

Lisbon School Committee Minutes
September 24, 2018

Minutes of the Lisbon School Committee held at the Lisbon Town Office on Monday, September 24, 2018 at 6:00 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 15, 2018 meeting.)

Members Present: Traci Austin; Ross Cunningham; Paula Jefferies; Pete Reed; Kathi Yergin and Richard A. Green, Superintendent of Schools

Members Excused: None.

Administrators Present: John LaPerriere, Assistant Principal; Ryan McKenney, Interim Principal; Susan Magee, Principal

Administrators Excused: James Churchill, Technology Director; Julie Colello, Assistant Principal/Activities Director; Eric Hall, Assistant Principal/Activities Director; Robert Kahler, Principal; Allison Leavitt, Nutrition Director; Haley McCrater-Redman, Business Manager; John Merrifield, Director of Student Services; Barbara Morris, Director of GSS and Allen Ouellette, Director of Operations and Transportation

Others Present: Members of the public

CALLED TO ORDER:

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

4. **Personnel:**

- A. **VOTED (1)** to hire a Special Education Teacher at Gartley Street School. (5-0)
(Reed-Cunningham)

5. **Workshop:**

- A. NWEA, SAT, PSAT – Lisbon High School Principal Magee shared a graph / table with the School Committee reviewing the SAT, PSAT and NWEA scores. Member Reed asked what is being done to help the students that are not meeting the standards. Principal Magee stated that they have Intervention on Wednesdays

and are working closely with Kathy Martin on how to identify the students that need the support and provide it to them. The intervention time is used to target the area that they need the most support. Member Reed asked if teachers are working after school or during study halls to help these students. Principal Magee shared that there are many teachers that go above and beyond to support their students before school, after school and during their study halls to really help them make improvement.

Interim Principal McKenney also shared a graph with the Lisbon School Committee comparing data from the NWEA Fall and Spring Scores. Interim Principal McKenney shared that there seems to be some issues in the 6th grade level which makes it that much harder in the 7th and 8th grade level to bring those scores up. Interim Principal McKenney shared that he and Principal Kahler plan on meeting together and specifically focusing on the math side to see what can be done Pre-K through 8th to target those specific numbers that are going in the wrong direction. Member Cunningham asked where the projected number that the kids should be at comes from. Interim Principal McKenney shared that the number comes from NWEA. They do a study every 5 years and determine a student who scores a certain point one year should score at the projected level the following year. Interim Principal McKenney reported that due to the changes in this year's schedule, there is a time frame now built in the schedule that allows teachers time to devote to the students who are not making it.

Assistant Principal LaPerriere reported for Principal Kahler who was unable to attend this evening. Assistant Principal LaPerriere also shared a graph and reported on Fall and Spring NWEA scores. Assistant Principal LaPerriere stated that they have Literacy and Math RTI this year as well as using "Play with a Purpose", research says if you do this it works on their inelegance. The school implemented Play with Purpose this year however we will not know the result of this for a couple of years but are hopeful that it will make a difference. Member Reed again shared his concern about providing support for the students who are not succeeding. Assistant Principal LaPerriere shared support is done on a daily basis through RTI.

Superintendent Green shared with the board that during the next A-Team meeting he will ask future reports to compare student to themselves and not the other grades; this way you will see student individual progress. Superintendent Green shared that it is more important to compare grade levels versus national to see individual grade progress.

- B. Strategic Education Plan – Superintendent Green reviewed the Strategic Educational Plan Update and Future Search Executive Summary. Superintendent Green also stated that copies of these reports were available to the public at this meeting as well as at Central Office for anyone who is interested.

On October 15th the Planning Team will meet and review the Executive Summary from the latest Future Search Meeting and make changes to the Strategic Education Plan based on the summary. Also discussed during the Planning Team Meeting was the need to continue having these meeting when there is no end product because once the plans done its done. Something that was discussed is putting together a publication that goes out to all the parents each year that includes bus routes and all the forms parents need for the start of the year. Superintendent Green would like to see if that is something the planning team would like to take on and update. This would give the committee something to work on and would follow the communication aspect of the Strategic Education Plan.

Superintendent Green lastly reported on the Capital Plan and stated that there are pieces that need to be added and updated, one being the phone systems at Lisbon Community School.

6. **Adjournment:**

VOTED (2) to adjourn. (Cunningham-Yergin) (5-0) (6:40 p.m.)



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