

The Laconia School Board held a regular meeting at the Laconia High School Auditorium.

PRESENT: Aaron Hayward, Dawn Johnson, Joe Cormier, Laura Dunn, Malcolm Murray, Nick Grenon, Superintendent Steve Tucker, Assistant Superintendent Hinds, and Business Administrator Christine Blouin.

Absent: Heather Lounsbury

CALL TO ORDER

Board Vice Chairperson, Aaron Hayward, called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. The agenda was posted on Friday, October 1st at the SAU office and on the District's website, along with being sent to each of our schools, the Laconia Daily Sun, Laconia Library, and City Hall, in accordance with RSA 91-A.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Board Member Cormier made the motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Board Member Murray. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Murray to approve the minutes from September 21st as presented, seconded by Board member Grenon. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS

Laconia High School Dean of Students and Athletic Director, Craig Kozens, Laconia Middle School Assistant Principal and Athletic Director, Chrigus Boezemen along with Laconia High School Seniors; Nora Dunleavy, Ella Muller, and Edgar Conroy talked about fall sport at LMS and LHS.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: Board Member Cormier reported that this committee met on Monday, September 27th and discussed ESSER II and III Funds, air handling system, renovations to the bathrooms, LHS kitchen, and locker rooms as well as the planning and discussing stages for these projects. He added that last year the District contracted for snow removal but this year the maintenance will be done in house.

Facilities: Board Member Murray said this committee met last week and discussed the LHS kitchen service line, freezer space, locker rooms, individual bathrooms versus stalls, and ESSER Funds.

Policy: Board Member Hayward reported that this Committee met on September 30th and there are multiple policies up for first readings tonight. The next meeting will be October 25th.

Board Member Input

Board Member Johnson inquired about the 19 ESSER positions and Superintendent Tucker said all but three of the 1-year positions have been filled and the District will look at next year to see if the District has the need to keep some. Board Member Dunn praised our Facilities Director, Bill Caruso, for lighting up the District in red lights for the Fallen Fire Fighters. Board Member Cormier talked about Woodland Heights grade 4 class walking tours of Bank of NH and the Colonial Theater.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT /CALENDAR

Board Chairperson Lounsbury was absent so there was no report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Assistant Superintendent Hinds reported on the Instruction and Portrait of a Graduate Task Force, the K-6 Math Coach, Homecoming, and current Para educator/substitute teacher vacancies. Business Administrator Blouin reported on the 2019-20 Federal audit and the two polices brought forward for revisions due to findings in the audit. Superintendent Tucker deferred to Board Member Dunn to report on the Portrait of a

Graduate Advisory from Board from September 28th. Board Member Dunn said they went over introductions, an overview of their work, talked about NH economy, student support for college and career readiness, and next steps to continue the work in supporting students for college and career. Superintendent Tucker reported on the November 3rd flu/COVID vaccine clinics for students ages 12 and over with parent/guardian consent at Laconia Middle and Laconia High School. Board Member Dunn inquired the staff shortage and about services for students being interrupted and Assistant Superintendent Hinds said para educators do not provide services, only support and families who have been impacted by the staff shortage have been notified. Only Special Education teachers, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapists, etc. offer services. The District is working with an outside agency as an option to fill staff positions. Superintendent Tucker continued to report on COVID cases in the state, county, and city, Considerations for Safety Protocols, the Laconia dashboard and the decision making matrix.

DISCUSSION

- **First Read-Policy BEDH: Public Participation at School Board Meetings:** The Board discussed this policy and shared concerns about updates and revisions. The policy will be brought to the Policy Committee for consideration.
- **First Read Policy ADB/GBEC: Drug Free Workplace (Also GBEC/ADB):** Board Member Hayward said this policy is updated due to a recent audit.
- **First Read Policy ADC/GBED/JICG: Prohibition Regarding Use and Possession of Tobacco Products, E-Cigarettes and E-Liquids In and On School Facilities (Also GBED/ADC/JICG & JICG/ADC/GBED)** This policy was updated to include specific types of devices and tobacco.
- **First Read Policy JICD: Student Discipline and Due Process:** This policy was recently redone but due to recent revisions from NHSBA in regards the new law it had to be revised accordingly.
- **Rescind BEDH-Procedure: Public Participation at School Board Meetings:** Board Member Hayward said this policy is redundant and no longer needed. Board Member Dunn said she is not in favor of voting on this and would like to table it until policy BEDH is reviewed again by the Policy Committee.
- **Stay In School Update:** Board Member Cormier said with the current data, the District should stay the course with masking and protocols.

General Public Comment on Discussion and Action Items

- There was no public comment.

ACTION

- **Rescind BEDH-Procedure: Public Participation at School Board Meetings:** Motion made by Board Member Dunn to table this item, seconded by Board Member Johnson. The vote was unanimous.
- **Stay In School Update:** Motion made by Board Member Cormier approve the stay in school update as presented, seconded by Board Member Murray. Board Members Dunn and Johnson opposed. The vote was 4-2.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

- There was no public comment.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A:3, II (A) AND (C)

Motion made by Board Member Cormier to enter into nonpublic session, seconded by Board Member Murray. The roll vote was unanimous. The Board entered into nonpublic at 7:37 PM

PUBLIC SESSION:

Public Session reconvened at 8:16 PM

ACTION

- **Laconia High School Administration Support:** Motion made by Board Member Murray to approve the support for the Laconia High School Administration as presented, seconded by Board Member Cormier. Board Members Dunn and Johnson opposed. The vote was 4-2.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Board Member Murray to adjourn, seconded by Board Member Cormier. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hinds
Clerk