

**Laconia School Board  
Regular Meeting  
September 4, 2018  
SAU Office, 39 Harvard Street**

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 39 Harvard Street, SAU 30, Board Room. Present: Mal Murray, Heather Lounsbury, Stacie Sirois, Michael Persson, Dawn Johnson, Superintendent Dr. Brendan Minnihan, Assistant Superintendent Amy Hinds, and Business Administrator Christine Blouin. Absent: Barbara Luther and Aaron Hayward

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair, Mal Murray called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The agenda was posted on Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup> 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 amend the agenda for items 8 and 10 to be changed from EAL to LEA, seconded by Michael Persson. The vote was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Dawn Johnson to amend the minutes of August 23<sup>rd</sup> under Budget and Personnel to read: "*Christine Blouin reported that about \$410,000 will be transferred to the Education Stabilization Trust Fund to help fund the future teacher contracts*" seconded by Heather Lounsbury. Michael Persson and Stacie Sirois abstained from the vote. The vote was unanimous.

**PRESENTATION**

Peter Johnson, Laconia School District Facilities Director presented on the building improvements and upgrades throughout the District this summer. Mr. Johnson presented a Power Point highlighting the improvements at the SAU building and all five schools which included, painting, flooring, new doors, landscaping, radon mitigation installation, new kitchenette at LHS, and security upgrades. Mr. Murray asked, how much of the work was outsourced, Christine Blouin said about 80% was outsourced.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget & Personnel:** This committee has not met.

**Facilities/CIP:** Facility update of summer work seen in presentation.

**Policy:** The Policy Committee will meet on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**Strategic Planning:** This committee has not met.

**Legislative Update:** Dr. Minnihan reported there will be hearing for Adequate Funding and Manifest Educational Hardship which he will update the Board as they move along.

**Board Member Input:** Michael Persson mentioned the school rating on a recent real-state website for Pleasant Street School. Dr. Minnihan said it could be due to public information such as some state standardized test scores, graduation rates, dropout rates, and/or SAT scores. Dr. Minnihan added that Laconia High School is working on strategies to address specific items such as SAT prep. and that Mr. Kozens taking on the attendance role again. Mr. Murray stated that he will call and inquire on what the scores were based on.

**BOARD CHAIR REPORT**

Mr. Murray referred to a letter from the School Board Association regarding proposed resolutions and the seminars for the year. Mr. Murray also informed the Board of the home football game on Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Minnihan reported that the bus company we contract with, First Student, is experiencing a shortage of three drivers resulting in combining some bus routes together and with local road construction at Pleasant Street and Court Street, we are experiencing delays in routes. Wes Anderson, Laconia Public Works Director, is addressing the road construction issue and Mr. Levesque, Pleasant Street School Principal, will send out information to families. Dr. Minnihan said the SAU will be displaying some historical pictures of Laconia thanks to the Laconia Historical Society and that he will meet with Tara Shore at the Belknap Mill regarding a Makers Space exhibition. Dr. Minnihan thanked the School Board Members for their participation at the District's Opening Day and reported on a current Right to Know request. He said he is in contact with the District's attorney for guidance. Dr. Minnihan's final report was on the article in the newspaper from August 25<sup>th</sup> on Trauma Informed Care, highlighting Laconia's work.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Ratify Changes to the LEA CBA Article 12** - Dr. Minnihan referred to CBA Article 12 that shows specifically what the LEA ratified on Opening Day.

**Ratify Changes to the LEA Section 8.4** – Dr. Minnihan handed out the Section 8.4 procedure for discussion. Mal Murray and Michael Persson discussed revisions to section 8.4 in the LEA CBA.

**Approval of New Hires (Keith Ball, LHS Health and Wellness and Eric Latusky, LHS Social Studies)**

**GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no general/public comment.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Ratify Changes to the LEA CBA Article 12:** Motion made by Stacie Sirois to approve as presented the ratified changes to the LEA CBA Article 12, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

**Ratify Changes to the LEA Section 8.4:** Motion made by Michael Persson to the ratified changes to the LEA CBA Section 8.4 down to the language "*Once budgeted pool has been encumbered, no other requests will be granted*", seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.

**Approval of New Hires (Keith Ball, LHS Health and Wellness and Eric Latusky, LHS Social Studies)** Motion made by Dawn Johnson to approve the new hires as presented, seconded by Michael Persson. The vote was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Michael Persson to adjourn, seconded by Stacie Sirois. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hinds  
Clerk