

Lisbon School Committee Minutes
May 26, 2020

Minutes of the Lisbon School Committee held remotely via Zoom on Tuesday, May 26, 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 June 8, 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, Julie Colello-Nichols, Kathleen Glennon, Robert Kahler, Allison Leavitt, Haley McCrater, Ryan McKenney, Susan Magee, Barbara Morris, Allen Ouellette and Debra Rodrigue

Administrators Excused: Eric Hall

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 to the Lisbon School Committee Chair at taustin@lisbonschoolsme.org prior to the Public Comment section of the agenda.

4. Adjustment to the Agenda:

A. None:

5. Personnel:

A. None

6. Workshop:

- A. Comprehensive Education Plan: Superintendent Green reviewed the plan line by line and discussions were held.
- B. Budget –Superintendent Green and the Lisbon School Committee reviewed the budget that would be voted on to send to the Lisbon Town Council. Superintendent Green shared with the committee the list of priorities that the Administrative Team put together as asked to by the committee at the last meeting. Chair Austin reported that she has been contacted by several Town Council Members indicating that they would not approve the budget as it stands. Discussion was then held regarding the Administrative Teams priority list. Chair Austin stated that she has never been a “wants” person and shared that everything in their budget is “needed”. Member Rogers questioned Superintendent Green as to what the projected class sizes for next year at Lisbon Community School would be if they cut the added teachers position. Superintendent Green stated that if they were to cut the additional teacher; class sizes

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would be approximately 21-22 students per class. Superintendent Green also shared that one of the students that was placed at a facility out of district graduated and that could be an additional savings of \$55,314.00.

Member Rogers stated that based on what the projected student class sizes would be, she was comfortable omitting the extra teacher. Member Cunningham stated that he was not comfortable cutting anything on the budget until the council instructed them to as it was his thought that if we cut after the fact, they would see that we are trying. Chair Austin shared that in her opinion, the council realizes that the school committee does their best at not raising the budget if at all possible and cuts are inevitable.

Member Rogers questioned when the school will receive the CARES Money and if we could try to purchase things for next year to lessen the burden that is sure to come. Superintendent Green replied that they have already started looking at ways to do this and technology is a good area to start.

Member Rogers made the following motion:

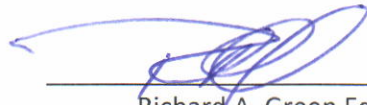
VOTED (1) to reduce the current budget by \$139,314.00 (Rogers-Yergin) (5-0)

7. Public Comment:

- A. Allen Ward – Lisbon: Mr. Ward shared with the board that he has heard from every council member and there is not one that would approve the budget as it stands. Mr. Ward also stated that he found Member Cunningham's comment offensive. The meetings are public and to insinuate that they would not be discussed in priority is false. Mr. Ward also shared that the Municipal Budget has cut a half million dollars on their side. If there is not effort and choice, the public will come out and be vocal. Lastly Mr. Ward thanked the committee for their efforts and their time.

8. Adjournment:

VOTED (2) to adjourn. (Yergin-Labbe-Poisson) (5-0) (6:39 PM)



Richard A. Green Ed.D.
Secretary, Lisbon School Committee