

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Mal Murray, Barbara Luther, Dawn Johnson, Michael Persson, Aaron Hayward, Stacie Sirois, Superintendent Dr. Brendan Minnihan, Assistant Superintendent Amy Hinds, and Business Administrator Christine Blouin. Absent: Heather Lounsbury.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Mal Murray called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The agenda was posted on May 11, 2018 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

Motion made by Stacie Sirois to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Dawn Johnson, seconded by Barbara Luther, to approve the minutes of May 1, 2018 as presented. Aaron Hayward abstained. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATION

Budget

Business Administrator Christine Blouin presented the proposed FY19 Budget. Christine went through the budget book and explained the increases and decreases of the proposed budget. Christine explained how the accounts are set up by fund, function, object, school/location, and project. She went on to explain the overall budget in detail emphasizing that it is a tax cap compliant budget. Christine also informed the Board of the Education Reserve, Building Maintenance Trust Fund, Special Education Trust Fund and the Health Insurance Trust Fund. Lastly, Christine reported to the Board that the proposed budget was created from a zero based budget which is based on the needs of each building level. The needs are determined from teams meeting and presenting to the building principals, and principals presenting the needs to the Superintendent.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: Met on May 3rd to review the proposed budget

Facilities/CIP: Waiting on the letter of intent for the Performance Contract with Siemens

Policy: The Policy Committee met tonight and reviewed the elementary handbook as well as a few policies.

Strategic Planning: Holding

Legislative Update: Dr. Minnihan reported that SB193 has not passed and that the Senate will not meet again formally until January 2019 after elections.

Board Member Input: Michael Persson said he is looking forward to the Top Ten Dinner on Thursday, May 17th.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR Mal Murray asked the Board to take a look at the May/June calendar of events handed out and to look at the invitation to the Laconia Adult Ed. Graduation.

CALENDAR

LHS Top Ten Dinner	Thursday, May 17, 2018	6:00 pm at the MVSB Dining Room
City Council Meeting	Monday, May 20, 2018	7:00 pm at City Hall
School Board Meeting	Tuesday, June 5, 2018	7:00 pm at SAU

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Dr. Minnihan talked about Higher NH visiting our District and a letter that was sent after their visit. He handed out a copy to the letter to the Board which highlighted three grade five students at Woodland Heights Elementary School and Mrs. Stinson personalizing PACE work. Dr. Minnihan went on to talk about the retreat for Gear up NH in Whitefield NH he attended and the promotional pamphlet Gear Up NH has which includes information about Laconia. Dr. Bryant worked with students on a tee shirt design contest. Gear Up NH liked the design so much that they plan to use it on their poster. Dr. Minnihan reported that he has served as the Board Chair for NESDEC and has met his term limit and longer will serve on the Board. Dr. Minnihan spoke to the Board about his experience at a recent Leadership meeting he attended in Los Angeles which included a speaker from Donors Choose. He received gift cards for Donors Choose which he distributed to the Board. Dr. Minnihan also informed the Board that at the June 5th School Board meeting, the afterschool Robotics teams from the elementary and middle school level will be presenting. Dr. Minnihan updated the Board on the recent accident involving a Laconia Middle School student and her return to school soon.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Approval of the proposed F19 Budget and the acceptance of the resignation of Steve Clavett.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Laconia resident Elizabeth Conley asked Dr. Minnihan his thoughts on SB193 and HB1636 and how that could impact the Laconia School District. Dr. Minnihan said that as a public school, anything that drains money is unfortunate. Mrs. Conley also asked if there is currently any data in Laconia to know if/when homeschooled students transfer to other districts. Dr. Minnihan said no, there is no data per the homeschool laws.

ACTION ITEMS

Budget: Motion made by Michael Persson, seconded by Stacie Sirois to approve the proposed FY19 Budget. The vote was unanimous.

Acceptance of the resignation of Steve Clavett: Motion made by Michael Persson, seconded by Dawn Johnson to authorize Dr. Minnihan to accept the resignation effective June 30, 2018. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Michael Persson, seconded by Stacie Sirois, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hinds
Clerk