

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Chairperson Scott Vachon, Chris Guilmett, Stacie Sirois, Joe Cormier, Chuck Tucker, Superintendent Bob Champlin, Assistant Superintendent Terri Forsten, and Business Administrator Ed Emond. Not in attendance: Marge Kerns, Beth Arsenault

CALL TO ORDER

Scott Vachon called the meeting to order at 6:59 PM. The agenda was posted on May 18, 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 Joe Cormier, seconded by Chris Guilmett, 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 May 5 as presented. The vote was unanimous.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION – NHBB & Eptam Plastics

Scott Davis shared the background on how the manufacturing program became connected with NH Ball Bearing (NHBB) and Eptam Plastics. Both companies have assisted with obtaining equipment for the program. Peggy Selig noted that the Adult Education Program also uses the manufacturing classrooms and equipment. Plaques were presented to each company and the Huot Technical Center. Accepting on behalf of NHBB was Gary Groleau and accepting for Eptam Plastics was Carl Hannon.

PRESENTATION/SPECIAL RECOGNITION – Learn & Serve

Tina Green introduced Marge Furlong and Ken Martin. She noted that there are six learn & serve projects and Ken's project was recognized in a national publication. Marge Furlong shared that her students are working with the NH Humane Society, making birdhouses, cat beds & toys for the animals. In addition, these students made cookies for Santa's Village and put puzzles in frames that were given to the WLNH Children's Auction. Nick Caravona, Abby Shuto and Kate Rock were in attendance to showcase their work. Ken Martin shared the article regarding his project that received national recognition. Josh Bennett and Jocelyn Morin provided a presentation that showed the project they have been working on, which is working on 3D diagrams of the school to be used for emergency response. Most recently, this group raised money for the Laconia Police Department K-9 Unit.

PRESENTATION/SPECIAL RECOGNITION – Title I Schoolwide

Terri Forsten shared a brief presentation on the process of our elementary schools becoming Title I Schoolwide schools. The three elementary principals were in attendance to give input on the differences on the application for each of the schools. Marjorie Wilkinson and Marie Samaha were recognized for their tireless work on the Title I Schoolwide applications.

PRESENTATION – Attendance Coordinator

Mollie Babcock, Elementary Attendance Coordinator, shared data on the three elementary schools that clearly shows an improvement in attendance and tardiness since the Attendance Coordinator position was instituted in 2006. Mollie feels that we can make the biggest difference to families by being supportive.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Jeff Twombly provided an update on technology, noting that it's been a busy year. He shared that he has processed 1579 SchoolDude requests in the IT portion of the system. Jeff said that EdLine is in a great place. He also stated that they installed +/- 100 computers over the summer, along with installing a new internet filter.

Public/Administrative Input:

None

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: Chris Guilmett said that the committee will meet on Friday, May 22 at Noon. He also said that Marge Kerns did a terrific job at the City Council meeting last week.

Facilities/CIP: No Report

Policy: Chris Guilmett said that the committee met today to discuss student/faculty handbooks and a couple of policies.

Board Member Input: None

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

In his Board Chair Report, Scott Vachon read a commentary that he will be submitting to the newspapers regarding the school budget. The commentary is attached to these minutes.

CALENDAR

Budget & Personnel Meeting	June 2	6:30 @ LHS Library
School Board Meeting	June 2	7:00 @ LHS Library
Huot Center Celebration of Achievement	June 3	6:30
Laconia Academy Graduation	June 5	7:00
Joint Building Committee	June 10	6:30 @ LMS
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

Professional Development Master Plan: Bob Champlin shared that we received notification that our Master Plan has been approved and will be in effect until June 30, 2013.

LMS Project Update: Bob shared that we are getting very close to substantial completion at the middle school. May 25 should be the start of the demolition to the gym/cafeteria. The field is being prepared for sod. The completion date will be on or around June 8, which means the project is ahead of schedule as the original completion was scheduled for November.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Gail Ober, the Citizen, asked if the Title I Schoolwide needs state approval. Terri Forsten answered yes and that we have received a preliminary approval. Gail then asked how the stimulus money and Title I Schoolwide money will work together. Bob Champlin answered that we are not sure yet.

ACTION ITEMS

None

NON-PUBLIC SESSION – RSA 91-A:3II

None

PUBLIC SESSION

Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Chuck Tucker, to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3II letter c to discuss the Perkins Scholarship. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board went into Non-Public Session at 8:45 PM.

Motion made to come out of Non-Public Session by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Joe Cormier. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board came out of Non-Public Session at 8:58 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Joe Cormier, seconded by Chris Guilmett, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri L. Forsten
Clerk