

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 2014, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Chris Guilmett, Joe Cormier, Mal Murray, Beth Arsenault, Scott Vachon, Mike Persson, Stacie Sirois, Business Administrator Ed Emond, Assistant Superintendent Kirk Beitler, and Superintendent Terri Forsten.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Chris Guilmett called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The agenda was posted on January 17, 2014, at the SAU office and on the district's website, along with being sent to each of our schools, "The Citizen", "Daily Sun", Laconia Library, and City Hall, in accordance with RSA 91-A.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Joe Cormier to approve the agenda, seconded by Mal Murray as presented. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mal Murray, seconded by Scott Vachon, to approve the minutes of January 7, 2014 as presented. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATION

Middle and High School Life Skills Programs – Jennifer Sottak and Amy Cammack, Student Services Coordinators, shared details about the Life Skills programs that are offered at Laconia Middle and High Schools. Hanna Harris, 8th grade student at LMS, showed how her Nova Chat pen worked as a way for her to communicate. She shared activities that she does at school and out in the community. Mark Lagueux, Laconia High School student, told the Board activities that he is involved in at school and also classes that are preparing him to work. He is currently participating in an internship at Annie's Café and hopes that this will work into a full time job.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Under Community Based Education, Terri Forsten updated the Board on how the district is promoting health living. She highlighted programs in the elementary, middle and high school as well as the Health and Wellness Academy and Stand Up Laconia.

Under Professional Development, Kirk Beitler reviewed the upcoming professional development programs that will be offered to staff on January 24th.

Public/Administrative Input:

None

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Personnel Committee: This committee has not met.

Facilities Committee: This committee has not met.

Policy Committee: This committee met on January 7th and will be bringing forward several policies for a first reading and one policy for a second reading and approval tonight.

Legislative Update: Beth Arsenault gave an update on what is happening in the Legislature. They are discussing the possibility of requiring 10 more days to the school year – going from 180 to 190 and also dedicating funds to establish robotics programs for all schools.

Board Member Input: None.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR

Board Chair Chris Guilmett shared the Golden Hammer Award that we received from the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce last week at their annual meeting. This award is given for new construction in the area and was awarded for the LHS/Huot Renovation project.

CALENDAR

Super Saturday	Saturday, February 1, 2014	8:00 a.m. @ MVSB Culinary Arts Center
Policy Committee Meeting	Tuesday, February 4, 2014	6:00 p.m. @ SAU Board Room
Facility Committee Meeting	Tuesday, February 4, 2014	6:30 p.m. @ SAU Board Room
Laconia School Board	Tuesday, February 4, 2014	7:00 p.m. @ SAU Board Room

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

2 Revolutions Filming: Terri Forsten told the Board that the NHDOE has filmed a couple of Laconia staff members for their new informational film. We will offer this to the board when it is complete.

Family Fun Night Trifecta: The Health and Wellness Academy has scheduled three family fun nights for elementary school families. The first will be held on January 23rd at Pleasant Street School, with the next two to be held at Woodland and Elm Street Schools respectively.

SAMSHA Project Manager: The posting for the Grant Project Manager is being advertised and we are hoping to get some great candidates to choose from. This position is hoped to be filled by March 1st.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The following policy was presented for discussion for a 2nd Reading: Policy EBCC: Bomb Threats. The following policies were presented for discussion for a 1st Reading: Policy EEAA: Video and Audio Surveillance on School Property, Policy EEAEA: Mandatory Drug and Alcohol Testing, Policy EH: Data Management.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Dick Coggon asked if the Board would be holding a Non-Meeting. Chris said that they would not be having a Non-Meeting. He also told the board that former Assistant Superintendent Al Blastos had passed away. He was employed by the district in the mid 1970's to early 1980's. He also mentioned that New Jersey mayor Dawn Zimmer was a 1986 graduate of Laconia High School.

ACTION ITEMS

Scott Vachon made a motion to approve Policy EBCC: Bomb Threats as presented, seconded by Joe Cormier and approved unanimously.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION – RSA 91-A: 3II

None

PUBLIC SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Stacie Sirois, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Beitler
Clerk