LISBON BOARD OF EDUCATION APRIL 12, 2017

LISBON REGIONAL SCHOOL 6:00 PM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Bob Adams, Arthur Boutin, Rochelle Cacio, Scott Champagne, Owen Clark (arrived at 6:50 PM), Mike King, Steve Sherry, Jim Trudell, Principal Jackie Daniels, Dean of Students Paula Frank, Superintendent Pierre Couture, Business Administrator Tina Peabody

Superintendent Couture called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and asked for a reorganization of the Board.

MOTION BY SCOTT CHAMPAGNE, SECONDED BY ROCHELLE CACIO TO NOMINATE BOB ADAMS AS BOARD CHAIRMAN. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED

Scott talked about his decision to resign from the Board. He feels there may be a perception of a conflict of interest if both he and Arthur Boutin serve as School Board members and Selectmen. Several members disagreed with Scott and asked him to stay on the Board. Pierre told Scott he has been a great school board member and they appreciate all his hard work over the years. Scott asked the Board to accept his resignation.

MOTION BY ROCHELLE CACIO, SECONDED BY STEVE SHERRY TO ACCEPT SCOTT CHAMPAGNE’S RESIGNATION FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD WITH REGRET. 5 IN FAVOR, 1 OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY JIM TRUDELL, SECONDED BY ARTHUR BOUTIN TO APPOINT MIKE KING AS A MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD. MIKE WAS INADVERTENTLY LEFT OFF OF THE BALLOT. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ARTHUR BOUTIN, SECONDED BY STEVE SHERRY TO NOMINATE OWEN CLARK AS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED

Mike King and Steve Sherry were sworn in as Board members by Superintendent Couture.

Nina Brown was in attendance to make the Board aware of her desire to fill Scott Champagne’s vacated seat. The Board discussed appointing someone to fill Scott’s seat. As in past practice, the position will be advertised in the newspaper for one week.

MOTION BY JIM TRUDELL, SECONDED BY STEVE SHERRY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 8, 2017 MEETING, AS WRITTEN. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL:

Bills were circulated for approval.

Tina distributed the financial report and school lunch summary. The number of lunches served is up but at the moment the budget is negative ($1129.45). Tina hopes this will change by June and end in the positive.

The surplus/deficit statement shows a negative change of $50,248.00 from last month. The estimated year-end balance is $134,610.00. The major changes in the budget are substitutes, extension courses, student activities, school board services, administrative salary, and SPED – cont. services. Jackie tried to take care of potential encumbrances since last month. Tina said they will make a push to close out line items before the May meeting. She feels we are well within where we want to be at the end of the year.

Tina asked the Board to approve the Bath Tuition Agreement.

MOTION BY ARTHUR BOUTIN, SECONDED BY ROCHELLE CACIO TO APPROVE THE BATH TUITION AGREEMENT WITH THE FOLLOWING RATES: JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL - $15,500.00, SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL $16,500.00. THE AGREEMENT IS EXCLUSIVE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND TRANSPORTATION COSTS.

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ARTHUR BOUTIN, SECONDED BY JIM TRUDELL TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LAWSON FOR ASBESTOS INSPECTION AND TO ALLOW TINA PEABODY OR PIERRE COUTURE TO SIGN THIS CONTRACT FOR THE BOARD. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED

Tina received the following quotes for trash removal: Whiting - $436.00/month, Waste Management - $684.00/month for trash and $394.00/month for recycling, Casella - $373.00/month for both trash and recycling. The trash contract is for a period of 10 months. There were questions on Casella’s bid.

Tina will ask for clarification of the quote and report back to the Board next month.

Mike Davey, EEI asked Tina to pay all but 10% of the open invoice ($77,000.00) for the energy project. George said the remaining list of items to complete the project will cost $5,000.00 at most. Tina suggested we pay EEI $66,000.00 and hold the balance of the invoice until the Board is satisfied with the work.

MOTION BY JIM TRUDELL, SECONDED BY ARTHUR BOUTIN TO SEND $62,000.00 TO EEI AGAINST THEIR OPEN INVOICE. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Bob Adams reported on the last Committee meeting.

Chris is investigating who owns the sandwich bar in the kitchen. There are repairs that need to be done to it and he will find out who will be paying for them.

A new curtain was ordered for the gymnasium.

Chris is having multiple issues with the truck. He is checking on the cost to make the repairs and also to lease a truck since they put very little mileage on it.

ENE quoted an annual maintenance agreement that includes cleaning the boiler and hot water systems, changing all the air filters 2X a year, replacing belts annually, cleaning coils and condensers, and replacing belts in the coolers, lube dampers, and flush drain pans for a cost of $7154.00. The replacement parts alone are half the cost of the contract. Bob thinks the quote seems reasonable and since ENE put the system and controls in, it might be best for them to maintain them.

MOTION BY JIM TRUDELL, SECONDED BY STEVE SHERRY TO ACCEPT THE ENE QUOTE TO MAINTAIN THE BOILERS AND CONTROLS FOR ONE YEAR AT A COST OF $7154.00. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED

Arthur asked Jackie if there is a policy regarding the use of Facebook on student’s phones during the school day. The students are using VPN to get on Facebook. Jackie said there is a policy against using Facebook at school and this issue just came to her attention last week. The administration will be addressing it.

BUDGET:

No report

POLICY HANDBOOK:

No report

EXECUTIVE BOARD:  
No report

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 awarded almost $7000.00 in grants at their last meeting.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

Jackie asked the Board to approve the following spring coaching positions:

Varsity Girls’ Softball Arthur Boutin

Varsity Boys’ Baseball Jeremy Aldrich

Middle School Girls’ Softball Patrick Riggie

Middle School Boys’ Baseball Zachary Hawkins

MOTION BY JIM TRUDELL, SECONDED BY STEVE SHERRY TO APPROVE THE NOMINATIONS FOR SPRING COACHING POSITIONS. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED

The PALS group is up and running again and Jackie said there were quite a few people at the recent meeting. The group has two goals this year: celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week in May and sell food at the baseball and softball games. Their next meeting is scheduled for April 19 at 6:30 PM.

The DOE school approval visit has been completed and a report will be ready by the end of the school year. A constant comment made during the visit was Lisbon’s sense of community.

Lisbon School is now part of Gear Up New Hampshire, a federally funded program that supports schools prepare students to succeed in education after high school. The program will bring a lot of money for college awareness and visits. Our 7th Grade students will be able to take part in this program and are eligible for scholarships in the amount of the Pell Grant for each year they attend a two or four year college program. There are seven schools and about 550 students in the state of NH that are participating. This is not a new program but it is the first time NH has been asked to participate. Jackie said they would find out more in June. Lisbon’s 7th Grade class presently has 47 students.

Mrs. Chickering is planning to take five students to France next year (4/16-/427). Students will miss 4.5 days of school.

MOTION BY STEVE SHERRY, SECONDED BY JIM TRUDELL TO APPROVE OF THE STUDENTS MISSING 4.5 DAYS OF SCHOOL. THE BOARD DOES NOT APPROVE OR DENY OUT OF STATE/COUNTRY TRIPS.

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED

Jackie informed the Board of the April 19 and 20, Revolutionary War play presented by 5th and 6th grade students. She said they always do a great job and invited all to attend.

Paula updated the Board on 3rd quarter discipline and distributed a report.

The middle school tends to be a target area. The number of incidents are down by 21 since the beginning of the year. Paula tries to make herself visible in the halls while the middle school is changing classes. She anticipates referrals will be higher next quarter as they are in most schools.

At the end of the year, they will look for trends so they can better address issues on a school wide basis.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

The full SAU Board Meeting is scheduled for 5/3 at 6:00 PM in the conference room at the SAU office.

Pierre distributed a list of professional staff nominations for 2017-2018 contract renewals. Those staff members with continuing contracts were separated on the list from those without 5 years or more of service.

MOTION BY JIM TRUDELL, SECONDED BY OWEN CLARK TO APPROVE THE LIST OF 2017-2018 CONTRACT NOMINATIONS. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY JIM TRUDELL, SECONDED BY ARTHUR BOUTIN TO RENEW OUR NCES CONTRACT FOR 2017-2018. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED

Pierre updated the Board on PACE. He said the administration and teachers have done a great job.

On 5/15, they will be working on double scoring selected assessments (18 SAU Wide) in order to

ascertain that the competency assessments are validated.

Pierre said it has been frustrating to him to find out how NH adequacy funding operates. The Superintendents are keeping an eye on SB193 or the Voucher Bill. If passed, the bill would allow students to take adequacies (about $3500.00/student) from their school district and apply them to home schooling, private or religious schools.

The Governor’s proposed bill to fund kindergarten full time was taken out of the budget by the House. The budget then failed in the House. The Senate is now working on the proposed budget and passed the kindergarten bill that is now pending in the House.

Pierre asked the Board to accept the resignation of Grade 3-4 teacher Jessica Davis.

MOTION BY STEVE SHERRY, SECONDED BY JIM TRUDELL TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF JESSICA DAVIS AT THE END OF THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED

Jackie said we have a total of 66 special education students.

15 Development and intellectual disabilities

6 Autism spectrum disorders

3 Emotional disabilities

11 Other health impairment

18 Learning disabilities

13 Speech and language impairment

4 In district individual programs

2 Out of district placements

With Scott’s departure, Mike agreed to be the Board contact person for the alarm system when school is not in session.

There being no other business to come before the Board, MOTION BY JIM TRUDELL, SECONDED BY STEVE SHERRY TO ADJOURN AT 7:28 PM. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Derosia

Clerk