

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2015, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Mal Murray, Stacie Sirois, Mike Persson, Scott Vachon, Chris Guilmett, Joe Cormier, Business Administrator Ed Emond, Assistant Superintendent Kirk Beitler and Superintendent Phil McCormack. Absent: Barbara Luther.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Joe Cormier called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The agenda was posted on July 10, 2015, 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 Stacie Sirois, to approve the agenda. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mike Persson to amend the minutes to reflect the motion and vote to indefinitely seal the minutes of the 2nd non-public meeting, seconded by Scott Vachon, to approve the minutes of June 16, 2015 as amended. The vote was unanimous.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Facilities: Business Administrator Ed Emond updated the Board on the building renovation at Laconia High School and the SAU heating system.

Professional Development: Assistant Superintendent Kirk Beitler presented to the board on both Student Summer Learning, through Project EXTRA programs and Huot Technical Center and on Summer Institutes teachers are attending.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: This group met on July 7, 2015 to discuss the reduction in the budget before the City Council meeting which occurred on Monday, July 13.

Facilities/CIP: This group has not met.

Policy: This group has met tonight to discuss two more handbooks.

Strategic Planning: This committee met Monday, July 13 to update new Superintendent Phil McCormack on the process and discuss goals. They will look to schedule another meeting soon. They will try and schedule a meeting the 2nd week in August. **Legislative Update:** None

Board Member Input: none

BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR

Board Chair Joe Cormier informed the board about the City Council meeting that occurred on Monday, July 13.

CALENDAR

LHS Joint Building Committee	Monday, July 20, 2015	4:00pm @ LHS
School Board Meeting	Tuesday, August 11, 2015	7:00 pm @ SAU
Induction	Monday, August 24, 2015	LMS

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Phil McCormack discussed staff updates and the three vacancies we currently have open, with anticipation of additional resignations. He also addressed the board on the Summer Administrative Retreat and how impressed he was with the skills and mindset of the administrative team in Laconia. Kirk Beitler also added they did focused work and created action plans on UbD, PBIS and Instructional Rounds.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Nomination/Election of Staff: Stacie Sirois asked we have presented a list like this before. Usually, it has the name of who the teacher is replacing as well. There was also a question on First Responders position, this is the new full time position at the Huot Technical Center.

LHS Athletic Handbook: Stacie informed the board of changes that was made to the handbook from the last time the handbook was presented. Scott Vachon inquired as to why tobacco was not involved with alcohol and drugs provisions. There was discussion around that topic. Mike Persson questioned the Fundraising part of the handbook and suggested we add in accordance with district policy and procedure to Fundraiser section of the Handbook.

Elementary Handbook: There was no discussion

Copiers: Ed Emond informed the board that Specialized Purchasing Consulting pools school districts in New Hampshire and goes out to bid every five years to keep our printers and copiers fresh and operable and keeps costs down. He asked the board to give the Superintendent of Schools authorization to execute and contract. Scott asked if this was already included in our budget and Ed informed him it is.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Dick Coggon asked if the Board would be having a non-public session. Joe Cormier said the Board would not be having a non-public session. Dick Coggon asked if the Board would be having a non-meeting. Joe Cormier said the Board would not be having a non-meeting. Dick Coggon informed the board that in the June/July NH Magazine LHS teacher Ron Kaiser had an article included. Mr. Coggon also wanted to share the Construction Camp at the Huot Technical Center was very good and he hoped it would continue. Mr. Coggon also wanted to address the ward 4 representative through the Board Chair that he noticed on July 3rd many places were closed including the two newspapers, New York Stock Exchange and City Hall.

ACTION ITEMS

Nomination/Election of Staff: A motion was made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Chris Guilmett to approve the nomination/election of new staff. The vote was unanimous.

LHS Athletic Handbook: A motion was made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Stacie Sirois to approve the LHS Athletic Handbook, with the amendment of In accordance with district policy and procedure. The vote 5-1 as amended, with Scott Vachon voting nay.

Elementary Handbook: A motion was made by Mike Persson, Seconded by Scott Vachon to approve the Elementary Handbook. The vote was unanimous.

Copiers: A motion was made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Chris Guilmett to authorize the superintendent to execute and deliver a tax-exempt lease purchase agreement with M.S.T. Government Leasing, LLC, amending insure to ensure. To vote was unanimous, as amended.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

None

PUBLIC SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Chris Guilmett, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Beitler
Clerk