

Lisbon School Committee Minutes
August 24, 2020

Minutes of the Lisbon School Committee held at the Lisbon Town Office Meeting Room on Monday, August 24 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, Keli Rogers, Kim Labbe-Poisson, Kathi Yergin and Richard A. Green, Superintendent of Schools

Members Excused:

Administrators Present: Julie Colello-Nichols

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

Called to Order:

Chair Austin called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. Workshop:

A. **School Reopening Plan Update:**

1. Superintendent Green started off by reporting that since the district calendar was approved to delay the start of school; professional staff have been able to utilize this week to come to work on a volunteer basis to work on preparing class related to COVID 19. Next week, August 31st – September 3rd replaces the original 4 Professional Days and will allow staff to complete mandatory trainings and get ready for the start of the school year. Superintendent Green next shared the “soft roll out” with the board.

Superintendent Green continued to give the following:

- Shelters will be in place prior to the start of school and will be used for lunches when weather allows
- Thermal Cameras have been installed in each of the buildings
- O2 Prime Installations is being installed on August 25th
- Safe Schools Training Module has been purchased – this will allow staff to complete several COVID 19 Trainings as well as other required trainings
- Technology – There are approximately 350 devices on backorder. There are 50 devices that are due to come in next week for the high school
- LEA/LESP Meeting will be held on August 25th
- LRTC / Region 10 – The bridges option that was mentioned is not a plan that work at this time. The high school had to switch over to a 4x4 schedule – Superintendent Green stated that he has asked LRTC for a letter stating that we were forced to switch to this schedule due to the

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COVID 19. Region 10 has still not given any direction as of yet. *Member Cunningham stated that he is incredible unhappy with this decision. He does not like how LRTC can make a shift like this and force other schools to comply.* Superintendent Green shared that they were also not in favor of this.

- Last week there were 3 virtual communication meetings for families and staff. A concern that was stated by staff was if they were to have traditional Open Houses and Kindergarten Screening it would cause additional people in the building causing staff extra stress. As a result,, during A-Team this week they will be discussing having some type of virtual, cancel or postpone Open House. *Member Rogers questioned if we could have our Pre-K kids come in, especially since it is their first experience in school.* Superintendent Green shared that they are working/discussing this option. *Chair Austin like the Virtual Open House idea versus postponement.*
 - Rec Department – has offered to put some child care together for next week however the numbers were too low for them to break even
 - District Zoom Staff Meeting – Is being worked on for next week.
 - Fall Athletics – (MPA Decision) – The decision has been postponed. *Chair Austin stated that there will have to be conversations to be had regarding the amount of attendance/guidelines.*
 - Distance Learning – (MOOSE) begins September 8, 2020 – Western Maine Collaborative is still working on finding staff available to teach remote learning.
 - Return to work guidance – there are multiple leave acts for employees and we are trying to get more information on how this looks as far as utilizing their existing leave or the new leave which is for child care. This is the primary reason currently for some staff and they are trying to see if they can use their existing leave and combine it with this new leave. Half of the region is saying no and the other half is saying yes. Our current legal council is not available and they are trying to set us up with someone else.
 - Student numbers are looking good and it is approximately 8%-10% that are not sending their child back. *Member Rogers was wondering if we could partner with RSU 4 regarding their Remote Learning.* Superintendent Green stated that he was willing to ask however they are not much bigger than us he is unsure if they would have the resources to accommodate.
2. Curriculum Director, Julie Colello-Nichols presented the board with a handout reviewing the family presentations she completed on 8/18, 8/19 and 8/20 and stated that she has received several follow up questions. Next Mrs. Colello-Nichols shared that she has received 674 responses to the survey that went out to families. The results were shared in her handout. On August 11th she gave a presentation to Staff Members and shared important information as well as a return to work survey which to date she had received 113 responses. The COVID Guidance Handbook