

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at the Laconia High School, Media Center. Present: Chairperson Scott Vachon, Chris Guilmett, Stacie Sirois, Joe Cormier, Marge Kerns, Beth Arsenault, 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 7:00 PM. The agenda was posted on June 1, 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**

Marge Kerns asked to have budget transfers added under both discussion and action. Motion made by Joe Cormier, seconded by Stacie Sirois, to approve the agenda as amended. The vote was unanimous.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Joe Cormier, seconded by Stacie Sirois, to approve the minutes of May 19 as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Bob Champlin provided an update on the 911 call from Pleasant Street School that took place earlier today. He stated that there was not an actual fire. The alarms were activated by the kiln in the Art room. School was not in session, but Project EXTRA! students were in the building. Bob stated that everyone followed the proper evacuation procedures.

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION – Foley Oil**

Eric Johnson shared that Foley Oil assisted with the reshaping of the ball field at Elm Street School by providing the fill needed to complete the project. Eric said that Foley Oil always helps out at the school. Sandy Jackson provided other examples of how Foley Oil helps out at Elm Street School by sharing that Foley Oil buys raffle items each year for the Kindergarten raffle, they helped with the Brigid Kilfoyle memorial walkway and the Kindergarten classes go to Foley Oil on a field trip each year and has done so for approximately nine years. Sandy then showed a PowerPoint presentation of the students on their field trip to Foley Oil. Eric presented Foley Oil with a certificate of appreciation for all that they do for Elm Street School.

### **PRESENTATION/SPECIAL RECOGNITION – JAG Program**

Amy Nutter showed and discussed the numerous trophies that the high school JAG Program has received. She then shared a PowerPoint presentation that outlined what the JAG Program has been working on this year. The student who is the President of the JAG Program spoke briefly to share what the program has personally done for him.

Joe Sampson, with the assistance from students, shared the items that the middle school JAG Program has been working on, which include working with the NH Veteran's Home, creating a scrapbook of events, making videos (newscasts) of what the program offers, and working on a Make A Wish fundraiser.

## STRATEGIC PLANNING

Terri Forsten provided a review of the process that the Board and Administrative Team took to reassess the mission statement and strategic plan. She then shared the work that the subcommittees did in brainstorming the goals for each component of the strategic plan and drafting a revised mission statement. The Board provided input on both the mission statement and the goals, as requested by Terri. It is the subcommittee's hope that both the goals and the mission statement will be confirmed prior to the August opening of school.

Public/Administrative Input:

None

## BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Budget & Personnel:** Marge Kerns said that the committee met last Friday and this evening. They will be bringing budget transfers forward later in the meeting.

**Facilities/CIP:** No Report

**Policy:** No Report

**Board Member Input:** Marge Kerns shared that the Laconia Middle School band and chorus concert was wonderful and well attended. Chris Guilmett said that the underclassmen awards night that took place this evening was pretty amazing. Stacie Sirois noted that the Woodland Heights read together was a great event.

## BOARD CHAIR REPORT

No Board Chair Report

## CALENDAR

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	
Policy Committee Meeting	June 16	8:00
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition (WHS, PSS, ESS)	June 16	6:00
Facilities/CIP Meeting	June 16	6:00
LMS Graduation	June 17	6:00
Last Day of School for Students	June 18	
Last Day of School for Staff	June 19	

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

**Grant Updates:** Terri Forsten communicated that we will receive \$30,000 from Title IIA which is a competitive grant that focuses on professional development and \$21,389 from Title IVA which is an entitlement grant that focuses on safe & drug free schools.

**Stimulus Update:** Bob Champlin shared that Terri Forsten is researching how the funds can be used. He also mentioned that we now have a verbal approval for Title I School-wide.

**Summer Curriculum Projects:** Terri shared that we have 60 requests for summer curriculum projects, noting that 5 of those requests are K-12.

**LMS Update:** Bob said that he met with Chief Erickson and received approval to hold the June 17 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Night in the new gymnasium.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

**1<sup>st</sup> Policy Reading: Policy JICK – Pupil Safety & Violence Prevention/Bullying; Policy KA – Community Resources:** Chris Guilmett explained the policies. There was no further discussion.

**Resignations: Jennifer Chapman, Nathan Thorsteinson, Victoria Gancarz:** Bob Champlin shared the letters of resignation. There was no further discussion.

**Budget Transfers:** Marge Kerns explained that most of the budget transfers are salaries, health insurance and contingency accounts being transferred to special education accounts. Marge also explained that these transfers are the typical realigning of accounts for year end. Scott Vachon asked Ed Emond to provide the Board with a five year history on natural gas.

#### GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

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

#### ACTION ITEMS

**Resignations: Jennifer Chapman, Nathan Thorsteinson, Victoria Gancarz:** Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Marge Kerns, to accept the resignations as presented by the Superintendent. The vote was unanimous.

**Budget Transfers:** Motion made by Joe Cormier, seconded by Beth Arsenault, to approve the budget transfers as presented by the Budget & Personnel Committee. 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