

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2015, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Mal Murray, Stacie Sirois, Mike Persson, Scott Vachon, Chris Guilmett, Joe Cormier, Barbara Luther, Assistant Superintendent Kirk Beitler and Superintendent Terri Forsten. Absent: Business Administrator Ed Emond.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Joe Cormier called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The agenda was posted on June 11, 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**

Board Chair Joe Cormier asked to amend the agenda to move the Non-Public Session to after the Presentation/Recognition. Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Mal Murray, to approve the agenda as amended. The vote was unanimous.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Chris Guilmett, to approve the minutes of June 2, 2015 as presented. The vote was unanimous with Mike Persson abstaining.

#### **PRESENTATION/RECOGNITION**

##### **LHS Girls Lacrosse State Champion**

Laconia Varsity Girls Lacrosse coach Kerri Howe explained to the board the goals and accomplishments that the team worked towards before they reached the final game to win the state championship. LHS players McKenzie Howe and Abigail Crowell shared their experiences on the field. Laconia School Board Chair Joe Cormier praised them for their accomplishments on and off the field.

##### **Instructional Rounds**

PSS Principal Dave Levesque and Elementary ACTL Gail Bourn presented to the School Board on Instructional Rounds. They discussed the timeline and the process of how PSS became involved with Instructional Rounds and how the whole school had input around the definitions and schedule they created. Gail presented the data showing the effectiveness of Instructional Rounds at PSS. They discussed next steps for Instructional Rounds at PSS, ESS and the Laconia School District. Scott Vachon said that he would like this to begin immediately in all of schools. Assistant Superintendent Kirk Beitler said there are financial and time constraints but he will look into this. PSS is excited to participate in Instructional Rounds again next year.

##### **PSS Edie Award**

PSS won the Healthiest School in the State Edie Award. Dave Levesque explained how this award came to be and the activities PSS has implemented. A video was shown featuring several of the activities that lead to them winning the award.

#### **NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

Motion made by Mike Pearson, seconded by Scott Vachon, to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3II letter b. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board went into Non-Public Session at 8:03.

Motion made to come out of Non Public Session by Stacie Sirois, seconded by Chris Guilmett. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 8:12PM.

Scott Vachon made a motion to approve the contract between Dr. Philip McCormack and the Laconia school Board, seconded by Mal Murray and approved unanimously.

#### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget & Personnel:** This group has not met. They will meet to prepare for the council meeting on Monday, June 22.

**Facilities/CIP:** This group has not met. Mal Murray explained that JBC met on Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss summer work with funds from QZAB and local funds.

**Policy:** This group has not met but will be bringing the elementary handbook forward tonight for discussion and action.

**Strategic Planning:** This committee has not met. They will try and schedule a meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in July.

**Legislative Update:** None

**Board Member Input:** Chris Guilmett mentioned how he appreciated the format at the LMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade Promotion Ceremony on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. He commented that giving the awards on a separate night created a nice atmosphere. It was also mentioned that LHS Graduation went well and the Keynote speaker (Terri Forsten) did a great job.

#### **BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR**

City Council	Monday, June 22, 2015	7:00 pm @ City Hall
School Board Meeting	Tuesday, July 14, 2015	7:00 pm @ SAU
School Board Meeting	Tuesday, August 11, 2015	7:00 pm @ SAU

**SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

Terri Forsten presented to the board a review of the 2014-2015 school year. She discussed the work on strategic plan, her monthly musings, the opening of the schools, leadership evaluations and new teacher evaluations.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

The Board discussed the Elementary Handbook. Scott Vachon had several revisions that he requested. Stacie will bring the recommendations back to the Policy Committee for review.

**GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT**

Gail Ober congratulated Dr. McCormick on his recent position. She asked about the salary he would be paid and also the hours he would be working.

Dick Coggon mentioned he enjoyed the recognition of the retiring teachers from the last board meeting. He mentioned he hopes the interim superintendent will continue this tradition. He recognized both Superintendent Terri Forsten for her hard work as well as Janet Brough for her contributions to the Laconia School District. He asked if there would be a non-meeting. Joe Cormier said that there would not be. He asked if there would be any decision as a result of the non-public meeting. Joe Cormier said that there would not be.

Joe Cormier mentioned they have received a letter from the LEA to start negotiations.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Stacie Sirois to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3II letters b. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board went into Non-Public Session at 8:48.

Motion made by Mike Persson, seconded by Chris Guilmet, to seal Non-Public Session 2 minutes indefinitely. The vote was unanimous

Motion made to come out of Non Public Session by Chris Guilmet, seconded by Mal Murray. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board came out of Non Public Session at PM 9:00.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Mal Murray, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Beitler  
Clerk