

**LACONIA SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 3, 2020 AT 4:00 P.M.  
SAU BOARD ROOM VIA ZOOM**

The Laconia School Board held a regular meeting, virtually via Zoom due to the Governor's State of Emergency Order (COVID-19) Friday, April 3, 2020 at 39 Harvard Street, SAU 30, Board Room. **PRESENT:** Aaron Hayward, Bob Champlin, Dawn Johnson, Heather Lounsbury, Laura Dunn, Malcolm Murray, Superintendent Steve Tucker, Assistant Superintendent Amy Hinds, and Business Administrator Christine Blouin.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chairperson, Heather Lounsbury, called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. Chairperson Lounsbury read aloud the checklist to ensure meetings are compliant with the Right-to Know Law during the State of Emergency and conducted a roll call. The agenda was posted on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 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 Malcolm Murray to approve the agenda, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The roll call vote was unanimous

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Malcolm Murray to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2020 special meeting as presented, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Motion made Dawn Johnson to approve the amended minutes of March 17, 2020 under discussion to reflect the correct year, May 2020, seconded by Malcolm. Malcolm Murray abstained. The roll call vote was unanimous.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget & Personnel:** Bob Champlin reported that most budget items are on the agenda were in collaboration with the EAL, LEA and SAU leadership for keeping contact with the City and its counterparts.

**Facilities/CIP:** Malcolm Murray reported on the LHS auditorium chairs and curtains.

**Policy:** Aaron Hayward reported that the Policy Committee met on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and will have a few policies up for first reading on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Strategic Planning/Portrait of a Graduate:** This committee has not met.

**Diversity and Inclusion Task Force:** This committee is in a holding pattern.

**Board Member Input:** Aaron Hayward said he appreciates the efforts the district and support staff has taken reach out to families. Chairperson Lounsbury echoed Aaron's comments and thanked the IT department.

**BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR**

**Policy Committee Chair:** Chairperson Lounsbury reported that with Stacie Sirois' resignation from the Board there is a Ward 5 vacancy and that Aaron Hayward was asked to succeed her as chairperson for the Policy Committee.

**Cancellation April 7, 2020 NHSBA Training:** Chairperson Lounsbury reported that the training was canceled but there will be webinars that are still available.

**Next School Board Meeting April 21, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.** The Board discussed the next School Board meeting date and the consensus was to hold it on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 P.M. unless an emergency meeting needs to take place.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Tucker proposed a flex day for students and staff on Wednesdays during the remote learning period for teachers to meet student needs as well as enrichment extensions. The consensus of the Board was that they were in favor of the flex day.

Superintendent Tucker reported on Remote Learning in the District highlighting attendance, and flexibility, communication, short-and-long-term planning, summer learning, fall 2020 support for students, student and staff survey results, end of year celebrations & recognitions for students, and grab and go meals.

Assistant Superintendent Hinds reported on remote learning hours and the NEA NHSSA guidance for learning hours per day and by grade. The stimulus funds for grades K-12 will be roughly one million dollars for Laconia and the District should receive those fund in 60 days. The funds will be used for ESSA, IDEA, Title I, PD and tech needs.

Kim O'Neil, EAL President reported on various professional development district support staff are taking advantage of, their work days, and the different tasks such as meal distribution. Assistant Superintendent Hinds added that the all union and nonunion support staff have the same opportunities during the remote learning that includes custodians and food service employees.

Assistant Superintendent Hinds reported on contracted services; Occupational Therapy, Speech, Physical Therapy, Behavioral Specialist. These contracted service providers have been engaged in professional development, or working with Tier II or Tier II students to their best extent. Business Administrator Blouin added that Waste Management's fees have been reduced and she is currently looking at

postage and photo copiers. The District will negotiate the remainder for the First Student contract. Board Chairperson, Heather Lounsbury said the First Student contract can be discussed at the next Budget and Personnel meeting and the committee can decide if it needs to go before a full Board or special meeting.

#### DISCUSSION

**Hourly Employees:** Superintendent Tucker talked about supporting hourly employees and flexible ways to keep them employed during the remote learning period. Bob Champlin added that the District has been working with the EAL Union and hourly employees. The Budget and Personnel Committee would like to see the extension go to May 4<sup>th</sup> and reassess.

**LEA Nominations:** The Board received the nomination list for the 20-21 school year. Contracts, if approved, will be sent out on Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Spring Stipends:** Superintendent Tucker talked about students in remote learning and the proposal of keeping coaches connected to students in creatives ways to engage them in different ways and offer different experiences.

**April 2021 LHS Band Trip:** The Board discussed this postponed trip, student refunds, and plans for next year.

**April Vacation Meals:** Christen Blouin reported that the State will fund meals during April vacation.

#### ACTION

**Hourly Employees:** Motion made by Bob Champlin to approve hourly employees as presented and reassess May 4, 2020, seconded by Malcolm Murray. Roll call was unanimous.

**LEA Nominations:** Motion made by Malcolm Murray to approve the LEA nominations as presented, seconded by Bob Champlin. Roll call was unanimous.

**Spring Stipends:** Dawn Johnson made a motion to approve the Spring Stipends as presented at the point in time, seconded by Malcolm Murray. Roll call was unanimous.

**April 2021 LHS Band Trip:** Motion made by Dawn Johnson to approve the April 2021 LHS Band Trip as presented, seconded by Bob Champlin. Roll call vote was unanimous.

**April Vacation Meals:** Board Chairperson, Heather Lounsbury asked to withdraw action item as it will be funded by the State. Roll call vote was unanimous.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Malcolm Murray to adjourn, seconded by Dawn Johnson. Roll call vote was unanimous.  
The Board meeting adjourned at 5:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Tucker  
Clerk