LISBON BOARD OF EDUCATION SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

LISBON REGIONAL SCHOOL 6:00 PM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Bob Adams, members Arthur Boutin, Rob Bruce, Rochelle Cacio, Scott Champagne, Owen Clark, 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 6:00 PM.

MOTION BY OWEN CLARK, SECONDED BY JIM TRUDELL TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 10, 2016 MEETING AS WRITTEN. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL

Bills were circulated for approval.

Tina said it was too early in the year for a financial report.

Primex is offering a cap on property, liability and workman’s compensation insurance of 9%/year for the next two years. This will limit a change in premium if something catastrophic happens.

MOTION BY OWEN CLARK, SECONDED BY SCOTT CHAMPAGNE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FROM PRIMEX TO CAP OUR PREMIUM AT A 9% INCREASE PER YEAR OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED

Tina told the Board the State of NH requires us to have a food service agreement with Landaff since we satellite food to them.

MOTION BY OWEN CLARK, SECONDED BY ROB BRUCE TO ACCEPT THE FOOD SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH LANDAFF SCHOOL AS WRITTEN. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED

The DOE has requested we update our tuition agreement to include language regarding Bath School being responsible for transportation of their students. Tina asked for a motion to make this change.

MOTION BY OWEN CLARK, SECONDED BY SCOTT CHAMPAGNE TO CHANGE THE TUITION AGREEMENT AND ADD A NOTE: BATH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF THEIR STUDENTS. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED

Tina asked the Board to sign three copies of the MS25.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Chris changed the transmission fluid lines in the truck. The oil pan needs to be replaced.

Sixty yards of mulch was delivered for the playground. Ed Daniels brought his tractor down and moved the mulch into smaller piles so that Chris could spread it.

New parallel bars were ordered for the playground. They arrived damaged and have been returned for replacement.

The S hooks on the swings were bent. Chris replaced them with clevices.

The skylight in the science room has been replaced.

Both sets of Library doors were replaced.

For future consideration, Rooms 101 and 103 need new carpet. The carpet will most likely be replaced with tile for easier maintenance. Carpet replacement - $5900.00, tile - $5600.00

Safety treads on the stairs need to be replaced. The cost to replace the treads in three stairwells is $18,500.00.

New circulator pumps were installed. They will ramp up slowly and this should increase longevity of the system.

We have 1700 gallons of fuel in the tank.

LED lights are up in the gym and multi-purpose room.

Two outside cameras have been installed. We are waiting for up to four more.

Inspection of the gym needs to be scheduled.

Some shingles on the bell tower are starting to fall off. The structure is solid.

The Committee gave Chris the go ahead to replace partitions in the boy’s and girl’s bathrooms. There is $9100.00 in the budget to replace them.

Chris fixed three cracks in the roof.

BUDGET:

No report

POLICY HANDBOOK:  
No report

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Pierre said the Board’s current focus is developing the SAU budget for the full meeting in December. The first draft will be complete soon.

NEGOTIATIONS (PROFESSIONAL STAFF):

The Negotiations Committee received a letter from the LTA informing them they are ready to start contract negotiations.

NEGOTIATIONS (SUPPORT STAFF):

No report

STEERING COMMITTEE:

No report

TRANSPORTATION:

No report

TECHNOLOGY:

No report

BROWN FUND:

No report

LISBON EDUCATION FOUNDATION:

A meeting is scheduled for September 21 at 5:15 PM.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

Principal Daniels distributed a written report.

They are working on getting Power School to report student progress correctly.

The number of students enrolled in school is up and more are expected to come in. Jackie said the 7th grade class is very large with 50 students. She also reported we have 6 more tuition students than last year.

Power School training will be available for parents during Open House.

Jackie said the SAT test results are on par if not ahead of other schools.

The Board was made aware the French Class will be taking their annual trip to Montreal in November.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Opening day enrollment and tax rate/appropriation comparison information was distributed.

Jane King has submitted her resignation from the Board. Pierre said she will be taking the Student Assistant position here at school.

MOTION BY OWEN CLARK, SECONDED BY STEVE SHERRY TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF JANE KING FROM THE BOARD. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED

Pierre distributed information about PACE (Performance Assessment of Competency Education). The Administration team is working on this. Pierre said it fits in well with what Lisbon has been doing with competencies.

The DOE will give us a grant to offset expenses for three days of training.  
A PACE team was developed with members from each grade level and department.

The first in-service day will be held on October 7. Pierre said they are moving forward quickly.

Pierre updated the Board on the EEI project. The financing is at a standstill due to an issue with the bank note. Our attorney didn’t like the way the note was written as there is a difference between the bond and the lease language. Mike Davey has been working on this with us and Pierre hopes it will be taken care of this week.

Pierre said on a good note, the boiler that was scheduled to be converted to propane will now be replaced with a new propane boiler. EEI will absorb the difference in cost which is small.

The Bath Superintendent approached Pierre about entering into a tuition agreement. Bath is looking for a discount similar to the one Landaff receives in which they get a 4% discount if they send 90% of their students to Lisbon. Pierre told the Board he thought this was a good idea and they should move on it quickly.

Pierre distributed current year tuition rates for thirteen schools in our area. Lisbon tuition rates are lower than most other districts.

MOTION BY SCOTT CHAMPAGNE, SECONDED BY OWEN CLARK TO ENTER INTO A TUITION AGREEMENT WITH BATH SCHOOL AND OFFER BATH A 4% DISCOUNT FOR SENDING 90% OF THEIR STUDENTS TO LISBON SCHOOL. THE BOARD WILL EXTEND THE DISCOUNT FOR THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR.

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Pierre told the Board he is talking to all the SAU Boards about the chain of command when an issue is brought forward. He asked the Board to refer all complaints to the Principal. If an issue can’t be resolved with the Principal, the Superintendent is the next point of contact. The School Board can be asked to hold a hearing if someone is not satisfied with the Principal and Superintendent’s response or decision to a complaint.

Scott was approached by a member of Friends in Council to sell baked goods at school on Election Day. The Board agreed and asked Jackie to coordinate it.

Pierre distributed a North Country Workplace Education Program brochure. Courtney Heath a former intern and now a full time employee of New England Wire Technologies will be teaching a CNC class at

Hugh J. Gallen Career and Technical Center as part of the Introduction to Advanced Manufacturing program.

The SAU office is starting to build a budget for next year. Pierre asked the Board what the office should use as a place holder for salaries.

MOTION BY SCOTT CHAMPAGNE, SECONDED BY ROB BRUCE TO ENTER INTO NON PUBLIC SESSION AT 6:48 PM UNDER RSA 91A:3, I, II OF THE RIGHT TO KNOW LAW TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL TAKING PRINCIPAL DANIELS, DEAN OF STUDENTS PAULA FRANK, SUPERINTENDENT PIERRE COUTURE, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR TINA PEABODY WITH THEM. ALL IN FAVOR FOLLOWING A ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY SCOTT CHAMPAGNE, SECONDED BY ROB BRUCE TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION AT 7:15 PM. ALL IN FAVOR FOLLOWING A ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED.

There being no further business to come before the Board, MOTION BY ROCHELLE CACIO, SECONDED BY JIM TRUDELL TO ADJOURN AT 7:18 PM. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Derosia

Clerk