

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 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 May 4, 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 Marge Kerns, to approve the agenda as presented. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Stacie Sirois, to approve the minutes of April 21 as presented. The vote was unanimous.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Marge Kerns provided an update on the 2009-2010 school budget in preparation for the presentation to City Council. The purpose of Marge's presentation was to understand the numbers, understand the differences between City and School budgets, re-affirm budget confirmation, recognize responsibility to cut this budget if anticipated building aid and retirement funds are not forthcoming through the state, and to support the recommendation to give the City a one time transfer of funds if allowable and revenue sharing is lost.

Public/Administrative Input:

None

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: Marge Kerns said that the committee met this evening to go over the presentation that will be presented to City Council and to vote on the following items: re-affirm budget confirmation, recognize responsibility to cut this budget if anticipated building aid and retirement funds are not forthcoming through the state, and to support the recommendation to give the City a one time transfer of funds if allowable and revenue sharing is lost. The Committee was unanimous in their support of these items.

Facilities/CIP: No Report

Policy: No Report

Board Member Input: Joe Cormier noted that the new cafeteria at Laconia Middle School is now being used and it looks great.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

In his Board Chair Report, Scott Vachon said that we are not blind to the economic challenges that face us. He said that we have examined the affect that unknowns such as school building aid would have on the delivery of education in Laconia. He went on to say that we will be prepared to deal with these challenges and we welcome the opportunity to continue this discussion in partnership with the City Council. Scott said that he truly believes that our Council seeks the same win-win for Laconia citizens that we do.

CALENDAR

City Council	May 11	6:30
Joint Building Committee	May 13	6:30 @ LMS
Huot Center Celebration of Achievement	June 3	6:30
Laconia Academy Graduation	June 5	7:00
LHS Graduation	June 12	6:30
LHS Graduation (rain date)	June 13	11:00
Step Up Day	June 15	
5 th Grade Recognition (WHS, PSS, ESS)	June 16	6:00
LMS Graduation	June 17	6:30
Last Day of School for Students	June 18	
Last Day of School for Staff	June 19	

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Anticipated New Hire Spreadsheet: Bob Champlin shared that we currently have two anticipated new hires due to retirements.

Swine Flu Update: Bob shared that he & Terri Forsten have had conference calls with the DHHS and DOE to be updated on swine flu. Bob said that they have met with the nurses and did a PENN Alert on Sunday evening.

Title I Schoolwide: Bob said that at the next Board meeting, Terri, along with others, will provide a presentation on Title I Schoolwide.

End of Year Dates: Bob shared a calendar that outlined year end dates for the District.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Anticipated Nomination List: Bob Champlin shared the anticipated teacher nomination list. There was no further discussion.

Resignation – Justin Tardif: Bob shared the resignation letter from Justin Tardif. There was no further discussion.

Retirements – Cynthia Beem & Noel Bodwell: Bob shared the retirement requests for these two individuals. There was no further discussion.

Re-affirm budget confirmation: Marge Kerns pointed out that based on the presentation that she showed; the Budget & Personnel Committee is looking for a vote on this. There was no further discussion.

Recognize responsibility to cut this budget if anticipated building aid and retirement funds are not forth coming through the state: Marge Kerns pointed out that based on the presentation that she showed; the Budget & Personnel Committee is looking for a vote on this. Joe Cormier pointed out that this is worst case scenario because so many numbers are still unknown from the state.

Support the recommendation to give the City a one time transfer of funds if allowable and revenue sharing is lost: Marge Kerns pointed out that based on the presentation that she showed; the Budget & Personnel Committee is looking for a vote on this. There was no further discussion.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Dick Coggon asked if the Board went into non-public session if they would be taking any action when they come out. Scott Vachon answered that there would not be a non-public session. Dick then asked if the Board would be having a non-meeting. Scott answered no.

Ed Engler, Laconia Daily Sun, asked what the \$324,000 that Marge Kerns mentioned in her presentation would be spent on. Marge answered by saying that they have not looked at that yet, but said that they would definitely look at the special education students and their test scores.

ACTION ITEMS

Anticipated Nomination List: Motion made by Marge Kerns, seconded by Chris Guilmett, to approve the anticipated nomination list as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Resignation – Justin Tardif: Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Marge Kerns, to accept the resignation of Justin Tardif. The vote was unanimous.

Retirements – Cynthia Beem & Noel Bodwell: Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Stacie Sirois, to accept the retirement requests of Cynthia Beem and Noel Bodwell. The vote was unanimous.

Re-affirm budget confirmation: Motion made by Joe Cormier, seconded by Chris Guilmett, to re-affirm the budget confirmation. The vote was unanimous.

Recognize responsibility to cut this budget if anticipated building aid and retirement funds are not forth coming through the state: Motion made by Joe Cormier, seconded by Stacie Sirois, to recognize the responsibility to cut this budget if anticipated building aid and retirement funds are not forth coming through the state. The vote was unanimous.

Support the recommendation to give the City a one time transfer of funds if allowable and revenue sharing is lost: Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Stacie Sirois, to support the recommendation to give the City a one time transfer of funds if allowable and revenue sharing is lost. The vote was unanimous.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION – RSA 91-A:3II

None

PUBLIC SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Marge Kerns, seconded by Chris Guilmett, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri L. Forsten
Clerk