

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2014, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Chris Guilmett, Joe Cormier, Mal Murray, Beth Arsenaault, Scott Vachon, Mike Persson, Stacie Sirois, Assistant Superintendent Kirk Beitler, and Superintendent Terri Forsten. Absent: Business Administrator Ed Emond.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Chris Guilmett called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. The agenda was posted on January 3, 2014, at the SAU office and on the district's website, along with being sent to each of our schools, "The Citizen", "Daily Sun", Laconia Library, and City Hall, in accordance with RSA 91-A.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Joe Cormier to approve the agenda, seconded by Scott Vachon as presented. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mike Persson, seconded by Scott Vachon, to approve the minutes of December 17, 2013 as presented. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATION

UbD Collaboration and Development with PSU – Gail Bourn, Elementary Coordinator of Teaching and Learning began the presentation to the board on Understanding by Design with a brief explanation of this model. Classroom teachers from Elm Street School Barb Fisher and Andrea Morin shared their experiences with the teacher candidates from Plymouth State University who have been working with them on this project. Rebecca Wait, PSU teacher candidate, shared her thoughts as well. Examples of work using UbD and blending the NH State frameworks and the Common Core State Standards were shared. In the summer of 2014 there will be another institute for K-12 teachers as well as expanded collaboration with PSU candidates and our teachers.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Under Community Based Education, Terri Forsten showed a short trailer from the movie *Inocente* which will be shown to the community at the Laconia Middle School on February 17th.

Under Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Terri Forsten updated the Board on the midyear assessments that are underway. She asked the Board how they would like to have the results reported out and they would like to see the cohorts and would also like the presentation in advance to review it and have their questions ready for the meeting.

Under Oversight Committee, Terri Forsten discussed that this committee should look to meet and review the strategic plan. A date will be set in the future.

Public/Administrative Input:

Gail Ober, Daily Sun, asked if it is necessary to have a strategic plan to receive certain federal funding. Terri said that she was not aware of this.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Personnel Committee: This committee has not met.

Facilities Committee: This committee has not.

Policy Committee: This committee met tonight and will be bringing forward several policies for a second reading and approval and also one policy for a first reading.

Board Member Input: None.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR

Board Chair Chris Guilmett asked interested Board members to sign up with Janet for the Strategic Planning Workshop that New Hampshire School Board Association was offering in February.

CALENDAR

Laconia School Board

Tuesday, January 21, 2014

7:00 p.m. @ SAU Board Room

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Teacher Tenure: Terri Forsten explained that in July 2011, through changes in Senate Bill 196, the teacher tenure law was revised so that teachers in New Hampshire would gain tenure status after five consecutive years of teaching in a single school district. Teachers who gain tenure in one school district and then transfer to a new school district would be eligible for tenure status after three consecutive years of teaching in the new school district. Teachers who would have gained tenure status as of July 1, 2011 were offered tenure status at that time. All others who were hired between 2009 through the present day need to comply with the revised Senate Bill.

HTC – Host Informational Breakfast: Terri Forsten said that Huot Director Dave Warrender will be hosting an informational breakfast for local state Legislators and Representatives. He hopes to make this an annual event.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The following policies were presented for discussion for a 2nd Reading: Policy EBBD: Indoor Air Quality; Policy EBC: Emergencies and Disasters; Policy EBCA: Emergency Plans; Policy EBCB: Fire Drills; Policy EBCE: Delayed Openings/Closings/Cancellation of Schools; Policy JJE: Fundraising Activities.
The following policy was presented for discussion for a 1st Reading: Policy EBCC: Bomb Threats.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ACTION ITEMS

Scott Vachon made a motion to approve the following policies: Policy EBBD: Indoor Air Quality; Policy EBC: Emergencies and Disasters; Policy EBCA: Emergency Plans; Policy EBCB: Fire Drills; Policy EBCE: Delayed Openings/Closings/Cancellation of Schools; Policy JJE: Fundraising Activities, as presented, seconded by Joe Cormier and approved unanimously.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION – RSA 91-A: 3II

None

PUBLIC SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Beth Arsenault, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Beitler
Clerk