

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 6, 2009, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Chairperson Scott Vachon, Chris Guilmett, Stacie Sirois, Beth Arsenault, Joe Cormier, Marge Kerns, Superintendent Bob Champlin, Assistant Superintendent Terri Forsten, and Business Administrator Ed Emond. Not in attendance: Chuck Tucker

CALL TO ORDER

Scott Vachon called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. The agenda was posted on January 5, 2009, at the SAU office and on the district's website, along with being sent to each of our schools, "The Citizen", the "Laconia Daily Sun", the Laconia Library, and City Hall, in accordance with RSA 91-A.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Joe Cormier, to approve the minutes of December 16 as presented. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATION – LHS Historical Society Project

Brittany Legassie and Azra Karabegovic talked to the Board about the project that they have been working on for the Historical Society. The project is on the history of skiing in Belknap County. Their exhibit, "Got Skiis", will be displayed at the public library beginning on February 22. The girls have spoken to many people and went through the archives in the attic at Gunstock to compile their research.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Board Retreat was discussed. It was decided that the Retreat will take place on January 31 beginning at 8AM. The Board hopes that Judie Reeve will facilitate the discussion and then move on to a discussion regarding the Strategic Plan goals and changes with the Administrative Team.

Under Facilities, Ed Emond gave a presentation regarding the savings that the District has realized on electricity by doing things like energy efficient refrigerators, timers for vending machines and adjusting the lighting.

Public/Administrative Input:

None

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: No Report

Facilities/CIP: Beth Arsenault said that the Committee met this evening to discuss proposed facility improvements under the stimulus package.

Policy: Chris Guilmett said that the Committee met on December 22 and will be bringing Policy JLC forward for first reading this evening. Also discussed at the December 22 meeting was Policy IHBI.

Board Member Input: Marge Kerns shared a couple of newspaper articles that show what kids give back to the community. She suggested that we make a “scrapbook” of these articles. Marge also spoke about the Laconia Middle School band/chorus concert, stating that the quality and number of kids participating was quite impressive.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

No Board Chair Report

CALENDAR

Super Saturday	January 10	8:00
Joint Building Committee	January 14	6:30
NHSBA Delegate’s Assembly	January 17	10:00
Budget Level Meeting	January 21	7:00
Policy Committee	January 26	8:00
Budget Level Meeting	January 27	7:00
Board Member Retreat	January 31	8:00
“Got Skiis” Exhibit Opens	February 22	Laconia Public Library

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Field Trip Request: Bob Champlin shared the official form for the field trip to South Africa that he mentioned at the last meeting.

Prep for Saturday Budget: Bob shared that for the meeting on Saturday, the following things will be discussed: show where we are; 3 year planning by level; specifics for 09-10; maintenance/utilities; special education; and LHS planning.

Report Card Implementation at K-5: Bob stated that we will be rolling out the new report card at the end of this quarter.

Legislative Breakfast: Bob said that the Legislative Breakfast is tentatively scheduled for January 14 at 7:30AM in the Laconia High School Library. We are just awaiting conformation from Senator Sgambati.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1st Reading Policy: Policy JLC – School Health Services: Chris Guilmett shared Policy JLC. Marge Kerns had some concerns regarding the wording of how the paperwork comes over to the SAU. There was no further discussion.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ACTION ITEMS

None

NON-PUBLIC SESSION – RSA 91-A:3II

None

PUBLIC SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Marge Kerns, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.

The Board held a brief Non-Meeting to receive an update on negotiations.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri L. Forsten
Clerk