

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Chris Guilmett, Mal Murray, Stacie Sirois, Barbara Luther, Mike Persson, Scott Vachon, Joe Cormier, Business Administrator Ed Emond, Assistant Superintendent Kirk Beitler and Superintendent Terri Forsten.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Joe Cormier called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The agenda was posted on April 3, 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

Motion made by to Chris Guilmett approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Stacie Sirois. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Barbara Luther, to approve the minutes of March 17, 2015 as presented. The vote unanimous with Mike Persson and Scott Vachon abstaining.

PRESENTATION

2015 City Wide Chess Tournament

SAU Administrative Assistant Janet Brough thanked everyone for making the 14th City Wide Chess Tournament a success. Noah Mousseau, Middle School Champion and Finnian Mousseau, Elementary School Champion were presented their trophies and gift certificates. Carly DeNauw, High School Champion was unable to attend.

WHS Student Leadership

Woodland Heights teachers and Student Leadership advisors Jessica Ortolf and Irene Stinson introduced some of the students involved in the WHS Student Leadership Team. Their mission for the school year is to help make a better school community with responsible, respectful role models and good listeners. They shared how they are working on this by asking "WWALD" (What would a leader do?). This is a time for student leaders to reflect on how to handle different scenarios in life by offering ideas through brainstorming. They are putting these together into a book that will be published and placed in the school library.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Facilities: Assistant Superintendent Kirk Beitler informed the Board about meetings that he and Ed Emond have been having at Laconia High School with department heads and administrators regarding space concerns. The architect has also been meeting with Facility Manager Steve Dalzell to gather information for the Building Construction Assessment. Ed and Steve have been working on renumbering the classrooms and listing the square feet for each room. The math rooms on the third floor will need to have the ceilings lowered and new lighting. Some of the needs can be met through the budget and completed by our maintenance department. Further work is needed with the architect to determine space utilization for all departments. Ed also reported that the engineers have looked at the options for the SAU heating system and will be ready to go out to bid soon with work being done in July.

Professional Development: Assistant Superintendent Kirk Beitler shared upcoming summer professional institutes that will be offered to our staff this summer.

Public/Administrative Input:

Travis Haynes, Laconia School parent, expressed his thoughts on Next Generation Science standards and common core issues. School Board Chair Joe Cormier asked him to put these thoughts in writing and submit to the Board.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: This group has not met but did present a brief report of the proposed budget to Laconia City Council. The committee will recommend adopting the 2015-2016 budget at the next board meeting. Committee Chair Scott Vachon gave a presentation on a training that he attended at NHSBA for "Board's Role in Personnel Actions, Hearing and Decisions".

Facilities/CIP: This group has not met.

Policy: This group has not met but will be recommending policies to be brought forward for a 1st reading tonight.

Strategic Planning: This committee has not met.

Legislative Update: None

Board Member Input: None

BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR

Board Chair Joe Cormier asked Superintendent Terri Forsten to share the May/June calendar of upcoming end of year events. Before this presentation the Board recognized Alanna Persson, senior class president and other members of the LHS Class of 2015 who shared their hope that June 6th would be the date of their graduation. Terri shared history on setting the date which is usually decided at a Board meeting in March or April. She presented the calendar which included an LHS graduation date of June 6th with a community service date for the senior class of May 30th. Eighty percent of the senior class must participate in this to be eligible for credit of it.

CALENDAR

School Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 21, 2015

7:00 pm @ SAU

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Terri Forsten presented her report to the Board. Highlights were updates on current legislation, SAMHSA grant, upcoming field trip information, kindergarten registration and the next session for Ready for Kindergarten.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The following policies were presented for a first reading: BBAB: Roles and Duties of the Board Chairperson, GDO: Evaluation of Support Staff, IF: Instructional Program, IFA: Instructional Needs of Individual Students, IGA: Curriculum Development, IIB: Class Size. Mike Persson asked about BBAB and adding language to allow the Board Chair to make a decision in an emergency. Policy Committee Chair Stacie Sirois will refer this to the NHSBA as this policy came directly from them.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Dick Coggon asked if the Board would be having a non-meeting. Joe Cormier said the Board would not be having a non-meeting. He also commended Terri Forsten for the great job she has done as Superintendent.

Laconia parent Travis Haynes shared his feelings regarding the YRBS (Youth Risk Behavior Survey) and Smarter Balanced testing.

Laconia Daily Sun reporter Gail Ober commented on the 1st Amendment right of everyone.

ACTION ITEMS

None

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Stacie Sirois, to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3II letters a and b to discuss personnel issues. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board went into Non-Public Session at 8:29 PM.

Motion made to come out of Non Public Session by Scott Vachon, seconded by Chris Guilmett. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 9:20 PM.

PUBLIC SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Stacie Sirois, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Beitler
Clerk