

Lisbon School Committee Minutes
June 8, 2020

Minutes of the Lisbon School Committee held remotely via Zoom on Monday, June 8, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. (Note: These minutes are not official until approved by the School Committee. Such action, to either approve or amend and approve, is anticipated at the September 14, 2020 meeting.)

Members Present: Traci Austin, Ross Cunningham, Kim Labbe-Poisson, Kelli Rogers, Kathi Yergin and Richard A. Green, Superintendent of Schools

Members Excused:

Administrators Present: James Churchill, Kathleen Glennon, Robert Kahler, Allison Leavitt, Haley McCrater, Ryan McKenney, Susan Magee, Barbara Morris, Allen Ouellette and Debra Rodrigue

Administrators Excused: Eric Hall and Julie Colello-Nichols

Called to Order:

Chair Austin called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. and shared the rules to remote public comments while conducting Zoom Meetings. Participants wishing to make public comments are asked to email them the Lisbon School Committee Chair at taustin@lisbonschoolsme.org prior to the Public Comment section of the agenda.

4. **VOTED (1)** to accept the minutes of May 11th, May 15th, May 26th and June 1, 2020. (Labbe-Poisson-Yergin) (5-0)

5. **Adjustment to the Agenda:**

A. None.

6. **Good News and Recognition:**

A. Retirees: Recognition of Service – Chair Austin thanked this year’s retirees for their years of service and dedication to the Lisbon School Department.

7. **Reports from Administrators/Directors:**

A. Superintendent Green shared that during the Zoom Meetings Directors and Administrators will not report.

8. **Report from Superintendent:**

A. Monthly Update: Superintendent Green reported that he has been in contact with the Town Manager and questioned whether setting the mil rate in June or early July as they indicated they had to do; was in charter or statute. Superintendent Green shared that it is not stated anywhere but when they set the Mil Rate, they are able to collect money and operate. The second question he asked was what would happen if the Town

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Council set the budget at a rate that was higher than what the community approved; where would that money go. The Town Manager has replied that if the Town Council were to set a budget that was higher than the voter's approved, that additional funding would go in the unassigned account. Superintendent Green next reported to the board that a lot of districts are putting in extra money in their budgets for PPE beyond the CARES Act. Lastly Superintendent Green reported that the Commissioner shared with the Regional Superintendent Leadership Team that the decisions related to what going back to school will look like will not be local decision; it will be coming from the DOE based on research, medical information and science and it will be done differently by region. *Member Rogers questioned if it was the state that would be determining if we come back or when we come back.* Superintendent Green stated that it is his understanding that the DOE will be telling us both. *Chair Austin asked what are Superintendents putting in for placeholders for money needed for PPE?* Superintendent Green shared that the one district he knows is putting in \$500, 00.00. *Chair Austin shared that at one of her meetings she had heard that the state will be helping pay for the needed PPE items as they are getting CARES Money, is that still true.* Superintendent Green shared that it changes daily. *Chair Austin shared that at last week's Town Council Meeting there was an overwhelming push from the Council for us to come in flat with our budget.* *Vice Chair Yergin stated that she would like to see what our budget looks like if we add in the Counselor at the Community School.* Superintendent Green shared that the counselor is already in there with the CARES Money. *Member Rogers asked that if we were to come back flat, would that mean not hiring the two Trauma Coach Positions.* Superintendent Green replied that it would. *Member Cunningham asked if it would be possible to use Tele-Health in place of the Trauma Coaches if those positions are cut.* Superintendent Green replied that he did not believe it was an option due to the collective bargaining agreement. Several discussions were held regarding the budget and trying to come in flat. Superintendent Green was instructed to meet with the A-Team again to see if there is a change in the priorities assuming that that schools will not be starting at a normal capacity in August.

9. Public Comments:

- A. Norm Albert, Lisbon Falls – Shared that even though the Council recommended the budget comes in flat; the Chair did poll the council and there does seem to be an understanding that a flat budget does not always mean zero and there does seem to be some flexibility as in somewhere between flat and under 1. In other words said Mr. Albert; there does not seem to be a hard line drawn in the sand.

10. Unfinished Business:

- A. None

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11. New Business:

- A. **VOTED (2)** to authorize an audit of the Lisbon School Department by RHR Smith & Company (Yergin-Cunningham) (5-0)
- B. **VOTED (3)** to approve the Lisbon Comprehensive Education Plan. (Yergin-Labbe-Poisson) (5-0)
- C. **VOTED (4)** to approve the transfer of monies to the School Administration, Facilities Maintenance, and Special Education cost centers. These monies will come from the, System Administration, Student and staff Support, Transportation & Buses, All Other Expenditures, Debt Service, Regular Instruction, Career & Technical and Other Instruction cost centers in the amount not to exceed \$125,000.00. (Labbe-Poisson-Cunningham) (5-0)
- D. **VOTED (5)** to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to purchase a Chevrolet Truck in an amount not to exceed \$40,545.00(Yergin-Labbe-Poisson) (5-0)
- E. **VOTED (6)** to approve the updated Curriculum Director Job Description. (Labbe-Poisson-Rogers)(5-0)

12. Financial Reports:

- A. Lisbon High School – M/E May 31, 2020
- B. Philip W. Sugg Middle School – M/E May 31, 2020
- C. Lisbon Community School – M/e April 30, 2020 and May 31, 2020
- D. Lisbon School Department

13. Communications (Consent Agenda):

14. Committee Comments: (Report out on Sub Committee Meetings):

15. Personnel:

- A. New Hire:
 - 1. Michael Toomey as Assistant Principal/Activities Director at PWS **VOTED (7)** (Yergin-Rogers)(5-0)
 - 2. Jill Piker as Guidance Counselor **VOTED (8)** (Labbe-Poisson-Yergin)(5-0)