

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 39 Harvard Street, SAU 30, Board Room. Present: Mal Murray, Heather Lounsbury, Stacie Sirois, Michael Persson, Barbara Luther and Aaron Hayward, Dawn Johnson, 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 Friday, September 14th 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 Barbara Luther. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Dawn Johnson to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. Barbara Luther and Aaron Hayward abstained. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATION

Dr. Minnihan presented on the recent enacted laws. Dr. Minnihan shared a Power Point: House Bill 1499-Kindergarten which states kindergarten has to be play based, Senate Bill 349-Career and Technical Education will allow some Career and Technical Education programs to qualify as one non-math content course, House Bill 1495 Standards – Determining an Adequate Education will expand number of indicators school districts are required to report out (this bill creates the opportunity to collect additional longitudinal data on student post-secondary outcomes), House Bill 1744 - Parent Exemption allows parents or legal guardians to exempt their child or children from the statewide assessment program, House Bill 1612 Data Security in Schools requires the NHDOE to develop minimum standards for data security, and Senate Bill 247 - Lead Testing requires the mandatory testing of water for the presence of lead in drinking water at the schools.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: This committee has not met.

Facilities/CIP: This committee had not met.

Policy: This committee met tonight, September 18th and is working on a couple of things.

Strategic Planning: The Strategic Planning Committee is looking at scheduling a meeting soon.

Legislative Update: Dr. Minnihan updated the Board through his presentation this evening.

Board Member Input: Michael Persson talked about a phishing email that is going around and warned the Board if they receive something suspicious not to open it.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Malcolm Murray reported that Homecoming is this Friday starting with the parade Friday afternoon. Mr. Murray stated if Board members wanted to take part in the parade they would need to be at Laconia High School by 4pm. Mr. Murray shared that the Laconia High School's football game will begin at 7pm and on September 28th the Putnam Fund will host a concert at Laconia High School. Mr. Murray shared that City Council may assist the District with a survey to parents of children who do not take a school bus in order to find out their reasons why.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Minnihan reported to the Board the reason the SAU had lost phone and internet connection was due to the cable fiber being chewed by a rodent, perhaps a squirrel. Dr. Minnihan went on to talk about HTC Pre Engineering Teacher, Ken Martin, winning the Work-Based Learning award. The ceremony for the award will on Tuesday, September 25th. Dr. Minnihan said that the Laconia Department of Public Works is looking for a solution for parent pick up at Elm Street and Pleasant Street School. The Laconia Department of Public Works is looking at different traffic locations, aerial footage views, and parking restrictions. Dr. Minnihan also reported that bussing is still a challenge and that we are working through a state-wide bus issue. Dr. Minnihan announced to the Board that the 2018 Deb Bieniarz Award Committee will be meeting. Nancy Brown from the Laconia City Manager's Office invited a School Board Member to be part of the committee. Michael Persson volunteered as it is his last year on the School Board.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **LHS Field Trip to France/Germany Spring 2020:** The Board discussed dates and cost associated with the trip and fundraising plans.
- **Acceptance of Anonymous Donation:** The Board was informed by Christine Blouin that a donation was given to WHS from Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hitt. The donation was \$2,500; \$2,000 in gift cards and \$500 to support children who need food assistance.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no general/public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

- **LHS Field Trip to France/Germany Spring 2020:** Motion made by Michael Persson to approve the France/Germany trip as presented, seconded by Stacie Sirois. The vote was unanimous.
- **Acceptance of Anonymous Donation:** Motion made by Dawn Johnson to approve the donation to Woodland Heights School from the Hitt family as presented, seconded by Michael Persson. The vote was unanimous.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion to enter Non-Public session made by Michael Persson, seconded by Dawn Johnson under RSA 91-A:3II letter a. Roll call vote, the vote was unanimous. The Board went into Non-Public Session at 7:33 pm.

Motion to leave Non-public session and return to public session made by Michael Persson, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board came out of Non-Public Session at 7:36pm.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hinds
Clerk