

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Mal Murray, Heather Lounsbury, Barbara Luther, Dawn Johnson, Michael Persson, Aaron Hayward, Stacie Sirois, Superintendent Dr. Brendan Minnihan, Assistant Superintendent Amy Hinds, and Business Administrator Christine Blouin.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Mal Murray called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The agenda was posted on June 15, 2018 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 Stacie Sirois to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Barbara Luther, seconded by Heather Lounsbury, to approve the minutes of June 5, 2018 as presented. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS

Gear Up NH

Dr. Alison Bryant, Principal of the Laconia Middle School, presented on Gear Up NH (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs). Dr. Bryant explained the goal of Gear Up NH is to offer students post graduate opportunities. Laconia Middle School is one in seven schools selected in the state to participate and receive funding for the Classes of 2022 and 2023. Gear Up NH provides a \$7000 scholarship to each student in the cohort to attend any 2 or 4 year public or private NH college or university. This year at Laconia Middle School funding from Gear Up NH supported the following events at LMS: Academic Recognition Evening, College & Career Day, 8th Grade Luncheon, T-Shirt Design Contest, Door Decorating Contest, 7th Grade Trip to LRCC, 8th Grade Trip to PSU, and the Careers in Hospitality Field Trip. Dr. Bryant noted that the opportunities students have gained through Gear Up NH align with our District's Strategic Plan. Dr. Bryant also shared that the runner up for the tee shirt design contest was selected to have their art on the official Gear Up NH poster. Aaron Hayward asked about the student's experiences while touring LRCC and PSU. Dr. Bryant explained that at LRCC students toured the entire campus and were excited about their Automotive Program. At PSU, students toured the dining hall and residential areas. Stacie Sirois asked if a student enrolls during the school year would she/he be added to the cohort. Dr. Bryant said yes, and if a student exits and attends another district the scholarship through Gear Up NH will follow them.

Assessment Committee

Elm Street School Principal, Tara Beachemin, Elementary ACTL Gail Bourn, and Middle/High ACTL, Angel Burke, represented the Assessment Committee. Gail talked about the District's goals and mission statement and the review of the committee for the 2017/2018 school year which included members of the team: Jen Sottak, Marcy Kelley, Christine Gingerella, Lisa Holiday, Angel Burke, Gail Bourn, Tara Beauchemin, Mike Fredricksen, Eric Johnson, Alison Bryant, McKenzie Harrington-Bacote. Tara talked about the how the team reviewed additional assessment measures using PLCs (Professional Learning Community) to discuss options with teachers. Gail spoke about the State Assessment Pilot for grade 3-5 and explained the new NHSAS (NH Statewide Assessment System) Platform and how the data was reported to the Assessment Committee. Gail reported on the teacher feedback from the pilot assessment, the big picture goals as well as the time and cost analysis. Gail gave each School Board Member a handout of the proposed assessment schedule. Aaron Hayward asked if the data was being tracked, analyzed, and stored. Gail said yes, in Performance Plus, for example, she can pull up data on grade 3 students across the District, or on a particular child, or on an entire classroom and their entire cohort. Aaron went on to ask about other content areas besides ELA and Math. Gail said the assessments include Science as well. Angel said that PACE is piloting the Arts next year and has added Social Studies. Angel stated that at LHS, grade 10 students will use the PSAT instead of NWEA and that students will have access to Khan Academy during SSB.

CONSENT AGENDA

Personnel nominations for the 18/19 school year; Kevin Bisson- LMS, Mary Doherty-PSS, and Alana Bickford -WHS. Dr. Minnihan explained that he had sent the Board notification on the nominations and that he will have two more candidates today. Michael Persson added that it is nice to see a seasoned teacher on the list with ties to Laconia.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: Michael Persson reported that Budget and Personnel met twice since the last Board meeting, once for mediation and also on Monday, June 18th. Christine Blouin added that there is \$275,000 of expenditures set aside for the Special Education Trust Fund, \$175,000 for the Building Maintenance Trust Fund and the remaining funds will be put in the Education Stabilization Fund, adding roughly to \$300,000. Christine also stated that she receive the Budget and Personnel's go ahead to use \$100,000 for facilities maintenance projects district wide. Christine also added that Frist Student gave a substantial credit to the School District because of the 175 day school year this year.

Facilities/CIP: This committee has not met

Policy: This committee is meeting on June 20th to go review handbooks

Strategic Planning: This committee is holding

Legislative Update: Dr. Minnihan reported that he was asked to serve on a committee for childhood hunger

Board Member Input: Michael Persson said he noticed the new School Board Podium and that it was nice

BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR

Mal Murray reported that the Laconia High School graduation went well and the awards night also went well too. He also mentioned that the Board will meet once in July and once in August.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Minnihhan reported that teachers and support staff participated in the ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) training presentation today and will participate in hands-on drill on Wednesday, June 20th and then attend the Cassie Yackley Reflective Practices presentation on Thursday, June 21st which will include 30 educators from Franklin. On Friday, June 22nd teachers and staff will have classroom time and then call it a year.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Summer Board Meeting Dates: Dr. Minnihhan asked if the Board would like to meet in July for a School Board Retreat. He said that a Doodle Poll will be sent via email to set a date.

General Assurances: Dr. Minnihhan explained that the State of NH is now requiring a signature from the School Board Chairperson in addition to the Superintendent's signature.

EAL CBA Ratification: The EAL CBA was handed out for Board Members to review.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no general/public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

Set Summer Board Meeting Dates: Regina will send out the Doodle Poll for the School Board Retreat and during the Retreat the August School Board meeting date will be determined

Approval for the Board Chairperson to Sign General Assurances: Motion made by Michael Persson to approve the School Board Chairperson to sign the General Assurances, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

EAL CBA Ratification: Motion made by Barbara Luther to approve the ratification of the EAL CBA, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Heather Lounsbury, seconded by Stacie Sirois, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hinds
Clerk