

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 16th 2018 at 39 Harvard Street, SAU 30, Board Room. Present: Mal Murray, Heather Lounsbury, Stacie Sirois, Michael Persson, Aaron Hayward, Dawn Johnson, Superintendent Dr. Brendan Minnihan, Assistant Superintendent Amy Hinds, and Business Administrator Christine Blouin.

Absent: Barbara Luther

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Mal Murray called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The agenda was posted on Thursday, October 11th 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 amended by Mal Murray to move item # 6 before item #4, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Michael Persson to approve the October 2nd School Board minutes as presented, seconded by Dawn Johnson. Aaron Hayward Abstained. The vote was unanimous.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Malcolm Murray reported that there has been phone calls regarding pages 12-18 of the NEASC report and continued to report that the fall athletic season is coming to an end. Malcolm acknowledged Michael Persson's retirement from the Laconia School Board and presented Michael with an award and thanked him for his 6 years of service.

PRESENTATION

Office of Extended Learning (Christine Gingerella and Beth Vachon): Beth and Christine presented a Power Point of the Extended Learning Opportunities' programs. They shared informative data on summer programming, current funding streams, after school band enrollment, recent partnership with the Belknap Mill, Genius Hours, Project Based Learning, the REAL Youth Leadership Team and Reaching Higher NH. Beth shared that PIQUES afterschool tutoring will begin late November to early December and Christine talked about the Maker Fair at the Belknap Mill that is scheduled for April 11th. Christine ended the presentation by highlighting the Work Based Learning Award that Ken Martin recently received.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: This committee has not met.

Facilities/CIP: The Facilities Committee along with a representative from Siemens are scheduled to meet on October 23rd at 5pm to review the performance contract audit.

Policy: This committee had not met.

Strategic Planning: Aaron Hayward distributed the Strategic Plan Action Steps in the Board packet and acknowledged the goals that were previously set have been improved on and with explanation of what each building level is doing with them.

Legislative Update: Dr. Minnihan said on Wednesday, October 17th there will be a Legislative meeting on all bills that are in interim study.

Board Member Input: Michael Persson thanked Board Members, Dr. Minnihan, Amy Hinds, Christine Blouin, and Regina Theberge for the nice reception in honor of his retirement and shared an anecdote on how he came to be a Board member six years ago. Michael said he is happy Bob Champlin will run for Ward –At –Large and looks forward to seeing how the District can effectuate change in the community as the School District is a reflection of the City. Michael closed by stating that it was an honor to serve on the Laconia School Board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Minnihan shared that he went downtown to see the School District's display at the Pumpkin Festival and how School District children were excited to find their pumpkins. Dr. Minnihan reported the District will host two ALICE forums; Elementary on October 18th and Middle/High on October 22nd from 6-7pm. The forums will include staff from the Laconia Police Department and Laconia Fire Department to answer questions in addition to District Administrators. Dr. Minnihan mentioned that the Lakes Region Spelling Bee is scheduled for October 25th and that he along with Regina Theberge and Beth Vachon will form team called the Team Killer Bees and One City, One Book Meet the Author Night is scheduled for October 22nd at Laconia High School starting at 7pm.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Co-Hosting Funding Forum:** Michael J. Torsi, Superintendent of Shaker Regional School District reached out the Dr. Minnihan to co-host a funding forum. The forum would be an informative session to include Laconia School District, Shaker Regional School District and Gilford School District. The forum would be scheduled after the November election and would run approximately one hour, thirty minutes and average around one hundred people in attendance at no cost to our District.
- **2nd Policy Reading: DNA- Disposition of School Property:** Dr. Minnihan referred the policy in the Board packet and informed the Board that the change to this policy is changing from School Board to Superintendent.
- **Strategic Planning Action Items:** Dr. Minnihan referred to the Strategic Action Items in the October 2nd School Board Meeting packet and said he is working with District Administrators and will check for updates in January 2019 to see where things are.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no general/public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Co-Hosting Funding Forum:** Motion made by Michael Persson to approve co-hosting the funding forum as presented, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The vote was unanimous.
- **2nd Policy Reading: DNA- Disposition of School Property:** Motion made by Dawn Johnson to approve the change to Policy DNA- Disposition of School Property as presented, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Michael Persson, seconded by Heather Lounsbury to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hinds
Clerk