

Lisbon Board Of Education
Lisbon Regional School
Lisbon, New Hampshire

December 12, 2018
6:00 PM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Bob Adams, Principal Jackie Daniels, Dean of Students Paula Frank, Superintendent Pierre Couture, Business Administrator Kristin Franklin, Board Members Arthur Boutin, Owen Clark, Mike King, Nina Brown, Steve Sherry, Jim Trudell and Amber Wright.

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order at: 6:02 PM

Public attendees: Tom Smith, Ray Doubleday, Michael & Cathy Colby, Bruce Beane, Sheila Post, Donna Clark, Steve Mosiak, Laurie Williams, Cindy Schiemane, Gwynn Selek, Tim & Beth Carignan, Reegan Hubbard, Craig Simpson

Public Input:

Tom Smith- chairman of the Lyman School Stabilization Committee - On Oct. 12 the committee came to our board meeting to discuss the dramatic imbalance of \$4,318 more than the area school average for the 2018-2019 school year. Lyman residents are paying more per student than the Lisbon residents. According to Lyman resident Tim Carignan, they have come to the point where there needs to be some internal fix. Owen Clark explained to the Lyman residents that a Lisbon resident is already paying 40% more than a Lyman resident in school tax to the town already. Dollar to dollar, Lisbon is paying a higher percent in tax rate. Lyman resident Bruce Bean told the board that in the last 8 years Lyman has paid 1.9 million dollars for their students to be educated at Lisbon Regional School and when you divide that by the limited number of students they have in their town, it becomes hard to digest. Superintendent Couture explained that any special ed. costs accrued by a Lyman student is included in the price that Lyman is paying, they are not charged any extra. Where if it were a Landaff student, then Landaff would have to come up with the extra money to pay for their students special education costs. Lyman resident Ray Doubleday expressed concern about the board being made up of mostly Lisbon residents. Right now the school board is made up of 7 Lisbon residents and 2 Lyman residents. He was asking what the laws are for changing the number of Lisbon vs. Lyman residents on the board are. Owen Clark explained that historically we have had trouble finding Lyman residents willing to join the board. Superintendent Couture explained that any change in the cooperative agreement needs to be done through a warrant article. Lyman resident Sheila Post disagreed with Superintendent Couture and informed the board to look into RSA 195.19, explaining that since we are a regional school, it should not need a warrant article to change board seats. Tim Carignan told the board that he would like the boards support if they go forward with creating a warrant article to try to go for 100% ADM - average daily membership (we are at 80/20 right now), he said that the ramifications of the board not supporting them could be greater. Owen keeps explaining that Lisbon residents are already paying more per student in school tax than a Lyman resident.... He says "Lisbon residents are paying twice as much already. You can't argue tax rate." If Lyman gets the 100% ADM that they are going for, it will have a large negative impact on the Lisbon residents' tax rate.

7:35 PM - MOTION MADE BY BOB ADAMS TO GO INTO A DISCUSSION MODE, NOT ACCEPTING ANY PUBLIC QUESTIONS, SECONDED BY OWEN CLARK AND NINA BROWN. ALL IN FAVOR. APPROVED.

The board discussed whether or not they would like to back the warrant article proposed by the Lyman Committee (to try to get 100% ADM, instead of the 80/20 we are at now). The budget hearing is February 20th, so the Lyman Committee would need to have their warrant article in by February 1st. To get it passed they will need to have two thirds of the votes. Arthur Boutin discussed maybe trying to get a Lisbon group together to brainstorm and work together with the Lyman committee to find a way to make it more even and make it fairer for both towns. Lyman is paying more in cost per student because they are a smaller committee, but Lisbon is paying twice as much per household.

MOTION MADE BY JIM TRUDELL TO PUT A WARRANT ARTICLE IN TO CHANGE THE SCHOOL STUDENT FORMULA FOR LYMAN FROM 80 PERCENT TO 100 PERCENT ADM FOR BOTH TOWNS - TO CHANGE THE ARTICLE OF AGREEMENT, SECONDED BY STEVE SHERRY. OPPOSED.

The board came out of discussion mode at 8:08 pm.

Bob Adams told the Lyman Committee that they can go forward with their warrant article on their own, without the school boards endorsement. Lyman's town school tax is so much lower than Lisbon's town school tax. Lyman wanting to go to the 100% is going to increase Lisbon's tax rate even more, it will have huge negative impact.

Public input ended at: 8:24 PM.

MOTION MADE BY OWEN CLARK TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 2018 MINUTES, SECONDED BY NINA BROWN. ALL IN FAVOR. APPROVED.

FINANCIAL:

We reduced what we were anticipating in special ed. costs. Other than that there are no big changes since last month's meeting. We received the bids from DG Roofing and Rodd Roofing for the additional work to be done on the roof and the install of the snow guards. Kristin recommends going with DG roofing... Their bid will be about \$56,000. Rodd Roofing came back with a bid of \$78,310.

MOTION MADE BY OWEN CLARK TO GO WITH DG ROOFING FOR THE ADDITIONAL ROOF WORK, SECONDED BY NINA BROWN. ALL IN FAVOR. APPROVED.

MOTION MADE BY OWEN CLARK TO INCREASE THE LANDAFF TUITION RATE BY 1%, SECONDED BY NINA BROWN. ALL IN FAVOR. APPROVED.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

The basketball side hoop is not functioning correctly. A couple of the Wire Mill employees came with the man lift on 11/19. The little bus hit the carport- there is damage to the leg, pulled brackets out of the roof. The side door lever on the bus is sheared from mechanism. The bus is going in for a recall fix anyway, so it will get fixed. 11/20 The hole in the wall in room #224 is getting bigger. Quotes for P-2 - Rebuilt \$1,926, Replace \$7,100. 11/26 The domestic hot water boiler is leaking exhaust in the mechanical room - We had technicians here (Paul, George, Joe). George gave us a proposal from EEI - \$34,580 for a new heating system to be replaced by EEI.

EEI proposes: Remove the existing hot water and storage tank, replace it with a new 200 gallon indirect heater, pipe into the existing boiler system, install pipe insulation on all new water piping, replace existing mixing valve, cut and cap chimney and oil lines on existing oil heater, inclusive of power wiring and controls

Our ASNE contract for the generator is \$2,271 for 2019. There was minor generator service done on 12/21. The S9 floor sweeper brush flap kit was priced at \$335, it was negotiated down to \$265. Roofing Quotes- DG and Rodd Roofing. Annex info from 1991 architectural integrity. The Porter limit switch mechanism (basketball) is on order. Rymes Propane started to charge for deliveries \$6 per visit. They were coming weekly, but we have since switched to a three week rotation. Broken tilt skillet heat/temp mechanism.

MOTION MADE BY OWEN CLARK TO WAIVE THE BID REQUIREMENT, SECONDED BY NINA BROWN. ALL IN FAVOR. APPROVED.

MOTION MADE BY OWEN CLARK TO TAKE \$34,580.00 OUT OF THE CAPITOL RESERVE FUND, SECONDED BY STEVE SHERRY. ALL IN FAVOR. APPROVED.

MOTION MADE BY OWEN CLARK TO HIRE Energy Efficient Investments (EEI) TO REPLACE THE HOT WATER BOILER, SECONDED BY STEVE SHERRY. ALL IN FAVOR. APPROVED.

MOTION MADE BY OWEN CLARK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FRANCONIA GAS AND TO ALLOW CHAIRMAN BOB ADAMS PERMISSION TO SIGN THE CONTRACT, SECONDED BY STEVE SHERRY. ALL IN FAVOR. APPROVED.

BUDGET:
Passed

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:
No Report

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Andrew Plant, one of our adult ed student completed his courses and has received his diploma. Basketball season has begun. You can find the schedule at:

<https://lisbonregionalschool.bigteams.com/> Mrs. Woods also keeps the school Google calendar updated with changes as best she can. That calendar is located on the school webpage at: <http://www.lisbon.k12.nh.us/>

At this time there are 40 high school students on the basketball rosters which represents about 33% of the high school students. There are 19 middle school students on the roster which represents about 39% of the middle school students.

The elementary staff is piloting two reading programs this year. They have been meeting to discuss the pros and cons of each program and working to decide if one program will fit the needs of the school. College acceptances are coming in for our seniors that applied on the College Application Day that was sponsored by NHHEAF and the school counseling department.

PSAT Results:

In October, all of the students in grades nine to eleven took the PSAT Suite of Assessments. We are using the PSAT in place of the NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) test in the high school. The juniors take the SAT as their state assessment and taking the PSAT will give our students more exposure to the format that College Board uses in their assessments. The students have also linked their College Board accounts to Khan Academy and will be able to practice the skills that need to be strengthened.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 10 – Advisory meetings 10:50-11:10

December 11 – 8th grade field trip to Capitol Center for the Arts 8:00-2:30

December 12 – LTA meeting 2:45

- School Board meeting 6:00 PM

December 13 – Class meetings 10:20-10:50

December 17 – K-6 Winter Concert 6:00 PM

December 19 – 7-12 Winter Concert 7:00 PM

December 21 – Grades 4-6 sledding at ski tow

-Middle School at Jax Jr. Theatre 11:15-2:30

-NJHS Longest Night at Dow Field in Franconia 3:00 PM-8:00 AM

December 24-January 1 – Christmas break – no school

January 9 – Culinary Arts field trip to King Arthur Flour for a baking class 7:20-2:30
- School Board meeting 6:00 PM
January 14 – Advisory meetings 10:50-11:10
January 17 – Class meetings 1:00-1:20
January 18 – Early Release 12:00
- Quarter two/Semester one ends
January 21 – No School – Civil Rights Day

SUPERINTENDENT:

February 20th- board meeting at 5 pm, then budget hearing at 7 pm

March 20th - board meeting at 5 pm, then annual meeting at 7 pm

There being no additional business to come before the Board, MOTION MADE BY OWEN CLARK, SECONDED BY NINA BROWN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:03 PM. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Bailey
Board Clerk