

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Mal Murray, Stacie Sirois, Aaron Hayward, Dawn Johnson, Michael Persson, Business Administrator Christine Blouin, Assistant Superintendent Amy Hinds and Superintendent Dr. Brendan Minnihan. Absent: Barbara Luther and Heather Lounsbury.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Mal Murray called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The agenda was posted on March 30, 2018, at the SAU office and on the District's website, along with being sent to each of our schools, the Laconia Daily Sun, Laconia Library, and City Hall, in accordance with RSA 91-A.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Stacie Sirois to approve the agenda as posted, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Dawn Johnson, seconded by Stacie Sirois, to approve the minutes of March 20, 2018 as presented. Michael Persson abstained. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATION

Office of Extended Learning

Director Christine Gingerella presented on the Office of Extended Learning. Christine explained the re-brand/re-name which encompasses Project EXTRA at the elementary level, the REAL Initiative at the middle school level and ELO's and Freedom Found at the high school level and PIQUES tutoring. The Office of Extended Learning is in their first year of a five year grant cycle of the 21st CCLC grant award that brings a total of \$2,113,534 to the district to support afterschool until June of 2022. Christine reported on an email she received from the Afterschool Alliance regarding funding, explaining that Congress approved, and the President signed an FY18 budget that includes \$1.21 billion for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers initiative, a \$20 million increase over FY17 levels. Christine went on to explain other funding sources that support programming and partnerships such as Plymouth State University internships, Laconia Police Department, NH Charitable Foundation, Nike Ambassadors, and the Belknap Mill. Beth Vachon, Co-Director, explained PIQUES tutoring which is 23 weeks of instruction, three hours per week and currently enrolls 124 students at all three elementary schools, employs 22 certified teachers, before and after school. Beth went on to explain that the 16/17 data shows a 50% greater growth rate than similarly performing peers. Currently, PIQUES offers Genius Hour for grade 6 at Laconia Middle School as an exploratory during last period. Christine reported on the REAL Collaborative Conference that is planned for April 19th from 12:00-4:00 at the Belknap Mill. She extended an invitation to the Schools Board and explained the day's agenda which is a middle school student coordinated event.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: The Budget and Personnel Committee met on March 27th and discussed the budget process and will present the budget to City Council on April 21st and will present to the School Board on May 15th.

Facilities/CIP: Mal Murray asked Christine Blouin how the Facilities Committee was doing with the Performance Contract. Christine reported that they met with one vendor, Siemens, and have scheduled meetings to meet with two more vendors

Policy: The Policy Committee met last week and have three policies for 1st read tonight as well as the Laconia Middle School handbook approval.

Strategic Planning: Aaron Hayward reported that Strategic Plan Goals are on the agenda for tonight

Legislative Update: Dr. Minnihan reported that SB193 may be voted on April 4th and that there are three new bills making their way through;

HB1686: Tax credits to individuals HB1744: Parents can exempt child(ren) from participating in state wide assessments and SB44: Only teachers can give student(s) the final grade.

Board Member Input: Mal Murray, regarding SB441, asked Superintendent Dr. Minnihan, what happens if a child with an IEP does not meet with one teacher, but meets with four. Dr. Minnihan said he believes the reason the law was proposed was because there may have been situations where the grade has come into question.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR

Board Chairperson, Mal Murray commented that he is pleased committees are meeting. Mr. Murray reviewed upcoming calendar items and reported that Laconia High School graduation will be June 8, 2018.

CALENDAR

School Board Meeting	Tuesday, April 17, 2018	7:00 pm at SAU
Laconia High School Graduation	Friday, June 8, 2018	6:30pm at Laconia High School

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Dr. Minnihan handed out a detailed update regarding the end of year classes with students and subsequent week with staff which includes; ALICE training, School Safety, Cassie Yackley work with Reflective Practices which leaves two additional days for staff to makeup and three days for Pleasant Street School. Dr. Minnihan went on to list ways in which staff can make up hours. Dr. Minnihan reported that Coffee with Superintendent took place on March 27th, six people were in attendance and topics discussed were regarding at risk students, the role of testing specifically NWEA testing, the role Career Technical Education plays for some students and how to make it more enticing, the importance of mentoring programs and reading books at the elementary level. Dr. Minnihan went on to report that the Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment team is doing specific work with Woodland Heights School and that there will be different summer institutes offered for staff this summer. The District is perusing the first year

of ALMA starting this year and will be fully implement in school year 19/20. School Safety met last week and will meet monthly regarding specific annexes and common language. Dr. Minnihan stated that some district staff went to an all-day threat assessment a couple days ago and that we continue work with grants for security updates. Lastly, the One City One Book will be; When Books Went to War, by Molly Manning. All the events associated with One City One Book will take place in October.

DISCUSSION ITEMS Approval of the Laconia Middle School Handbook, 1st read of policies JLCD Administering Medication to Students and JFAB Admission of Non Resident Student, Renominations and Strategic Goals.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Laconia resident Elizabeth Conley asked what towns can attend Laconia District Schools. Mrs. Conley stated that she attended Laconia High School in 1959 while living in Sanbornton. Dr. Minnihan said Laconia residents can attend Laconia School District. Amy Hinds said there are circumstances where nonresidents can attend under the best interest determination for homeless, the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Amy added that there is a cost share for transportation for the sending and residing district and some districts have grant funding for families in transition.

ACTION ITEMS

Laconia Middle School Handbook: Motion made by Stacie Sirois, seconded by Michael Persson to approve the handbook. The vote was unanimous.
Renominations: Motion made by Stacie Sirois, seconded Michael Persson. The vote was unanimous.
Strategic Plan Goals: Motion made by Dawn Johnson, seconded by Stacie Sirois, Michael Persson abstained. The vote was unanimous.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion made by Dawn Johnson, seconded by Stacie Sirois, to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3II letter a and c. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board went into Non-Public Session at 8:03 pm.

Motion made to come out of Non Public Session by Michael Persson, seconded by Stacie Sirois. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 8:15 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Michael Persson, seconded by Stacie Sirois, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hinds
Clerk