LISBON BOARD OF EDUCATION NOVEMBER 12, 2014

LISBON REGIONAL SCHOOL 6:30 PM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Vice-Chairman Scott Champagne, members Rob Bruce, Rochelle Cacio, Audrey Champagne, Owen Clark, Beth Hubbard, Steve Morrison, Steve Sherry, Principal Steve Sexton, Dean of Students Ben Jellison, Superintendent Pierre Couture, Business Administrator Tina Peabody

Vice-Chairman Champaign called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

MOTION BY BETH HUBBARD, SECONDED BY ROB BRUCE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 8, 2014 MEETING AS WRITTEN. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Tina distributed school lunch and regular budget surplus/deficit statements. The bills were circulated for approval.

The food service budget is improving.

The estimated balance of the regular budget has decreased to $118,635.00. The unemployment insurance premium decreased $3785.00. There was a loss of $131,388.00 in state aid. Pierre said that state aid is not purely tied to enrollment. Other factors that determine state aid are special education students, ESL students, and 3rd grade students not proficient in reading. He has requested a report from the state showing factors that contributed to the decrease in aid. Tina distributed a report showing the loss of adequacy aid for all of the districts in the SAU. The Board agreed they need to find a better way to estimate state aid for future budgets as this is the second year that Lisbon has been hit by a loss in aid.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Chris estimated the cost of constructing a pole barn for the bus to be $11,000.00 - $12,000.00. TNT Carports quoted $2500.00 for a 31’ L x 11” H x 12’ W carport.

Two circulator pumps have been replaced. Chris fixed some leaking valves.

A delivery of oil has been scheduled for next week.

Chris submitted his proposed budget for 2015-2016.

Chris received his asbestos re-certification.

MOTION BY OWEN CLARK, SECONDED BY STEVE SHERRY TO PROCEED WITH THE PURCHASE OF A CARPORT FOR A COST OF $2500.00. MOTION CARRIED, ONE OPPOSED.

Steve Morrison suggested we talk to the school neighbors before proceeding with the construction of the carport.

BUDGET:

The 2015-2016 budget has been loaded and Steve Sexton said the Committee can schedule their first meeting. It was agreed the Committee will meet on 11/18 at 6:00 PM.

POLICY HANDBOOK:

No report

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Superintendent will discuss in his report.

NEGOTIATIONS (PROFESSIONAL STAFF):   
No report

NEGOTIATIONS (SUPPORT STAFF):

No report

STEERING COMMITTEE:  
No report

TRANSPORTATION:

The start date for building the bus is 1/12/15. Ben said it will be complete by 1/28.

TECHNOLOGY:

No report

BROWN FUND:  
No report

LISBON EDUCATION FOUNDATION:

No report

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

Steve asked the Board to approve the following coaches for the winter sports programs:

Varsity Boys’ Basketball Sam Natti

JV Boys’ Basketball Sam Natti

Varsity Girls’ Basketball Jaime Myers

JV Girls’ Basketball Nikki Woods

MS Boys’ Basketball David Wright

MS Girls’ Basketball Jill Fifield

MOTION BY OWEN CLARK, SECONDED BY ROB BRUCE TO ACCEPT THE COACHES AS PRESENTED. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Mrs. Locke would like to take the Spanish Club to St. Augustine, Florida during the 2016 April vacation. St. Augustine was founded by Spain in 1565 and is rich in Spanish history. She is asking for permission so that students can begin to fundraise now. The cost of the trip is $1500.00/student. It is possible the students may miss two days of school. Audrey wondered why they aren’t going to Spain if they are spending that much money. Steve will talk to Mrs. Locke.

Steve informed the Board that the Golf team will be dropped next year. During the past several years, they have struggled to get five students to field a team.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Pierre nominated Liara Carbonneau for a Paraprofessional position.

MOTION BY BETH HUBBARD, SECONDED BY OWEN CLARK TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF LIARA CARBONNEAU FOR A PARAPROFESSIONAL POSITION. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Pierre said the principal search resulted in only a few candidates and they were not worth interviewing. They closed the search and will re-open it after the first of the year.

The SAU Budget Hearing was held earlier tonight. The budget presented is 1.69% higher than the current year. If the budget passes, each of the district’s shares will increase less than 1%.

The SAU 35 Full Board meeting is scheduled for December 5. Scott Mantie from the DOE will speak on the change from NECAP to Smarter Balanced testing.

Pierre said they are moving forward to replace grant coordinator, Susan Maltais. He hopes to have a candidate by December to present at the full SAU meeting.

The Administrative Team has been working hard on their goals. They are working toward the implementation of the teacher evaluation plan.

Pierre gave the Board an update on the Lakeview issue and the student Lisbon had there. Our attorney said we shouldn’t be concerned about the money Lakeview said we owe them. He feels Lakeview has bigger issues and won’t be chasing Lisbon for it.

The Board may have to meet for a disciplinary hearing. Pierre will be in touch with members once a meeting is scheduled.

Steve found a report that can be sent to parents which covers summative assessments and competencies. They were handed out at parent/teacher conferences. There is still some confusion with the change in grading but it is going smoother than Steve thought it would. The change has made more work for teachers and students are finding out that can’t slide through. Steve said it has raised the bar for learning and that is what excites him the most. Steve will be meeting with high school students to see if they have any questions.

There being no further business to come before the Board, MOTION BY STEVE MORRISON, SECONDED BY BETH HUBBARD TO ADJOURN AT 7:26 PM. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Derosia  
Clerk