

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 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 7:02 PM. The agenda was posted on January 16, 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**

Scott Vachon asked to have a Special Recognition for the boiler room at Woodland Heights School added to the agenda. Motion made by Marge Kerns, seconded by Beth Arsenault, to approve the agenda as amended. The vote was unanimous.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Marge Kerns, seconded by Joe Cormier, to approve the minutes of January 6 as presented. The vote was unanimous.

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION – Boiler Room at WHS**

Bob Champlin explained that there was a pipe that burst at Woodland Heights School and that if Trevor Duquette had not noticed it when he was doing his final check of the building, it could have been a catastrophic event. The Board recognized Bill Caruso, Trevor Duquette, Carl Blais, Eric Cardinal and Steve Dalzell for taking time out of their weekend to conduct constant checks of the building to make sure that everything was running properly.

### **PRESENTATION – LHS Advanced Health**

Michael Engelsen, a student at Laconia High School, showed the Board the website blog that he has been working on as part of his Advanced Health class with Patty Thibeault. In showing the blog, Michael reviewed how the students can converse with each other about health issues.

### **STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Bob Champlin discussed the agenda for the upcoming School Board Retreat. The Board felt that the agenda looked fine to them. Bob also shared a strategic plan from Freeport, Illinois that he accessed through the ASCD website.

Under Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment, Terri Forsten provided a presentation on the Laconia Kid Grids. Terri's presentation is one that she has conducted several times at the state level. She outlined the process we use here in Laconia for tracking children using the kid grids and showed how it ties into the Follow the Child model.

Public/Administrative Input:

Gail Ober, The Citizen, asked for clarity on Terri's presentation.

## BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Budget & Personnel:** Marge Kerns noted that the Committee recently held Super Saturday and it went very well.

**Facilities/CIP:** No Report

**Policy:** No Report

**Board Member Input:** Chris Guilmett stated that he enjoyed the three year outlook that was provided at Super Saturday. He also said that it was nice not to have all of the unneeded paper. Marge Kerns mentioned the scrapbook that Fran Prentice has begun working on that will catalogue newspaper articles about education in Laconia. Marge thought that we need to come up with a catchy slogan for the scrapbook.

## BOARD CHAIR REPORT

In his Board Chair Report, Scott Vachon thanked the Board for their participation in Super Saturday and said that he is looking forward to the Board Retreat.

## CALENDAR

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
Facilities/CIP Committee	February 3	6:00
Joint Building Committee	February 11	6:30
"Got Skis" Exhibit Opens	February 22	Laconia Public Library

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

**LRSA Competency Forum:** Bob Champlin shared that the Lakes Region Superintendent's group recently held a meeting with the area high school principals to discuss the new competencies. Bob showed the Board the questionnaire that was used to get a feel for where the schools are on coming in line with the competencies. Bob said that all of the schools have made good progress, but still have a ways to go to.

**Dr. Lynch to LMS JAG Program:** Bob shared that Dr. Lynch was recently at Laconia Middle School to see the JAG Program.

**Leadership Lakes Education Day:** Bob stated that the Leadership Lakes group recently held their Education Day that was coordinated by Steve Beals. The group toured Laconia Middle School and expressed amazement on the building and the students.

**Science Fair:** Terri Forsten shared that there will be a Lakes Region Science Fair for Grown-Ups on January 22 at Laconia Middle School.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Policy: Policy JLC – School Health Services:** No discussion.

**LGC Agreement:** Ed Emond read the resolution that needs Board approval in order for us to sign the contract with the Local Government Center.

**GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT**

Gail Ober, The Citizen, asked how much damage was done to Woodland Heights School and if it was insured. Bob Champlin said that it was contained to the boiler room and was very minor. Gail went on to ask when the Budget & Personnel Committee would be presenting the 09-10 budget to the full Board. Marge Kerns said that they would be presenting it on February 17 and it would go for approval at the March 3 meeting.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Policy: Policy JLC – School Health Services:** Motion made by Joe Cormier, seconded by Stacie Sirois, to approve Policy JLC as presented by the Policy Committee. The vote was unanimous.

**LGC Agreement:** Motion made by Beth Arsenault, seconded by Chris Guilmett, to approve the resolution from the Local Government Center, as read by Ed Emond. The vote was unanimous.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION – RSA 91-A:3II**

None

**PUBLIC SESSION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Beth Arsenault, seconded by Marge Kerns, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri L. Forsten  
Clerk