

MINUTES OF THE LISBON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE LISBON TOWN OFFICE ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M. (NOTE: These minutes are not official until approved by the School Committee. Such action, either to approve or amend and approve, is anticipated at the October 10, 2017 meeting.)

Members Present: Traci Austin; Pete Reed; Kathi Yergin; Paula Jefferies and Superintendent Green

Members Excused:

Administrators Present: Darren Akerman, Principal; Robert Kahler, Principal; John LaPerriere, Assistant Principal; Susan Magee, Principal and Kristie Morin, Director GSS

Administrators Excused: James Churchill, Technology Director; Eric Hall, Assistant Principal/Activities Director; Allison Leavitt, School Nutrition Director; Haley McCrater, Business Manager; Ryan McKenney, Assistant Principal/Activities Director; John Merrifield, Director of Student Services and Allen Ouellette, Director of Operations and Transportation

Others Present: Members of the community

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairperson Austin called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. Adjustments to the agenda:

- A. Add (6) New Business
- B. Add (7) Communication – PWS

5. Workshop – NWEA, SAT, PSAT:

- A. Lisbon Community School – Principal Kahler reviewed the NWEA Spring Scores and reviewed the Growth from Fall 2016 to Spring 2017. *“Chair Austin broke down the process of what the NWEA Test is. This is a test that the students take on the computer that self-adjust as the students answer correctly or incorrectly and they get a score. The students take ownership of that score and they are able to see what their growth is and what they will need to work on. What it points out for educators is pockets or pieces of information were they may need to go back and focus more on such as time tables or*

comprehension or whatever it may be. Teachers can then differentiate in the classroom what that common need is and they can then revisit the subject need so that the next time the students take that test they can then meet their target need."

- B. Lisbon High School – Principal Magee presented a handout highlighting the SAT/PSAT and NWEA testing data. Principal Magee noted that within the last couple of years the PSAT Test was optional to student. *Chair Austin reported that it is always nice to see growth. "Member Reed asked for an easier breakdown / report that shows whether a student is passing or not."*
- C. Philip W Sugg Middle School – Principal Akerman reviewed the NWEA testing results for the middle school. Principal Akerman also explained what a RIT scale is. The RIT scale is consistent, just like a ruler. One inch is always one inch, and one RIT is always one RIT. A student who grows from 165 to 170 shows the same amount of instructional growth as a student who goes from 280 to 285. They are also independent of grade level. This supports our Vision Statement: "All students learn in different ways and in different timeframes". Principal Akerman then went over the growth at PWS Middle School. *Member Reed asked what we are doing to meet the needs of the students who do not meet the standards.* Principal Akerman stated that all of the data is taken a part and they determine what area of weakness a student is having and they focus on this. The goal is to see student growth. Superintendent Green reminded everyone that you when reviewing / comparing scores you have to remember that you need to compare class growth vs. comparing last year's data to this year's data.

Workshop - Strategic Educational Plan:

- A. Superintendent Green handed out the Strategic Educational Plan. During the last meeting in May the majority of that meeting was spent looking at where we have gone and where we want to go. It was made clear during that meeting that due to the number of turnover in staff and planning team members; we really need to look at possibly taking steps back. There were only 4 people out of the 12 members there that were part of the original development of the plan. The team felt that it would be nice to hold a community event where we can try to invite as many people as we did in the original conversations and then do an update of the plan and review how far we have come and then look at what we want to do in the future. The group has talked about doing this in January, doing a one day event. Superintendent Green then reviewed Goal Statements, Accomplishments and Progress.