Education’s website for Procedural Safeguards.

MOTION BY SCOTT CHAMPAGNE, SECONDED BY OWEN CLARK TO APPROVE THE CHANGES TO SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES IHBAA AND IHBA-R. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

The E-Board approved changing health insurance coverage for the SAU staff to a less expensive plan.

NEGOTIATIONS (PROFESSIONAL STAFF):

No report

NEGOTIATIONS (SUPPORT STAFF):

No report

STEERING COMMITTEE:

No report

TRANSPORTATION:  
No report

TECHNOLOGY:  
No report

BROWN FUND:

No report

LISBON EDUCATION FOUNDATION:

The Foundation is distributing a fundraising handout at the Annual Meeting called “Thank a Teacher”.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

Mrs. Coleman is working with the high school students on their schedules for next year. Jackie said 18 of 30 of our Seniors plan to attend college or enter into the military following graduation.

There are twenty high school students involved in internships this semester.

The Junior and Senior students have a total of 253 college credits through the Running Start program.

Jackie said most Seniors starting college next year will be at least a semester ahead of schedule. The college credits are transferrable most everywhere. The Board agreed it would be good to get this information on the school’s website and also put a dollar value to it. Students are paying $150.00 for a 3 credit course.

There are 33 students at the CTE Center who are getting a lot of hands on experience.

Kindergarten through second grade students took the NWEA MAP mid-year tests. Jackie said the students are showing an average of ten points growth in their math and reading scores.

The AP Biology trip to Washington, DC was cancelled.

The 5th and 6th Grade classes will be taking a trip to Boston to walk the Freedom Trail.

The Junior class will be taking their SATs on April 5th. The test is paid for by the State of NH.

Scott thanked Jackie for doing a nice job on getting the budget where it is today.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Pierre presented two paraprofessionals for the Board’s approval, Leah Cate and Paula Coulumbe.

MOTION BY SCOTT CHAMPAGNE, SECONDED BY OWEN CLARK TO APPROVE THE NOMINATION OF LEAH CATE AND PAULA COULUMBE FOR PARAPROFESSIONAL POSITIONS. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED

Pierre talked to the Board about the presentation he will do on Adequacy Aid at tonight’s meeting. He distributed a list of facts about aid and said he would touch on the some of the statistics such as the reduction of the Stabilization Grant and what it means to Lisbon’s budget. He will also talk about several of the bills before the State House and Senate. Pierre will ask Barry Liveston to recognize him at the end of the Annual Meeting to do this presentation.

The District Clerk will open the Annual Meeting and ask for a motion to appoint a Moderator. She will call for a vote after receiving a second on the motion.

Bob Adams assigned Board Members warrant articles they will move and second tonight.

Pierre said the DOE school approval visit will be done on April 6th. He asked for a few volunteers to spend about 30 minutes with DOE representatives that day. Mike, Owen, and Steve said they will be available.

There being no further business to come before the Board, MOTION BY SCOTT CHAMPAGNE, SECONDED BY OWEN CLARK TO ADJOURN AT 6:00 PM. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Derosia, Clerk