

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2015, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Mal Murray, Stacie Sirois, Barbara Luther, Mike Persson, Scott Vachon, Joe Cormier, Business Administrator Ed Emond, Assistant Superintendent Kirk Beitler and Superintendent Phil McCormack. Absent: Chris Guilmett

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Joe Cormier called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The agenda was posted on October 2, 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

Joe Cormier amended the agenda having Elementary Report Cards presentation before Project EXTRA 2015 Summer Program. Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Stacie Sirois, to approve the agenda as amended. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Mike Persson, to approve the minutes of September 1, 2015 and September 15, 2015. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATION

Elementary Report Cards: Academic Coordinator of Teaching and Learning, Gail Bourn and Elm Street School Principal, Tara Beauchemin informed the School Board of several changes that will be occurring to the Elementary School Report Cards. Over the 2014-2015 school year and throughout the summer, teachers and administrators from all three elementary schools met to update the report cards to reflect what Laconia students are learning and the standards we want to meet. To create the new report card they analyzed data from a parent survey, read in depth the standards and read several other resources. They also explained that our Student Information System, MMS, is what will be used for the template. This allows attendance, behavior and grades all to be imported onto the report card. This will be a more efficient way for teachers to do report cards. The new report cards will be presented to parents through parent nights, brochures and during Parent/Teacher conferences. Gail Bourn and Tara Beauchemin also explained the rating score and how this new report card will allow teachers to offer interventions earlier. Several Board Members asked to see samples of the new report card. Ms. Bourn and Ms. Beauchemin explained that it is not completed yet, but was able to show what it should look like. **Project EXTRA 2015 Summer Program:** Project EXTRA Director, Christine Gingerella and Project EXTRA Assistant Director, Beth Vachon, started their presentation by informing the Board of differences in the Summer Program from last year to this year. Sarah Downing, teacher at the Elementary Project EXTRA Summer Program, presented to the Board on several different activities and field trips that students were able to experience over the summer and how it all related back their theme of STEM. Middle School Project EXTRA Coordinator, Nick Resca then presented to the School Board on the Summer Enrichment activities at LMS. He discussed how at LMS they developed an Understanding by Design unit on a Healthy Life Style and the end of summer event was a Health and Wellness Fair the students developed. He also explained on every Friday they took field trips that tied in to Health Living and their UbD units. Ms. Vachon presented to the Board statistics on budget, attendance percentages and total number of attendees. Scott Vachon asked questions on the funding of this program. It was responded that 21st century grant is a 5 year grant and they are on year 4.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: This group has not met.

Facilities/CIP: This group has not met. Mal Murray explained that the heating system at the SAU is on task and will be completed by early next week. Scott Vachon asked about the pipes in the Board Room, Mr. Emond explained that they will look into a way to box around them.

Policy: This group has not met.

Strategic Planning: This group has not met. They will be on Thursday, October 8, 2015 and on October 14, 2015.

Legislative Update: None

Board Member Input: Mike Persson thanked Phil for the presentations that were sent to Board Members before the Board Meeting. Dr. McCormack mentioned that if they have questions to e-mail or call before the School Board meeting and we will make sure we have the answers.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR

Joe Cormier asked for a volunteer to serve on the Bieniarz Award Committee. Mike Persson volunteered.

Joe Cormier asked for a volunteer to serve on the CTE committee. Mal Murray volunteered.

Joe Cormier updated the School Board on the Superintendent Search. He informed the Board that they met with NESDEC last week and went over the schedule. He informed the Board that the approved advertisement has been distributed. They also discussed there will be four Focus Groups, School Board, Administrators, Staff and Community, to come together and explain the qualities and characteristics they would like to see in a superintendent. They all discussed the Screening committee that will be assembled.

CALENDAR

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| Strategic Planning | Thursday, October 8, 2015 | 5:00 @ SAU |
| School Board Training | Thursday, October 8, 2015 | 6:15 @ SAU |
| Strategic Planning Session | Wednesday, October 14, 2015 | 6:00 @ Huot Tech. Center |
| Laconia School Board Focus Group | Monday, October 19, 2015 | 6:00 @ SAU |
| Board Member Reception | Tuesday, October 20, 2015 | 5:00 @ Huot Tech. Center |
| School Board Meeting | Tuesday, October 20, 2015 | 7:00pm @ LHS Media Center |

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Employer Representation to SchoolCare: Mr. Emond explained there is Employee and Employer representation to SchoolCare. He is looking for Official Appointment for Employer Representation. In the past both Bob Champlin and Terri Forsten have been appointed. Deb Tivey will be the employee representative.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Dick Coggon asked if the Board if after non-public there will be any action items. Joe Cormier informed Mr. Coggon there would be no action taken after the Non-Public Session. Dick Coggon asked if there would be a non-meeting. Joe Cormier said they would not be having non-meeting. Mr. Coggon asked why the School Board Meetings have not been on LRPA. He was told that we had contacted LRPA, who informed the SAU that they have been airing the meetings during Laconia's allotted time.

Ed Pierce asked that after the November election if the new Board Member Chairs will be elected. He was informed that at the November 4th meeting he will be when they elect the new members.

ACTION ITEMS

Nomination/Election of Staff: A motion was made by Mal Murray, seconded by Scott Vachon, to approve the Mr. Emond being the Employer representation to SchoolCare. The vote was unanimous.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION– RSA 91-A: 3II(a)

Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Stacie Sirois, to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3II(a). Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board went into Non-Public Session at 8:35 PM.

Motion made to come out of Non Public Session by Mal Murray, seconded by Scott Vachon. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 8:51 PM.

PUBLIC SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Scott Vachon seconded by Mike Persson, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Beitler
Clerk