

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Stacie Sirois, Mal Murray, Chris Guilmett, Aaron Hayward, Mike Persson, Heather Lounsbury, Barbara Luther, Superintendent Brendan Minnihan, Assistant Superintendent Amy Hinds and Business Administrator Christine Blouin.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Stacie Sirois called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The agenda was posted on January 13, 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 Chris Guilmett, seconded by Heather Lounsbury, to approve the agenda. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded Heather Lounsbury, to approve the minutes of January 3, 2017. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS:

Elementary Presentation – Technology in the Classroom: Woodland Heights Principal, Eric Johnson, and 2nd grade Woodland Heights Teacher, Ashley Marden, informed the Board how technology is used at WHS. Mrs. Marden updated the Board on computer programs she uses with her students and how these programs are preparing her students for standardized tests and allowing them to be independent and engaged learners. Pleasant Street School Principal, Dave Levesque, and Pleasant Street School Librarian, Liz Rosenfeld, informed the Board about their Technology Plan and the ways they implement ISTE standards in their school. Elm Street School Principal, Tara Beauchemin and 3rd Grade Teacher, Andy Mercer, demonstrated to the Board how he uses the Apple TV in his classroom. There were questions from Board members regarding funding for certain programs, student's digital portfolios and out of the three tools discussed what is the best technology tool.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: This committee met on January 5th. They discussed the 2017-2018 Budget process and how it is different from other years. They will look to schedule another meeting in a couple of weeks.

Facilities/CIP: This committee has not met. The siding and roof projects at Woodland Heights are going well. The tables at PSS are in and the tables at ESS have been ordered.

Policy: This committee met before the School Board meeting tonight. They reviewed Policy GBGA and Policy KCD to have them be more in line with the RSA's. They also looked at Policy JLCC and will look at the CDC's recommendations. They also reviewed the Huot Program of Studies.

Strategic Planning: This committee met on January 4th. They will be bringing the Strategic Plan forward at the next School Board meeting for Board approval.

Legislative Update: Dr. Minnihan informed the Board of the initial discussion from state legislators about paying full adequacy amount for full day kindergarten. The governor should put a name forward for a new commissioner of education soon.

Board Member Input: Mike Persson informed the Board that Poetry Out Loud went very well, it was well done and well attended.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Stacie Sirois informed the Board that SchoolCare is looking for School Board Members to fill a spot on their Board of Directors. She has information if anyone is interested in applying.

CALENDAR

School Board Meeting	Tuesday, February 7, 2017	7:00PM @ SAU
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SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Dr. Minnihan updated the Board on the finals schedule occurring this week at Laconia High School and that Friday, January 20th is a Professional Development Day for teachers. He also updated the Board that Laconia has been accepted as a PACE district. Project Extra Director, Christine Gingerella and Elementary School Band Teacher, Sam Fortier, applied for and have been awarded a grant from Meredith Village Savings Bank to purchase band instruments for students to use who cannot afford to purchase or rent equipment. Dr. Minnihan informed the Board that Poetry Out Loud was a phenomenal event and thanked Tate Aldrich and Angel Burke for all they did to make this event a success. Ramsay Eliason was also acknowledged for his help in the event as well as Stand Up Laconia for being a sponsor.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Approval 2017-2018 Calendar: Dr. Minnihan informed the Board on the outcome of different surveys that were sent to parents, staff and local businesses. There was discussion between Board members about the different calendar proposals.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Dick Coggon asked if there was any discussion at the last meeting about not having the day off before Thanksgiving. He was informed there was not. He asked if there would be any action taken after the non-public session. He was informed there would be no non-public session. He asked if there would be a non-meeting, he was informed there would be a non-meeting. Mr. Coggon asked if there would be any action taken after then non-meeting, he was informed there would be no action taken after the non-meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval 2017-2018 Calendar: Motion made by Mike Persson, to adopt Draft B calendar, seconded by Mal Murray. The vote was 6-1.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

There was no non-public session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Mal Murray, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hinds
Clerk