

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Chairperson Scott Vachon, Chris Guilmett, Stacie Sirois, Joe Cormier, Marge Kerns, Superintendent Bob Champlin, Assistant Superintendent Terri Forsten, and Business Administrator Ed Emond. Not in attendance: Chuck Tucker, Beth Arsenault

CALL TO ORDER

Scott Vachon called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The agenda was posted on April 6, 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 Chris Guilmett, seconded by Joe Cormier, to approve the agenda as presented. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATION – Recorder Karate

Mark Hamer brought five students from the Recorder Club at Pleasant Street School to perform a song for the Board. Mark explained that these students stay in for recess so that they can practice the recorder. The students earn a belt to put on their recorder for each song that they master. These students also performed at Arts Alive.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Bob Champlin shared a presentation on Adequate Yearly Progress based on the NECAP assessment. Bob shared many reasons for us to celebrate as a district even though we did not make AYP. He said that the schools have reason to celebrate, too. While Bob was discussing next steps, he asked Terri Forsten to explain Focused Monitoring. Terri said that Focused Monitoring is a process of looking at students with special needs and supporting them toward achieving acceptable yearly progress.

Public/Administrative Input:

None

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: No Report

Facilities/CIP: No Report

Policy: No Report

Board Member Input: None

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

In his Board Chair Report, Scott Vachon said that we shouldn't base our schools on one assessment. We need to look at multiple measures.

CALENDAR

Joint Building Committee

April 8

6:30 @ LMS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Field Trip Request: Bob Champlin shared a field trip request that has Laconia High School going to Virginia.

Extended Day – 30 minutes: Bob Champlin noted that we would be looking to extend the school day by 30 minutes to make up the four days we missed due to snow. This extension would begin on April 13 and end on the last day of school which would be June 18. The Board agreed that we should move forward with this request. Bob will now send the request to the Commissioner of Education for approval.

Scott Vachon allowed public comment at this point, as there were students in the audience looking to express their opinions regarding the extended day. The only student that spoke was CJ Messina, who stated that he would prefer four days to be added to the end of the year rather than to extend the school day by 30 minutes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

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 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri L. Forsten
Clerk