

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2016, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Stacie Sirois, Mal Murray, Scott Vachon, Chris Guilmet, Heather Lounsbury, Superintendent Brendan Minnihan, Assistant Superintendent Amy Hinds, and Business Administrator Christine Blouin. Absent: Mike Persson and Barbara Luther

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Stacie Sirois called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The agenda was posted on August 12, 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

Motion made by Chris Guilmet, seconded by Mal Murray, to approve the agenda. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Chris Guilmet, seconded by Heather Lounsbury to approve the minutes of July 12, 2016, as presented,. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS:

Food Service: Food Service Director, Tim Goossens, presented to the School Board on the Food Service program for the Laconia School District. He gave an overview of the programs operated at the schools, which include breakfast, lunch, fresh fruit and vegetable programs, after school snacks, at-risk suppers and summer food service program. He also reported on the number of meals served in 2015-2016 and free and reduced lunch numbers at the schools and the district average. He gave an overview of the USDA regulations the program has to comply with. Lastly, Mr. Goossens presented his staff to the School Board. In total his staff has worked 188 years in the Laconia School District.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: This committee has not met.

Facilities/CIP: This committee has not met. Mal Murray updated the Board on summer building projects completed at the Laconia High School.

Policy: This committee has not met. They will look to meet in September.

Strategic Planning: This committee has not met.

Legislative Update: Dr. Minnihan informed the Board of a policy change that might need to occur due to change in legislation on the Audio/Video law.

Board Member Input: Chris Guilmet commented how he enjoys seeing the Sachem Pride cup on the table.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR

Induction Breakfast	Monday, August 22, 2016	8:00am @ LMS Cafeteria
Opening Day	Tuesday, August 23, 2016	7:15am @ LMS Cafeteria
1 st day of School	Tuesday, August 30, 2016	all schools
School Board Meeting	Tuesday, September 6, 2016	7:00pm @ SAU

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Field Trip Request: Dr. Minnihan informed the Board of a trip for 8th grade students to go to Quebec City or Montreal in May, 2017.

Dr. Minnihan also informed the Board that we have made changes to the website, it is a work in progress but to take a look at it.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Corporate Resolution: Business Administrator, Christine Blouin, informed the Board they need to grant her authorization to be added to Bank accounts, where she can authorize and sign checks for officials, and release money.

2016-2017 Budget: The Budget has been approved by City Council. The last step is to accept the budget as presented.

Nomination/Election of Staff: The School Board was given the names of four new staff members being hired.

Waive fees LAYBL: Superintendent Minnihan, informed the Board of the request from LAYBL to reduce the fees to 2 hours of custodial time on Saturdays per school. There was discussion on making sure the organizations have enough volunteers to make sure the buildings are left in the shape they were in when they started using the facility.

Waive fees BipBoppity Boutique: Dr. Minnihan informed the Board that BipBoppity Boutique is a nonprofit looking to do a fashion show at LHS one weekend in the evening. They are looking for fees to be waived. There was discussion on if they meet insurance requirements, and to make sure we do not set a precedent waiving fees.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Dick Coggon asked if there would be a non-meeting. Stacie Sirois informed Mr. Coggon there would be no non-meeting. Mr. Coggon asked there would be a non-public. Stacie Sirois informed Mr. Coggon there would be no non-public.

Several community members and students spoke to the School Board thanking them for the getting band back in the school day. Several community members and students urged them to do more for Chorus at the High School and Band at the Elementary level.

ACTION ITEMS

Corporate Resolution: Motion made by Scott Vachon to approve the Corporate Resolution, allowing the Business Administrator to sign checks for Athletic official, seconded by Mal Murray. The vote was unanimous.

2016-2017 Budget: Motion made by Chris Guilmet, to approve the 2016-2017 Budget, as presented, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.

Nomination/Election of Staff: Motion Made by Chris Guilmet to approve the nomination/Election of staff, as presented, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.

Waive fees LAYBL: Motion made by Scott Vachon, to reduce the facility use fees for LAYBL, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.

Waive fees BipBoppity Boutique: Motion made by Scott Vachon, to waive facility fees for BipBoppity Boutique, under the condition the Superintendent and LHS Principal attend, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Chris Guilmett, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hinds
Clerk