

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 5, 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 1, 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 Michael Persson to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Dawn Johnson, seconded by Barbara Luther, to approve the minutes of May 15, 2018 as presented. The vote was unanimous.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Retiring Educators**

The Laconia School Board honored three educators who will retire at the end of the 17/18 school year; Don Nugent, Para educator at Laconia High School for 18 Years, Loretta Caron, Title I Teacher at Elm Street School for 36 years, and Dottie Keller, ESOL Teacher district-wide for 18 years.

**Pleasant Street School Robotics Club**

Christine Gingerella, Office of Extended Learning Director introduced the Pleasant Street School Robotics Team and said that the Robotics Clubs in the Laconia School District are possible through a grant from the NH Department of Education.

Pleasant Street School's Media Technology Assistant, Liz Rosenfeld, and Zoe Zimmer, Carmen Cooper, Ava Noyes, Heidi Kristoffersen and Holden Mousseau presented a "Show Me" poster that included information about hydrologist and the hydrologic cycle which was highlighted on the poster through 4 challenges. After the hydrological cycle presentation and demonstration, Liz Rosenfeld talked about the Robotics Club at PSS and how they were able to visit NHTI in Concord to learn about coding and how it's applied in manufacturing. Each participant received a certificate from Mal Murray for competing at the Robotics Expo.

**Laconia Middle School Robotics Club**

Laconia Middle School Librarian, Tina Fleming, informed the Board that at the middle school level they are part of the First LEGO League. Team members include Marko Mliner, Gage Gray, Brenden Baron, and Bob Aldridge. Marko, Gage and Brendan were present and explained their hydrodynamics core values poster and talked about how they collaborated as a team. The team also presented a robot they fabricated. Tina Fleming talked about how the team recently participated in a Rookie Rumble and how the team was able to meet with the Laconia Sewer Department to learn how their operation works.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Personnel nominations for the 18/19 school year; Abigail Bennet, Nicholas Resca, and Susan Foss. Motion made by Michael Persson to approve the personnel nominations, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget & Personnel:** Michael Persson reported that mediation will take place on June 7<sup>th</sup> and he will coordinate to meet as a committee next week

**Facilities/CIP:** Facilities has not met

**Policy:** Stacie reported that the Policy Committee met May 15<sup>th</sup> prior to the School Board Meeting

**Strategic Planning:** Holding

**Legislative Update:** Holding

**Board Member Input:** Barbara Luther shared that grade 4 and 5 students marched in the Memorial Day Parade in Laconia and that the 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be performing the National Anthem at a Fisher Cats game. Barbara also said Mr. Forier is doing a great job with students.

**BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR**

Mal Murray shared that LHS Girls Lacrosse are competing in the championship tonight in Manchester and LHS Boy Lacrosse will compete in the semifinals on Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> on the home field.

**CALENDAR**

Laconia High School Senior Academic Awards

Thursday June 7, 2018

6:00pm at Laconia High School

Laconia High School Graduation

Friday, June 8, 2018

6:30 pm at Laconia High School

Laconia Middle School Grade 8 Promotion

Wednesday, June 14, 2018

6:00 pm at Laconia Middle School

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Minnihan talked about the summer Board meeting schedule and suggested one meeting per month starting in July. Board members will think about dates for July and August and discuss at the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Dr. Minnihan shared that a teacher who lives out of district inquired about her child attending Laconia Preschool and paying a tuition fee. After much discussion, it was decided to discuss the matter further at the June 19<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting. Dr. Minnihan reported that the HTC will have a Tiny House reveal on Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> and that the Laconia High School Drama Banquet is scheduled Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Policy Reading**

JICK Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention Bullying

**Rescind Policy JJB-Social Events Regulation**

The Board discussed Policy JJB-Social Events Regulation and acknowledged that most of the information in the policy is now in school handbooks.

**Superintendent's Summer Hire Request**

Dr. Minnihan requested authority to hire summer staff stating that he will send the Board a list of hires with a summary for the Board to have time to offer input on the candidates and not have to wait to hire. Dr. Minnihan will bring a list of approvals to the following Board meeting.

**2018-2019 Elementary School Handbook**

The elementary handbook has been updated and the Board discussed the recent revisions.

**GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no general/public comment.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Policy Reading-JICK Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention Bullying:** Motion made by Michael Persson to approve Policy JICK Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention Bullying as presented, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.

**Rescind Policy JJB-Social Events Regulation:** Motion made by Heather Lounsbury to rescind Policy JJB-Social Events Regulation, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

**Approval of the Superintendent's Ability to Approve Summer Hires:** Motion made by Michael Persson to approve the Superintendent's ability to approve summer hires, seconded by Barbara Luther. The vote was unanimous.

**Approval of the 2018-2019 Elementary Handbook:** Motion made by Dawn Johnson to approve the 2018-2019 Elementary Handbook, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Stacie Sirois, seconded by Heather Lounsbury, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hinds  
Clerk