

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2016, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Stacie Sirois, Mal Murray, Chris Guilmett, Heather Lounsbury, Mike Persson, Scott Vachon, Barbara Luther, Superintendent Brendan Minnihan, Assistant Superintendent Amy Hinds, and Business Administrator Christine Blouin.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Stacie Sirois called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The agenda was posted on September 16, 2016, 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**

Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Mal Murray, to approve the agenda. The vote was unanimous.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Heather Lounsbury, to approve the minutes of September 6, 2016, as presented. The vote was unanimous, with Scott Vachon abstaining.

#### **PRESENTATIONS:**

**Updates from LMS, LHS and Huot:** LMS Principal Alison Bryant updated the School Board on the beginning of year at the Laconia Middle School. She spoke to the Board of the ongoing training of 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers for the 1:1 computer initiative, the entire school reading Differentiation and the Brain by David Sousa and Carol Ann Tomlinson, PBIS and the drop in their office discipline referrals. She also informed the Board that LMS has adopted a mission; EPIC: Engage, Prepare, Inspire and Challenge. Stacie Sirois asked if the Clothing Closet is still running and if they have enough supplies. She was informed it is still running and they continue to receive donations. Dave Warrender, Director of the Huot Technical Center, informed the Board that the Building Trades Class and Plumbing and Heating Class, with supported of Lakes Region Builders Association and the State Level Builders Association will be building a tiny house. He also informed the Board that the Perkins Grant has been approved and with this they will be able to add a Computer Programming Teacher 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. Lastly, he updated the Board that the Huot Technical Center will be moving towards a standards based progress report. There was discussion among the Board about the tiny house including questions about promotion and visiting the house. Mike Persson inquired about how Preschool at Huot is going. LHS Principal, Dave Bartlett, started by informing the Board on activities occurring during Homecoming Week. He also updated the Board on the Sachem Support Block (SSB) and the changes that have occurred with SSB moving to 5 days a week. He showed a short PSA video students participated in about abstaining from drugs and alcohol, and how two of the students in the video will be going to LRCC to share their stories. Lastly, Dave Bartlett updated the Board on the presentation for Tate Aldrich on his win of NH Teacher of the Year. There was discussion with Board members about SSB.

#### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget & Personnel:** This committee has not met. They will schedule a meeting soon to discuss the Budget.

**Facilities/CIP:** This committee not met. Bill is gathering information.

**Policy:** This committee met on September 20, 2016. They discussed policy KFB: Community Use of Schools. They scheduled another meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

**Strategic Planning:** This committee has not met. They are waiting for feedback from Administration before continuing.

**Legislative Update:** There was no Legislative update. Dr. Minnihan anticipates there will be some after the November elections.

**Board Member Input:** Mike Persson commended the Laconia Citizen for running positive stories of the Laconia School District and will miss the publication. Scott Vachon asked if the School Board Agenda could be sent to parents. Chris Guilmett agreed it would be good to send the Agenda to parents. Stacie Sirois mentioned that the ceremony on Friday for Tate Aldrich went well. She also mentioned the Homecoming Parade and Alumni Reunion will occur Friday, September 23 at 4:30pm. There will be antique cars in the parade and all LHS Alumni are welcome to march in the Parade and attend the Reunion.

#### **BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR**

Homecoming Parade and Alumni Reunion	Friday, September 23, 2016	4:30PM @ LHS
School Board Meeting	Tuesday, October 4, 2016	7:00PM @ SAU
Policy Committee	Tuesday, October 18, 2016	6:00PM @ SAU

#### **SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

Dr. Minnihan reported that the school year is off to a good start. He also informed the Board that the Teacher of the Year Ceremony for Tate Aldrich went well. He said the Commissioner mentioned to him that Tate was a strong candidate. Dr. Minnihan also informed the Board there are two field trip requests being brought forward. The first one is not until 2018 and is for Laconia High School students to go to France and Spain. They are requesting approval now, so students can begin fundraising. The second is a field trip for one student who has been selected to attend a JAG Conference in Washington DC. There was discussion on the tour groups being flexible if the destination is unsafe and how the tour group precedes if there is an incident while abroad.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Rescind BGE-R: Policy Dissemination Regulation:** Chris Guilmett explained this is a procedure, not a policy and is outdated, we no longer keep Policy Books, and all policies are online.

**Rename KDB: Public Access to Information:** The Policy Committee and our attorney recommend changing the title of this policy to Request for Access to Governmental Records. There will be other changes made to the policy and it will be brought forward for a 1<sup>st</sup> reading at the next meeting.

**GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dick Coggon asked if there would be any action taken place after non-public. Stacie Sirois informed Mr. Coggon there would be no action after non-public. He inquired to the reason for Non-Public and Dr. Minnihan informed him it is for Reputation. Mr. Coggon asked if there would be a non-meeting. Stacie Sirois informed Mr. Coggon there would be a non-meeting. He asked if it was possible to put the date on the video while it is airing on Lakes Region Public Access. He also commented that he has been impressed with Ed Pierce's coverage of meetings during his tenure at the Laconia Citizen. Ed Pierce commented that when he came here 30 months ago he chose to cover the schools with the idea that the newspaper in partnership with the schools could change a community. He thanked everyone for affirming this is true. He also mentioned that with so many snow days, it would be helpful to have students go to school the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. He also commented that we should take the interim out of Mr. Bartlett's title.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Rescind BGE-R: Policy Dissemination Regulation:** Motion made by Scott Vachon, to rescind BGE-R: Policy Dissemination Regulation, seconded by Mike Persson. The vote was unanimous.

**Rename KDB: Public Access to Information:** The Board decided delay voting on this policy due to it coming before the Board for a first policy reading at the next meeting.

**Sign Form DOE 25; Sign Form MS-25:** The Board signed two Department of Revenue documents.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Scott Vachon, to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3II letter c. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board went into Non-Public Session at 7:49PM.

Motion made to come out of Non Public Session by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 8:08PM.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Motion made by Mike Persson, seconded by Scott Vachon, to seal the non-public minutes of September 20, 2016 for an indefinite period of time, because it is determined that divulgence of this information would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Mike Persson, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hinds  
Clerk