

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Stacie Sirois, Mal Murray, Scott Vachon, Mike Persson, Chris Guilmett, Barbara Luther, Heather Lounsbury, Superintendent Phil McCormack, and Business Administrator Ed Emond. Absent: Assistant Superintendent Kirk Beitler.

#### CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Stacie Sirois called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The agenda was posted on February 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 Guilmett, seconded by Mike Persson, to approve the agenda. The vote was unanimous.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Barbara Luther, seconded by Mike Persson, to approve the minutes of January 19, 2016. The vote was unanimous, with Chris Guilmett abstaining.

#### PRESENTATIONS:

**Strategic Planning Update: College, Career and Life Ready:** LHS Assistant Principal, Dave Bartlett, introduced College, Career and Life Ready sub-committee members, Eric Johnson, Steve Tucker, Chris Ennis, Stacie Sirois and Heather Lounsbury. Dave Bartlett, Eric Johnson, Steve Tucker, and Chris Ennis informed and explained to the Board on the different goals, objectives and action plans the sub-committee has identified. The members of the sub-committee informed the Board that the intent was for their goals and action plan to be brief. They did not want the document to become cumbersome and unattainable. There was discussion with Board members and Superintendent Dr. McCormack regarding Goal 1.

#### BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Budget & Personnel:** This committee met on February 11, 2016. They looked at alternatives to the budget for the 2016-2017 school year. Scott Vachon explained the district has done well at looking across the whole district and at all levels.

**Facilities/CIP:** This committee has not met. They are waiting to hear from the Budget and Personnel committee.

**Policy:** This committee met on February 9<sup>th</sup>. They have a meeting scheduled on March 8<sup>th</sup>. The committee clarified why they have a procedure going forward tonight, it is due to the fact they completely overhauled the procedure and they wanted the Board to see it. They also stated they are starting to review the handbooks.

**Strategic Planning:** This committee has not met.

**Legislative Update:** There was no legislative update.

**Board Member Input:** Mike Persson informed the Board that he was impressed with the work Phil, Kirk and the administrative team did on the budget options. There were many hours of hard work and how difficult a job it was. Chris Guilmett noted there is a nice advertisement on the radio by the Huot Students and it was nice to hear their thoughts on the program.

#### BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR

School Board Chair, Stacie Sirois, updated the School Board that the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation event that was scheduled for Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> had been cancelled.

#### CALENDAR

School Board Meeting	Tuesday, March 1, 2016	7:00pm @ SAU
Super Saturday	Saturday, March 5, 2016	8:30am @ MVSBS Culinary Arts Center
Policy Committee	Tuesday, March 8, 2016	5:15pm @ SAU

#### SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent, Phil McCormack, updated the Board that they have placed the Business Administrator advertisement in several newspapers and edjobs.com. Dr. McCormack discussed with the Board the composition of the search committee for the position and thinks a School Board member should be on the committee. He also asked them to think about March 11<sup>th</sup> as the tentative closing date for applications. Dr. McCormack also informed the School Board that LMS has submitted a field trip request to go to Quebec City, Canada, May 19-21<sup>st</sup>. This is an annual trip LMS 8<sup>th</sup> graders take every year. Dr. McCormack informed the Board about a sprinkler pipe that cracked at LHS yesterday in a storage closet. He complimented the custodial crew on their timely and thorough clean up.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

The following policies were presented for a first reading: JEC: Manifest Educational Hardship. There was no discussion.

The following policies were presented for a second reading: HBG: Home Schooling, ECAG: Video and Audio Recording in Classrooms, IJOA: Field Trips, IJOA-P: Field Trip Procedure, BCB: Board Member Conflict of Interest. There was discussion on IJOA: Field Trips and the requirement of having CPR certified staff attend all field trips for which emergency medical services were not readily accessible. They decided IJOA: Field Trips will go back to the policy committee for further review.

**GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT**

Before Public Comment began School Board Chair reviewed the policy governing Public Comment at School Board meetings. Mike Tarbassian, Ward 5 of Webster Street, spoke to the School Board regarding the Manifest Educational Hardship process. Dr. McCormack suggested he review the respective law (RSA 193:3) governing this matter that he had sent to him. He was seeking School Board approval at this meeting. He was informed he needs to follow proper procedure.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Motion made by Mike Persson, seconded by Mal Murray to adopt policies IHBG: Home Schooling, ECAG: Video and Audio Recording in Classrooms, BCB: Board Member Conflict of Interest. The vote was unanimous.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Chris Guilmett, 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 7:53 PM.

Motion made to come out of Non Public Session by Scott Vachon, seconded by Chris Guilmett. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 8:55 PM.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Chris Guilmett, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Beitler  
Clerk