

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2017, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Stacie Sirois, Mal Murray, Chris Guilmet, Aaron Hayward, Mike Persson, Heather Lounsbury, Superintendent Brendan Minnihan, Assistant Superintendent Amy Hinds and Business Administrator Christine Blouin. Absent: Barbara Luther.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Stacie Sirois called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The agenda was posted on February 16, 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

Chris Guilmett amended the agenda to remove 1st Policy Reading: GBGA: Staff Health; KCD: Gifts/Donations under action items, Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Mal Murray, to approve the agenda, as amended. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded Mal Murray, to approve the minutes of January 17, 2017. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS

PACE: Elementary Academic Coordinator of Teaching and Learning, Gail Bourn, and Middle and High School Academic Coordinator of Teaching and Learning, Angel Burke, presented an overview of Performance Assessment for Company Education (PACE). They informed the Board that the District's application to be a PACE school has been accepted and we will learn what tier we will be coming into soon. Several School Board members had questions on how much more work this is putting on teaches, budget implications on becoming a PACE district, how assessing our students is different, and how the assessment results are compiled and what that looks like. There were also questions on how aligned our schools are and if we have a timeline on implementing PACE.

Project Extra: Project Extra Program Director, Christine Gingerella and Project Extra Assistant Director, Beth Vachon, presented to the board on the Past, Present and Future of Project Extra. They discussed how the program has rebranded and are now the Office of Extended Learning which encompasses, Project Extra, PIQUES and ELOs. They informed the Board they are applying for another five years of funding. The grant is due in March and they will know in May if they have received the grant. There were discussions on the implications if we do not receive the grant.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: This committee met on February 16th. Most of the meeting was held in non-public and they will inform the remainder of the Board on that discussion in non-public session tonight.

Facilities/CIP: This committee has not met. Mr. Murray met with Christine Blouin to discuss summer projects and they will have a meeting soon to discuss.

Policy: This committee has not met. They will schedule a meeting soon. They have two polices being brought forward for a first reading tonight.

Strategic Planning: This committee has not met. They have the completed strategic plan coming forward for approval tonight.

Legislative Update: Dr. Minnihan informed the Board there are two bills of interest in the legislature. HB 210 which looks to create a code of ethics for certified school personnel and SB 193 which looks to create an education freedom savings account for students ages 5-20.

Board Member Input: Chris Guilmett informed the Board that Pleasant Street School received the volunteer award from Granite United Way for their 100% participation of the Day of Caring and that Pleasant Street School is a semifinalist for the Edies of Elementary School of the Year. Aaron Hayward said he went the PSS Edie practice presentation on Monday evening and said they did a wonderful job. He also informed the Board that the PSS ski program wrapped up tonight and was a great program.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

CALENDAR

School Board Meeting
Super Saturday

Tuesday, March 7, 2017
Saturday, March 18, 2017

7:00PM @ SAU
8:00am @ MVSBS Culinary Arts Center

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Dr. Minnihan updated the Board that this week at the High School is Winter Carnival week and there will be a semi-formal dance on Wednesday sponsored by Stand Up! Sachems. He also updated the Board that ESS had 100% participation at the dog sled races and WHS also had students participate in Gunstock's ski program this year for the first time which went well. He also informed the Board there have been five snow days and six delayed openings. We are looking to see how this will impact the last day of school.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Strategic Plan: Dr. Minnihan informed the Board that we are looking for Board approval on the strategic plan document, this will allow the district to move forward and work towards the bigger picture.

Acknowledgement of COPsync grant: Dr. Minnihan informed the Board that this is a grant that brings in a notification system that goes directly to the Local Police Force. The police highly support this.

1st Policy Reading: GBGA: Staff Health; KCD: Gifts/Donations: Chris Guilmett informed the Board that these two polices are being brought forward for a 1st reading. If you have any questions to let him know.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no general/public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

Strategic Plan: Motion made by Mal Murray, to approve the Strategic Plan as presented, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.

Acknowledgement of COPsync grant: Motion made by Aaron Hayward that the SAU#30/Laconia School Board, in a majority vote, accepted the terms of the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) as presented in the amount of \$12,600.00 for the purchase of School emergency Notification Software. Furthermore, the Board acknowledges that the total cost of this project will be \$25,200.00, in which the SAU will be responsible for a 50% match (\$12,600.00). Further, the Board authorizes the Superintendent to sign all documents related to the grant, seconded by Mal Murray. The vote was unanimous.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Heather Lounsbury, to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3II letter a. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board went into Non-Public Session at 8:45pm.

Motion made to come out of Non-Public Session by Mike Persson, seconded by Stacie Sirois, Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board came out of Non-Public Session at 10:15pm.

PUBLIC SESSION

Motion made by Mike Persson, seconded by Chris Guilmett, 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 Mike Persson, seconded by Chris Guilmett, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 10:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hinds
Clerk