

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Stacie Sirois, Scott Vachon, Mike Persson, Barbara Luther, Heather Lounsbury, Superintendent Phil McCormack, Assistant Superintendent Kirk Beitler and Business Administrator Ed Emond. Absent: Mal Murray and Chris Guilmet. Mike Persson was present until 8:24pm.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Stacie Sirois called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The agenda was posted on April 15, 2016, at the SAU office and on the district's website, along with being sent to each of our schools, "The Citizen", Laconia Library, and City Hall, in accordance with RSA 91-A.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Stacie Sirois proposed they amend the agenda to add Special Education Trust transfer under Discussion and Action. Motion made by Mike Persson, seconded by Heather Lounsbury, to approve agenda, as amended. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Barbara Luther to approve the minutes of April 5, 2015, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS:

Strategic Planning Update-Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment: Tara Beauchemin introduced members of the Strategic Planning Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment sub-committee Donna Marie Gamlin, Gail Bourn and Jason Lacroix. The group introduced their two goals and corresponding objectives. They also discussed 2016 summer institutes that correspond with goals and objectives.

Pleasant Street School Preschool: Pleasant Street School Principal, Dave Levesque, introduced PSS Preschool Teacher, Kiersten Foster and Elementary Academic Coordinator of Teaching and Learning, Gail Bourn. Mr. Levesque, Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Bourn informed the School Board that the Preschool is funded through Title I Grant. They discussed the benefits of a preschool program, how the program was developed, the student's typical day, and skills they are learning. School Board member Mike Persson questioned if this would be something beneficial to all students. Assistant Superintendent, Kirk Beitler, informed the Board that the Preschool program is expanding and we will start registration in May.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: This committee met before the Board meeting on April 19th to discuss the current budget, the 2016-2017 Budget, and if there are any programs and positions they would like to put back in the 2016-2017 Budget. It was discussed transferring money from the Special Education Trust Fund to make our 2015-2016 school year budget.

Facilities/CIP: This committee has not met.

Policy: This committee met on April 12th. They reviewed handbooks and will have revised handbooks coming to the School Board for the May 3rd meeting.

Strategic Planning: This committee has not met. With Strategic Planning presentations completed they will look to scheduling a meeting in May.

Legislative Update: There was no legislative update.

Board Member Input: Scott Vachon informed the Board that he attended the PSS day glow dance party. He commented that it was nice to see the students and families there as a community.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR

CALENDAR

Policy Committee	Wednesday, April 20, 2016	6:15pm @ SAU
School Board Meeting	Tuesday, May 3, 2016	7:00pm @ SAU

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

End of Year Schedule: Dr. McCormack presented to the Board an end of year schedule which included Graduation on June 10th at 6:30. There was discussion on if there would be a rain date or if they would change venues in the case of rain. They also proposed the last day of school for Students on June 16th and the last day for staff on June 17th.

SAT Make-Up Testing: Superintendent McCormack informed the Board that on April 12th LHS juniors had SAT make-up testing. Most of the students had taken the SAT test on the original day. We now have a 95% completion rate. There was also discussion on when we will have the results.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Second Reading Policy JFABD: Admission of Homeless Students; KFB: Community Use of School Facilities: There was discussion on Policy KFB and if agency groups that use the facilities continuously but not yearlong if they would require a contract or use the matrix. It was decided to amend the policy to remove "Groups desiring yearlong continuous use shall develop a contracted agreement with the District." And change it to "Groups desiring recurring continuous use shall develop a contracted agreement with the District."

2016-2017 Nomination/Election of Staff: It was explained that the Board only has the ability to comment on the names on the list, they have no right to say who is not on the list. They can only act on the staff members presented.

Special Education Trust Fund Allocation: Scott Vachon informed the Board they are request the School Board to Authorize a 180,000 transfer from the Special Education Trust Fund to ensure we finish in the black this year.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Philpot, 31 Havenwood Drive, spoke to the Board to keep open the cabinet shop that is used for Adult Education.

Ed Fellona, former woodworking teacher and current Adult Education woodworking teacher, spoke to the board on the importance of the cabinet shop.

Gail Ober, inquired to the plans for the space if they discontinue the Adult Education woodworking class. She also asked if there would be any action after non-public. She was informed to what may go in the space and there would be no action after non-public.

ACTION ITEMS

Second Reading Policy JFABD: Admission of Homeless Students; KFB: Community Use of School Facilities: Motion made by Mike Persson to approve JFABD and KFB, as amended, seconded by Scott Vachon. The vote was unanimous.

2016-2017 Nomination/Election of Staff: Motion made by Scott Vachon, to approved the 2016-2017 Nomination/Election of staff, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.

Special Education Trust Fund Allocation: Motion made by Heather Lounsbury to approve the appropriation of 180,000 from the Special Education Trust fund, seconded by Barbara Luther. The vote was unanimous.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Heather Lounsbury, 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 8:25 PM.

Motion made to come out of Non Public Session by Scott Vachon, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 9:17 PM.

PUBLIC SESSION

Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Heather Lounsbury to seal the minutes of the non-public meeting, because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. Roll call vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Heather Lounsbury, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 9:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Beitler
Clerk