

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Mal Murray, Stacie Sirois, Scott Vachon, Chris Guilmet, Barbara Luther, Heather Lounsbury, Business Administrator Ed Emond, Superintendent Phil McCormack and Assistant Superintendent Kirk Beitler. Absent: Mike Persson

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Stacie Sirois called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The agenda was posted on December 11, 2015, 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 Scott Vachon, seconded by Chris Guilmet, to approve the agenda. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING

Videotaping in the Classroom: Superintendent, Dr. Phil McCormack, gave background on why the public hearing was being held, stating that according to RSA 189:68 IV, enacted in August, states you need to have School Board approval of videotaping in the classroom, after the hearing the district will require written consent from teachers and parents/guardians of students to videotape in the classroom. Laconia is in the process of drafting a policy on videotaping in the classrooms as well. School Board members asked for clarification on if the law was only discussing the district videotaping, not students filming each other. Dr. McCormack informed the Board that the law is towards school districts only. Gail Ober asked if the law required multiple hearings before we videotape in a classroom. Dr. McCormack informed Gail the law required only one public hearing. Mr. Coggon asked if it would prohibit a supervisor from videotaping a classroom if they did not consent. Dr. McCormack informed Mr. Coggon that yes a supervisor needs permission to videotape in their classroom.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Chris Guilmet, seconded by Scott Vachon, to approve the minutes of December 1, 2015. The vote was unanimous.

Motion made by Chris Guilmet, seconded by Scott Vachon, to approve the minutes of December 7, 2015. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS:

LHS Student ELO Presentation: LHS ELO Coordinator and English teacher introduced LHS student Isabella Lovering and also gave the history and background of the ELO program at Laconia High School. Isabella Lovering presented to the School Board about her internship at the Citizen and her project on journalism. She discussed the various tasks she performed at the Citizen including reporting, story editing and page editing. She informed the board that she did her internship over the summer spending two days a week there. She answered many questions School Board members and the public has for her.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: This group has not met. They will schedule a meeting soon.

Facilities/CIP: This group has not met. They have a meeting scheduled for December 21st at 10:00am.

Policy: This group has not met. They will schedule a meeting soon.

Strategic Planning: This group has not met.

Legislative Update: Dr. McCormack informed the School Board of the reauthorization of No Child Left Behind, now called Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) He said that when more is unknown than known at this moment. No Child Left Behind will be null and void in August 2016.

Board Member Input: Mal Murray updated the School Board on the Elementary Math Meet that occurred last week at Woodland Heights School. He informed the School board that this was the 1st ever math meet and over 30 parents and friends attended the meet to watch students from Elm Street School, Pleasant Street School and Woodland Heights School compete. He says there will be three more meets throughout the year at ESS, PSS and a finale at LMS.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR

CALENDAR

School Board Superintendent Meeting	Thursday, December 17, 2015	7:00pm @ SAU
Facilities Meeting	Monday, December 21, 2015	10:00am @ SAU
Budget and Personnel	Tuesday, January 5, 2016	6:00pm @ SAU
School Board Meeting	Tuesday, January 5, 2016	7:00pm @ SAU

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Dr. McCormack informed the Board that anything he has to report will occur in the non-public session.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2016-2017 School Calendar: Dr. McCormack updated the board the per our collective bargaining agreement we receive input on the calendar from both unions. The calendar was also shared with the Huot sending districts in order to minimize the days their students miss. The calendar was also shared with the Administration for input. There was discussion regarding school vacations, start dates and professional development days.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Dick Coggon asked if the Board would be taking any action after coming out of non-public and Stacie Sirois said there would be no action. Dick Coggon asked if the Board would be having a non-meeting and, if so, if they would be taking any action. Stacie Sirois said the Board would not be

having a non-meeting. Mr. Coggon informed the School Board that at the prior meeting on December 1st he asked four questions and when they were not answered to his satisfaction he filed a right to know asking for the information and included another question. He has yet to hear a formal answer from the district. Stacie Sirois says he received his answers at the meeting he was in attendance at on December 7, but we will look into it. Gail Ober asked if we have ever received feedback from businesses about starting before Labor Day, she was informed that they have not heard concerns.

ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Scott Vachon to approve the 2016-2017 calendar as presented, seconded by Mal Murray. The calendar was approved with Chris Guilmett objecting.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Scott Vachon, to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3II letter c. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board went into Non-Public Session at 7:56 PM.

Motion made to come out of Non Public Session by Mal Murray, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 9:52 PM.

PUBLIC SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Scott Vachon, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Beitler
Clerk