

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Stacie Sirois, Mal Murray, Chris Guilmett, Aaron Hayward, Mike Persson, Barbara Luther, Heather Lounsbury, Superintendent Brendan Minnihan and Assistant Superintendent Amy Hinds Absent: Business Administrator Christine Blouin.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Stacie Sirois called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The agenda was posted on March 31, 2017, 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 Chris Guilmett, seconded by Barbara Luther, to approve the agenda. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded Heather Lounsbury, to approve the minutes of March 21, 2017. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS

Writing in our Schools: Elementary Academic Coordinator of Teaching and Learning, Gail Bourn, along with Elementary teachers, Andy Mercer, Rachel Hunton, Sabrina Searles and Ellen Ward-Hill and several students presented to the Board on community based education. Gail Bourn explained the graduate class the teachers are participating in and how they are incorporating walking fieldtrips into their classrooms. Students discussed their favorite walking field trips they attended and what they have learned. Some of the locations students have gone are the Laconia Dog Sled Races, Goss Reading Room and Colonial Theater. Mike Persson commented that is exactly what the Strategic Planning Community Based Education committee was thinking when they discussed the plan.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: This committee has not met.

Facilities/CIP: This committee has not met.

Policy: This committee has not met.

Strategic Planning: This committee has not met.

Legislative Update: Dr. Minnihan informed the Board that there was a hearing on SB 193 today.

Board Member Input: Mike Persson informed the Board that the LHS Drama group has made it to the State Festival at Gilford High School this Friday and Saturday. On Thursday, April 6th is the LHS Spelling Bee at LHS, admission is a jar of peanut butter and jelly.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

CALENDAR

LHS Spelling Bee	Thursday, April 6, 2017	6:30PM @ LHS
School Board Meeting	Tuesday, April 18, 2017	7:00PM @ SAU

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Dr. Minnihan informed the Board that the LMS Destination Imagination Team participated in the State Tournament on Sunday, April 2nd and has advanced to Finals. He informed the Board they have completed the Field Trip Request form for the team to go to Global Competition in Knoxville, Tennessee. Project Extra kicked off their fundraising efforts by donating money and they will be looking to fundraisers to raise the rest of the funds.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Nomination/Election of Staff for 2017-2018 School Year: Dr. Minnihan gave the names of certified teaching staff to the School Board who will be issued contracts for the 2017-2018 School Year. He informed the Board that there are four names not on the list, as they will be issued RIF letters. He is hopeful they will be recalled.

Early Retirements: Dr. Minnihan informed the Board that if the Board approves this the five teachers who will retire in 2018, will be offered an opportunity to retire in 2017. Some of the teachers have reached out to Dr. Minnihan to see if this could be an option. The LEA is in support of this as well. Mike Persson explained that there might be an impact on health insurance if they retire this year.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no general/public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

Nomination/Election of Staff for 2017-2018 School Year: Motion made by Mike Persson, seconded by Chris Guilmett, to approve the list as present. The vote was unanimous.

Early Retirements: Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Heather Lounsbury, to allow administration to offer the five teachers who will retire in June, 2018 to retire in June, 2017. The vote was unanimous.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion made by Mike Persson, seconded by Heather Lounsbury, to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3II letter a. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board went into Non-Public Session at 7:38PM.

Motion made to come out of Non-Public Session by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Heather Lounsbury, Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board came out of Non-Public Session at 7:52PM.

PUBLIC SESSION

Motion made by Mike Persson, seconded by Chris Guilmett, to seal the non-public minutes of April 4, 2017, because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would adversely affect the reputation of any person other than a member of this board.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mike Persson, seconded by Chris Guilmett, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hinds
Clerk