

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Mal Murray, Heather Lounsbury, Mike Persson, Aaron Hayward, Barbara Luther, Superintendent Brendan Minnihan, Assistant Superintendent Amy Hinds and Business Administrator Christine Blouin. Absent: Stacie Sirois, Dawn Johnson left at 7:25PM

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Mal Murray called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The agenda was posted on December 1, 2017, 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 Dawn Johnson, seconded by Barbara Luther, to approve the agenda. The vote was unanimous. Mal amended the agenda to add LASS Participation under Discussion and Action. Motion made by Barbara Luther, seconded by Dawn Johnson, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion made by Heather Lounsbury, seconded by Dawn Johnson to remove original vote on the agenda, Roll call vote was unanimous to remove original vote on the agenda. Motion made by Barbara Luther, seconded by Dawn Johnson, to approve the agenda as amended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mike Persson, seconded by Heather Lounsbury, to approve the minutes of November 14, 2017. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATION:

The Building Blocks of a Brain Training Community-Research Request: Special Education Teacher Heather Dube and School Psychologist Sarah Sarette explained to the Board their Research Request, they want to work with a 4th grade classroom at Pleasant Street School to work on working memory and processing speed. They showed an example of the Board Game that would be used in the classroom. They also explained what working memory and processing speed are and how they impact academic success. School Board members asked questions about parent communication, confidentiality of the students, and how the game was developed. These questions were answered by both Heather and Sarah.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Budget & Personnel:** This committee has not met.
- Facilities/CIP:** This committee has not met.
- Policy:** This committee has not met. They will meet December 19th at 6PM.
- Strategic Planning:** This committee has not met. They will meet December 12th at 6PM.
- Legislative Update:** There was no legislative update.
- Board Member Input:** There was no Board Member Input.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Mal Murray informed the Board that updated School Board Committees information was sent out and asked if each Board Chair could have a meeting before the next School Board Meeting. He also informed the Board that December and January calendar of events were sent in the School Board packet

CALENDAR

Strategic Planning Meeting	Tuesday, December 12, 2017	6:00PM @ SAU
Policy Committee Meeting	Tuesday, December 19, 2017	6:00PM @ SAU
School Board Meeting	Tuesday, December 19, 2017	7:00PM @ SAU

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Dr. Minnihan informed the Board that tomorrow, December 6th he will be attending a research and work session on SB 193. He also informed the Board there will be Holiday Concerts over the next few weeks, with LMS’s concert occurring tonight. The three elementary schools raised over \$2,000 items for Saint Vincent DePaul. Shannon Siegler won an award from NSTE that was presented to her at the Christa McAuliffe Technology Conference on November 29th. Lastly, Dr. Minnihan informed the Board about information that was in their packet from the Department of Education on Dual Enrollment.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Building Blocks of a Brain Training Community-Research Request: Mr. Murray asked Board members what they thought of the proposal. Barbara Luther informed the Board she was in favor of it. Mike Persson also informed them he liked that staff members are taking initiative and think it’s great that we encourage them and be supportive of their initiatives with students.

EAL Negotiation Participation: Mr. Murray said they need two School Board Members to be on the Negotiation Team for EAL. It was decided Mike Persson will be on the committee and they will determine another member.

LASS Negotiation Participation: Mr. Murray said they need two School Board Members to be on the Negotiation Team for LASS. Barbara Luther and Heather Lounsbury will serve on the LASS Negotiation Team.

2018-2019 School Calendar: Dr. Minnihan informed the Board that three drafts were created. The goal was that the two main voting days would be days off for students. Two drafts were sent to staff members for their input and draft C was favored more than draft B. There was discussion about the Schools that are used for voting and if there was any way around that. Dr. Minnihan informed the Board they have had discussions and our understanding is that there are no other facilities that meet the standards in the two wards that have schools as voting facilities. There was also discussion on the date in June students would get out with this calendar. Mike Person also asked if we had thought about moving the start time of school to a later time at the Laconia High School. They discussed that it might be something to look into for the future.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Persson informed the Board that the Laconia High School Drama Department is having their musical, Legally Blonde, this weekend.

ACTION ITEMS

The Building Blocks of a Brain Training Community-Research Request: Motion made by Mike Persson, seconded by Heather Lounsbury to approve the research request as presented. The vote was unanimous.

EAL Negotiation Participation; LASS Negotiation Participation: Motion made by Mike Persson, seconded by Heather Lounsbury, to table the vote until after the non-meeting. The vote was unanimous.

2018-2019 School Calendar: Motion made by Aaron Hayward, seconded by Heather Lounsbury, to approve Draft C of the 2018-2019 School Calendar. The vote was 4-1, with Mike Persson opposing.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Heather Lounsbury, seconded by Mike Persson, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hinds
Clerk