

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 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 7:03 PM. The agenda was posted on January 16, 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**

Board Chair Joe Cormier asked to amend the agenda to delete the LHS Future Planning presentation. This will be rescheduled. Motion made by Chris Guilmett to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Scott Vachon. The vote was unanimous.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Stacie Sirois, to approve the minutes as presented. The vote was passed by 6 board members with Mike Persson abstaining.

#### **PRESENTATION**

##### **Laconia Health and Wellness Academy**

Health and Wellness Academy Coordinator Tammy Levesque presented a power point highlighting the Health and Wellness Academy programs and accomplishments. She shared the academy website which Tim Goossens, Food Service Director, created and maintains. There are many resources available on the website as well as a calendar of wellness events available in the schools and the community. She highlighted several ongoing events that are held in the schools including, school gardens, cooking programs, Girls on the Run, Taste Tests, movement breaks and Jump Rope for Heart, to name a few. The annual health fair that is usually held at LHS will be held at LMS with a family night option. There are also wellness opportunities offered to staff members. The work with food service and health and wellness was also highlighted. Tim Goossens spoke about the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act which is a federal program that creates standards for calories, saturated fat and sodium for all meals by age group, mandating that all grains, breads and pasta must be 51% whole grain, increased amount and variety of fruits and vegetables offered and salad bars included with meals at all schools. It has also allowed schools to offer after school suppers. Laconia now offers 5 federally funded meals or snacks daily and suppers at all schools with snacks at 4 of 5 schools. This program provides additional revenue annually while filling a huge nutritional need.

#### **STRATEGIC PLANNING**

**Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment:** Kirk Beitler presented an overview of professional development offerings that our staff will be involved in on Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

##### **Public/Administrative Input:**

Board Chair Joe Cormier asked if it would be possible to have a board presentation on homelessness by Mollie Greeley, Homeless District Liaison as well as a presentation on Understanding by Design. This will be scheduled for a future board meeting.

#### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget & Personnel:** This group met before this meeting tonight. Budget transfers, budget planning for 2015-16 and Super Saturday were discussed. They will meet again on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> for more preparation on the 15-16 budget.

**Facilities/CIP:** This group met on January 13<sup>th</sup> and discussed RFQ's for Laconia High School and LHS Auditorium as well as the SAU Boiler. They will be looking at an overall plan for LHS future renovations. Joe Cormier asked if Schooldude is used for preventative maintenance as well as capital improvements. Ed Emond stated that it is used for preventative maintenance but we do not have the module for capital improvements. He will check into what they offer with this module.

**Policy:** This group met tonight before this meeting and continued to review policies. They will have policies to bring forward at future meetings.

**Strategic Planning:** This committee will be meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. to continue discussion on the action items that were discussed with the large group.

**Legislative Update:** Scott Vachon and Joe Cormier shared a couple of things they had heard regarding taxes and educational funding that may impact schools.

**Board Member Input:** Mike Persson spoke about the presentation from NHSBA Attorney Barrett Christina last week. He felt that it was a great presentation and that the Board should consider crafting a resolution to give the Board Chair the authority to make a decision in the event that they Board is not able to convene, such as an emergency. He also asked if the District could look into using one calendar that would list all events that are happening in the schools. Terri Forsten will look into this.

**BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR**

None

**CALENDAR**

Budget and Personnel Meeting	Monday, January 26, 2015	6:00 pm @ SAU
Strategic Planning Meeting	Monday, January 26, 2015	4:30 pm @ SAU
School Board Meeting	Tuesday, February 3, 2015	7:00 pm @ SAU
Super Saturday	Saturday, February 7, 2015	TBD @ MVSB Café at Huot

**SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

Superintendent Terri Forsten presented her report to the Board. Highlights were a review of the Strategic Plan Model that is being drafted with concentration on Community Based Education, Community Relations, College, Career and Life Ready, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Environments and Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment. She also shared an update on the SAMHSA Grant. We have hired a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor who will be working with middle and high school students as well as Mental Health Counselors from Genesis who will be working in all of our schools. We are also working on implementing PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports for all of our schools. There was a full day training last week and we will be sending schools teams to training in March as well as staff attending the National PBIS Conference in the spring in Boston. We will have PBIS consultants/coaches at each of our schools. Terri also shared an update on the auditorium at LHS. Community members Mike and Sharon Pond are connecting with community members who have interest and expertise in performing arts. The Facilities committee will be contracting for the development of a comprehensive renovation plan for LHS and we will look at the space needs, sound, lighting, supplies and resources to prioritize our needs. Steve Tucker is the LHS Administrator representative.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

None

**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.

**ACTION ITEMS**

None

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

None

**PUBLIC SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Chris Guilmett, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Beitler  
Clerk