

**LACONIA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 2, 2019
SAU OFFICE, 39 HARVARD STREET**

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 39 Harvard Street, SAU 30, Board Room. **PRESENT:** Bob Champlin, Aaron Hayward, Dawn Johnson, Heather Lounsbury, Barbara Luther, Malcolm Murray, Stacie Sirois, Superintendent Dr. Brendan Minnihan, and Assistant Superintendent Amy Hinds. **ABSENT:** Christine Blouin.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Malcolm Murray called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. The agenda was posted on Friday, March 29, 2019 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 Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Stacie Sirois to approve the minutes of March 19, 2019 as presented, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. Dawn Johnson abstained. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS

Boys and Girls Club of the Lakes Region- Chris Emond: Mr. Emond gave the Board an overview of the merge between Boys and Girls Club of the Lakes Region and the Lakes Region Child Care Center. Mr. Emond said the two organizations will keep their current business name. He assured the Board that the two organizations are still strong and meet all licensing requirements. Board Chairperson, Malcom Murray asked if the leadership would remain the same or would it move out of Laconia and Mr. Emond said Marti Ilg, current Lakes Region Child Care Center's Director, would stay in the Lakes Region as Chief Operations Officer and he would remain in Concord as the Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Emond said there will not be a lot of change but there will be continued growth in the area of infant care. Bob Champlin said Laconia is in need of a teen center and Mr. Emond agreed and stated their strategic plan is to grow infant care first and then regrow a teen center with careful consideration of proper staffing.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUDGET & PERSONNEL: Bob Champlin said that Business Administrator, Christine Blouin created a budget sheet that was received and approved by Budget and Personnel with recommendations from the Administrative team that is tax cap compliant. Bob informed the Board that the budget is not finalized until it is approved by City Council.

FACILITIES/CIP: Heather reported that financial bids for the Performance Contract will be coming in soon and she will update the Board after the Facilities Committee meets.

POLICY: Stacie Sirois reported that the Policy Committee met on March 19th.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: Aaron Hayward said that the Strategic Planning Committee is in a holding pattern.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Dr. Minnihan reported on the following bills: HB564, HB177, HB551, HB226, SB141, SB196.

BOARD MEMBER INPUT: There was no Board Member input.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT: Malcolm Murray noted the district calendar of events and said there are a lot of events and functions going on now until the end of the year. Mr. Murray continued to report the McKenzie Harrington-Bacote, Destination Imagination, and Rolling Thunder will present at the next School Board Meeting on April 16th.

CALENDAR

Budget and Personnel Committee	April 11, 2019	SAU 30 at 3:30 P.M.
School Board Meeting	April 16, 2019	SAU 30 at 6:30 P.M.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Minnihan referred to a handout from Reaching Higher NH concerning education funding and talked about the lawsuit that ConVal, Monadnock, and Winchester School Districts are involved in regarding adequate education funding. Dr. Minnihan informed the Board that WMUR invited him to attend a recording on homelessness in NH and that he invited Mollie Greeley to attend with him. Lastly, Dr. Minnihan informed the Board that Laconia Middle School's Destination Imagination team won first place at a recent competition which earned them an invitation to the Global Finals in May. The cost of the trip is around 8k-10k for flights and lodging and the team would like to raise the funds through Go Fund Me. Dr. Minnihan asked the Board's thoughts on the Go Fund me fundraising option and the idea of the District sharing their page with staff and Laconia Links. After discussion about the team's time crunch the Board came to the consensus to grant approval as long as Administrators have the opportunity to weigh in and parameters are set regarding district teams/clubs using Go Fund Me for future fundraising efforts. Barbara Luther said she knows that students from Inter-Lakes and Gilmanton went to Global Finals and that the fundraising efforts went well. Bob Champlin suggested the team reach out to Inter-Lakes and Gilmanton to see how they fundraised.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- CLiF Grant at Pleasant Street School/Laconia Middle School: Dr. Minnihan discussed the CLiF literacy grant at LMS and PSS which is an award of books and materials as well as guest speakers/readers.
- **Grammy Foundation Grant for LHS:** Dr. Minnihan informed the Board that Angel Burke and Krin Monterose wrote the grant for the Grammy Awards for LHS and were awarded \$5,000.
- **Non Renewals (Teachers and Long Term Subs):** The Board discussed nominations, non-renewals, and the timeline.
- **Administrator Contracts and Salaries:** Bob Champlin informed the Board that the Administrator contracts are a three-year contract from June 1, 2019 –June 30, 2022. Bob talked about the language in previous contracts and referred to the scatter gram regarding Administrators who qualify for retirement and their pay out and how Christine Blouin has already encumbered those funds as a fully funded benefit.
- **MOA - Steve Tucker and Transition Plan:** Mr. Murray said Gilford School District voted unanimously to support the MOA between Laconia and Gilford.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

- **CLiF Grant at Pleasant Street School/Laconia Middle School:** Motion made by Dawn Johnson to accept the CLiF as presented, seconded by Barbara Luther. The vote was unanimous.
- **Grammy Foundation Grant for LHS:** Motion made by Bob Champlin to accept the Grammy Award as presented, seconded by Stacie Sirois. The vote was unanimous.
- **Non Renewals (Teachers and Long Term Subs):** Motion made by Stacie Sirois to accept the nomination list as presented, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The vote was unanimous.
- **Administrator Contracts and Salaries:** Motion made by Dawn Johnson to accept the Administrator Contract and Salaries as presented, seconded by Barbara Luther. The vote was unanimous.
- **MOA - Steve Tucker and Transition Plan:** Motion made by Stacie Sirois to accept the MOA and Transition Plan for Steve Tucker as presented, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Stacie Sirois to adjourn, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hinds
Clerk