

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 6, 2015, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Chris Guilmett, Mal Murray, Stacie Sirois, Scott Vachon, Joe Cormier, Assistant Superintendent Kirk Beitler and Superintendent Terri Forsten. Absent: Barbara Luther, Mike Persson and Business Administrator Ed Emond. *Board Member Mike Persson arrived at the board meeting at 7:30 pm.*

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Joe Cormier called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The agenda was posted on January 5, 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 Scott Vachon to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Chris Guilmett. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Stacie Sirois, to approve the minutes as presented. The vote was unanimous.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

None

Public/Administrative Input:

None

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: This group has not met but will be meeting on January 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Facilities/CIP: This group has not met but will be meeting on January 13th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss 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.

Policy: This group has not met but will be meeting on January 20th at 6:00 p.m.

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

Board Member Input: None

BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR

Board Chair Joe Cormier distributed Superintendent Goals and asked that Board members review them and offer feedback. He also noted that there is a new plaque on the wall with the Stand Up Laconia logo and mission statement. He would like to bring in someone to talk to the Board about substance abuse awareness.

Superintendent Terri Forsten shared a calendar of meetings for January 2015 and reviewed upcoming meetings. Super Saturday is tentatively scheduled for February 7th. There will be no school for staff and students on Monday, January 19th in observance of Civil Rights Day. Staff will have a professional development day on Friday, January 23rd and there will be no school for students.

CALENDAR

Facilities Meeting	Tuesday, January 13, 2015	6:00 pm @ SAU
School Board Work Session	Wednesday, January 14, 2015	6:30 pm @ SAU
Policy Meeting	Tuesday, January 20, 2015	6:00 pm @ SAU
Budget and Personnel Meeting	Tuesday, January 20, 2015	6:00 pm @ SAU
School Board Meeting	Tuesday, January 20, 2015	7:00 pm @ SAU
Strategic Planning Meeting	Monday, January 26, 2015	4:30 pm @ SAU

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Terri Forsten presented her report to the Board. Highlights were Laconia High School assessments and challenges and looking at standardized tests. It is felt that these tests do not represent our students accurately and NHDOE has requested consideration for SAT to take the place of Smarter Balanced assessment. They will be looking to redesign the SAT to assess college and career ready skills, real world problem solving, evidence based reading, writing and math and accommodations to support individual students. They will look to offer resources for students and parents to support planning and resources for teachers to support instruction. Smarter Balanced assessment will be used this spring to assess English/Language Arts and Mathematics and in the spring of 2016 we would look to move to the SAT to assess these subjects. We would continue to use NECAP to assess Science. Another highlight was developing college and career pathways and creating expanded opportunities at our Huot Tech Center. We are

looking at building capacity and new program opportunities with LRCC with dual admissions to LRCC and UNH for Nursing. Another consideration is looking to offer high school students the opportunity to take courses at LRCC for a significantly reduced rate that would allow them the ability to work toward an Associate Degree while in high school. Superintendent Forsten also explained that we will be adopting the NH Department of Education Rubric for leader/administrator evaluations using the Interstate School Leadership Licensure Consortium Standards. We will also be looking to have leaders/administrators create individual goals for professional growth with mid-year and end of year evaluations.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The 2015-2016 proposed school calendar was presented. There was discussion regarding school vacations, start dates and professional development days.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Dick Coggon asked if the Board would be having a non-meeting or non-public meeting. Joe Cormier said the Board would not be having a non-meeting or non-public meeting. He also commended Superintendent Terri Forsten for the great job that she has done during her first full year.

ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Scott Vachon to approve the 2015-2016 calendar as presented, seconded by Mal Murray and approved unanimously.

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 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Beitler
Clerk