

Lisbon School Committee Minutes  
October 2, 2023

Minutes of the Lisbon School Committee Meeting held on Monday, October 2, 2023 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 October 10, 2023 meeting.)

**Members Present:** Margaret Galligan-Schmoll, Len Lednum, Laura Craig, Kathi Yergin and Richard A. Green, Superintendent of Schools

**Members Excused:** Kim Labbe-Poisson

**Administrators Present:** Zachary Lutick

**Administrators Excused:** All other members excused due to limited audience seating

**Called to Order:**

Chair Galligan-Schmoll called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Participants wishing to make public comments are asked to email them to Lisbon School Committee Chair Galligan-Schmoll at [mgalliganschmoll@lisbonschoolsme.org](mailto:mgalliganschmoll@lisbonschoolsme.org) prior to the Public Comment section of the agenda.

**4. Adjustment to the Agenda:**

A. None.

**5. Communication:**

A. None.

**6. Public Comment:**

A. Sue Nelson, teacher at Gartley Street School asked a question on behalf of the Student Voice Committee. The Student Voice Committee asked the board what the status is on the presentation they made last year regarding weighted grades. Superintendent Green stated that the board will be adding it to a future workshop and at that time the Student Voice Committee will make another presentation and the board would take action.

**7. Workshop:**

A. Lisbon School Department Eligibility Policy: - Director Zachary Lutick shared that a committee was developed to review the current policy. Next Director Lutick reviewed the proposed updated Athletic Eligibility Policy outlining all suggested changes. Chair Galligan-Schmoll questioned if the committee had given any thought to the Recreation Department or Travel Teams as these are all the same students. Director Lutick stated that the idea/dream would be to have everyone on the same page; when students are paying to play a sport, we really would have no authority to say they couldn't.

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Superintendent Green stated that historically the Rec. Department has followed the school's eligibility policy and once the boards adopts a new policy it would be sent to them. However, as Director Lutick stated parents are paying for their child to play so we really cannot have a say if their child is eligible. Same goes with travel. Member Lednum stated that he appreciated the comprehensive approach and bringing teachers in with a voice. Member Lednum asked if there was an estimating on how many students would currently be effected if this policy was in place right now. Director Lutick stated that between 2-3 sports that he rough checked this morning; there were between 6-7 athletes that would be ineligible. Next Member Lednum asked how these conversations will get started? Can teachers reach out when they see a student slipping before it gets to the point where the student is failing? Director Lutick stated that they are currently working on putting icons in PowerSchool that will show when students are in a club or playing a sport. Teachers will then be able to see that when they are in their gradebooks and the hope / expectation is that they reach out to him when they see the slipping occur. This is not a policy that they have to do but it is a hope. Superintendent Green asked when Director Lutick wanted to implement this updated policy. Director Lutick stated that he would like to do it at the next natural point, possibly the beginning of second quarter. Director Lutick stated that he does not want to just spring it on them, he would like to go over it with the athletes and answer questions. Member Craig stated that she appreciated the teacher involvement piece as all students learn differently and having that 2-week grace period available if students are actually working hard is nice to see. Member Craig stated that she was very impressed with the director's thoughtfulness in putting this together.

- B. Lisbon School Committee Goals for 2023-2024: - Superintendent Green stated that the goals as presented are goals that the committee had discussed at their retreat and this is the time to either adjust goals, move goals around etc. Superintendent Green advised the board to notify Lolita prior to the next business meeting if they would like to make any changes.
- C. Lisbon School Committee Workshop Topics for 2023-2024: - Superintendent Green shared the Workshop Topics and stated that throughout the year there are occasionally times when we would need to adjust / add topics. Member Craig asked if it would be possible to add the weighted grades policy to the October 23, 2023 workshop topics. All members agreed and they will be added.

**8. Adjournment:**

**VOTED (1)** to adjourn. (Lednum - Craig) (4-0) (6:25 PM)

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