

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 7, 2014, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Chris Guilmet, Mal Murray, Joe Cormier, Mike Persson, Stacie Sirois, Business Administrator Ed Emond, Assistant Superintendent Kirk Beitler, and Superintendent Terri Forsten. Absent: Scott Vachon.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Chris Guilmet called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. The agenda was posted on October 2, 2014, at the SAU office and on the district's website, along with being sent to each of our schools, "The Citizen", "Daily Sun", Laconia Library, and City Hall, in accordance with RSA 91-A.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Board Chair Chris Guilmet asked that the agenda be amended to add under "Discussion and Action" Adequacy Education Aid after Item #12. Motion made by Joe Cormier to amend as stated, seconded by Mike Persson. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mike Persson to approve the minutes of September 16, 2014 as presented, seconded by Mal Murray. The vote was unanimous.

DISCUSSION

Mike Persson informed the group that the Budget and Personnel Committee had interviewed Barbara Luther for the Ward 2 board member vacancy at a public meeting held on September 24th and would recommend that the board approve this.

ACTION

Mike Persson made a motion to approve the appointment of Barbara Luther to the Ward 2 vacancy, seconded by Mal Murray and approved unanimously.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mary Reynolds, Laconia City Clerk, administered the oath of office to newly appointed Ward 2 member Barbara Luther.

PRESENTATION

SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration)/GRANTS

SAMHSA Grant Program Administrator McKenzie Harington-Bacote gave a brief presentation of two new grants that we have received. The Project Aware grant for \$99,995 will provide Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) training over the course of two years (October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2016) to increase awareness of mental health issues affecting school-aged youth and connect youth with behavioral health issues to needed services. It will also provide mental health literacy of school personnel and other adults who interact with school-aged youth and allow communities to respond to the behavioral health issues of school-aged youth. YMHFA is an 8-hour course designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human service workers, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent (12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge or is in crisis.

We also received the School Climate Transformation grant, a five-year grant totaling \$1,001,053, to support the district in building the capacity to provide, improve and expand our multi-tiered systems of School-wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (SWPBIS) in all five school buildings. Now, each school will be provided support from in-state experts on an ongoing basis (in-person), ongoing PD for staff, and a PBIS coach to work internally in the building to support the administration, faculty and staff, etc.

Fall 2014 MAP Testing in the Laconia School District

Assistant Superintendent Kirk Beitler shared with the board that we have moved to a new testing platform, MAP (measure of Academic Progress). It is computerized, adaptive, untimed, can be given up to four times a year with immediate results for teachers and students. It measures the student's achievement and test item difficulty with a RIT (Rasch Unit) score. It is also directly linked to our curriculum, instruction and assessment. Academic Coordinators of Teaching and Learning Gail Bourn, Alison Bryant and Steve Tucker presented some snapshots of scores for reading and math. They also shared next steps.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Under Facilities, Ed Emond updated the Board on the building renovations at Laconia High School. The turnaround in front of the school is completed and the lecture hall is done. A class will be moving in there this week. Ed also stated that we appear to be on target to finish this project with the contingency funds intact.

Public/Administrative Input:

None

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Personnel Committee: This committee met tonight before the board meeting. They will be bringing forward for approval the 2015 Adequacy Education Aid. They have also begun to schedule meetings for the 2015-16 Budget process.

Facilities Committee: This committee has not met.

Policy Committee: This committee will meet on October 21st at 6:00 pm.

Legislative Update: None

Strategic Planning Committee: There will be a Strategic Planning Work Session to be held on Saturday, October 18th at 8:00 am at MVSB Café. Invitations went out and several people have already responded.

Board Member Input: Barbara Luther was asked to say a few words to introduce herself. She has two grandchildren in our schools and will be retiring in December as Registry of Deeds. She looks forward to becoming an active member of the board.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR

Board Chair Chris Guilmett shared a letter from Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation which stated that \$2224 was received for the scholarship fund from the proceeds of the homecoming football game.

CALENDAR

Strategic Planning Work Session	Saturday, October 18, 2014	8:00 a.m. @ MVSB Café, Huot Center
Laconia School Board	Tuesday, October 21, 2014	7:00 p.m. @ SAU Board Room
LHS JBC Committee Meeting	Tuesday, October 28, 2014	4:00 p.m. @ SAU Board Room

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Terri Forsten informed the board about the Smarter Balanced Assessment that will be conducted in the spring of 2015 with a 12 week window for assessment for students in Grades 3 - 8 and 11 in the areas of Language Arts, Mathematics. She also shared that on October 10th there will be a Professional Learning Day for staff with a Mathematics session with Mahesh Sharma, Understanding by Design, NWEA and AIMSweb Data Review. Discussion is underway about effective evaluations for teachers and leaders. Terri also shared that the dedication of the Remembrance Garden at LMS will be held on Friday, October 17th at 3:30 pm.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Dick Coggon asked if there would be a non-meeting and Chris Guilmett told him there would not be a non-meeting. Dick Coggon asked if there would be any action taken after the non-public meeting and Chris Guilmett told him there would not be any action taken. Mr. Coggon commended the powers that be who had completed the paving in front of the high school immediately before the homecoming parade.

A parent of three Laconia students said she knew that alcohol was consumed by student athletes from the high school during a homecoming party last month. She told the board that her own daughter was suspended and then expelled for a similar offense last year and she thought a thorough investigation should be completed and school policies enforced. School Board Chairman Chris Guilmett said the matter would be investigated and school policies would be enforced.

DISCUSSION

Joe Cormier explained the 2015 State Adequacy Education Aid allocation of \$313,005. This was over the amount budgeted by City Council. We would suggest that we request from the City Council to approve a supplemental appropriation to contribute to a Revenue Stabilization Account to offset unpredicted changes in revenue in future years.

ACTION ITEMS

Mal Murray made a motion to recommend a request for supplemental appropriation to supplement any shortfalls in upcoming years, seconded by Mike Persson. After further discussion the motion was withdrawn.

Mal Murray made a motion to request that City Council approve a supplemental appropriation of \$313,005 to contribute to a Revenue Stabilization Account to offset unpredicted changes in revenue in future years, seconded by Stacie Sirois and approved unanimously.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION – RSA 91-A: 3II(c)

Motion made by Joe Cormier, seconded by Stacie Sirois, to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3II(c). Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board went into Non-Public Session at 8:25 PM.

Motion made to come out of Non Public Session by Joe Cormier, seconded by Stacie Sirois. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 8:53 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Joe Cormier, seconded by Stacie Sirois, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:54p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Beitler
Clerk