

LACONIA SCHOOL BOARD

April 5, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.
SAU #30 39 Harvard Street
Laconia, NH 03246

The Laconia School Board held a regular Board meeting at Superintendent's Office located at 39 Harvard Street, Laconia, NH.

PRESENT: Jennifer Anderson, Jennifer Ulrich, Laura Dunn, Aaron Hayward, Dawn Johnson, Heather Drolet, Nick Grenon, Superintendent Steve Tucker, and Assistant Superintendent Hinds.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chairperson Hayward called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. The agenda was posted on Friday, April 1, 2022 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 Board Member Grenon to amend the agenda to add a new item after item #12 to include return to public session after non meeting and before the ratification of the LEA CBA. The motion was seconded by Board Member Anderson. The vote was 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Board Member Dunn to include that the principals gave supporting comments at the March 8th School Board meeting for the level 2 proposal of the elementary art and music teacher positions from the budget work session, and that the minutes were sealed in public from the nonpublic session, that the vote was 5-0 versus unanimous and that under Board Chair Report on the March 22nd meeting that Board Chairperson Hayward referred to the SDGA New Board Member training and not the NHSBA New Board Member Training, seconded by Board Member Drolet. The vote was 7-0.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: Board Member Dunn reported that this committee met on March 24th and discussed the LEA Collective Bargaining Agreement, hiring updates, and the LHS renovation update. The committee met on April 5th where there was an overview of the committee minutes' expectation, the COVID 19 Stipend Proposal, and a hiring update. The next meeting is scheduled for May 11th with a potential meeting in April.

Facilities: Board Member Grenon reported that this committee plans to meet in May.

Policy: Board Member Drolet reported that this committee met on April 12th and has two policies up for a first reading tonight.

Strategic Planning: Board Member Ulrich reported that this committee has not met but plans to meet in May.

Board Member Input: Board Member Dunn and Anderson talked about the Top Ten Dinner at Laconia High School.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

There was no Board Chair report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Assistant Superintendent Hinds reported on curriculum, instruction, and assessment, Xello, LHS Junior SAT on March 30th and that there was an onsite monitoring and LHS is in compliance. She talked about the Student Exhibition event that will take place on April 15th, Pre K and Kindergarten registration, Grade 7 geometry project, the Laconia Middle School baseball donation, the WHS Principal interviews, the Culinary Arts Instructor, and the LHS English teacher. Superintendent Tucker talked about the Portrait of a Graduate Advisory Board meeting with two local businesses; Bank of NH and Taylor Community Home. He talked about the LHS renovations with Chad Monterose of RFS that will go before the Board on May 17th, Leadership Lakes Region, House Bill 1417 and House Bill 1661.

First Read Policy BEC Non-Public Session: Board Member Drolet said this policy revision replaces language with updated language from NHSBA.

First Read Policy GBEAB Mandatory Code of Conduct-All Employees: Board Member Drolet said this policy was worked on prior to COVID 19 and was sent to the Union Presidents for review and feedback. This is a first reading for this policy.

Laconia High School World Language Field Trip: Superintendent Tucker said this is the World Language trip but is open to other students and is planned for 2024 and needs Board approval as it is over night.

Woodland Heights School Principal Candidate: The Board talked about the hiring process and Assistant Superintendent Hinds reported that the 10-person committee had teachers, administrators, paras, and a parent. The principal chosen for WHS was unanimous across the committee. Board Member Johnson brought up Policy CFA and the District's hiring practices. Board Member Drolet said she will bring policy CFA to the Committee to look at clarifying the language.

Superintendent Authority to Hire: The Board talked about the scope of the Superintendent's authority to hire. They talked about the Critical Shortage list about the motion to approve his authority to hire non administrative positions.

Donation to the Laconia Middle School Basketball Team: This donation is for the LMS Baseball team and not the basketball team. The Board discussed local donors to our schools.

Laconia Educators Association Nomination List: The Board looked over the list and talked about non-renewals and tenured positions on the list.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS UNDER DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

There was no general public comment.

Approval of the Laconia High School World Language Field Trip: Motion made by Board Member Dunn to approve the 2024 World Language Field trip as presented, seconded by Board Member Johnson. The vote was 7-0.

Approval of the Woodland Heights School Principal Candidate: Motion made by Board Member Drolet to approve the Woodland Heights Principal Candidate as presented, seconded by Board Member Ulrich. Board Member Johnson opposed. The vote was 6-1.

Superintendent Authority to Hire: Motion made by Board Member Dunn to approve the Superintendent to hire non administrative positions, seconded by Board Member Grenon. The vote was 7-0.

Approval of the Donation to the Laconia Middle School Baseball Team: Motion made by Board Member Johnson to approve the baseball donation as presented, seconded by Board Member Anderson. The vote was 7-0.

Approval of the Laconia Educators Nomination List: Motion made by Board Member Drolet to approve the nomination list as revised, seconded by Board Member Ulrich. The vote 7-0.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no general public comment.

NON MEETING

The Board went into a non-meeting at 8:18 P.M. to discuss the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement that was ratified by the LEA.

NONPUBLIC SESSION PER RSA 91-A:3, II (C):

Motion made by Board Member Anderson to enter into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3, II (C), seconded by Board Member Drolet. The Board enter into nonpublic session at 9:50 P.M. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Motion made by Board Member Anderson to leave nonpublic and enter in public session, seconded by Board Member Ulrich. The Board left nonpublic session at 11:08 P.M.

PUBLIC SESSION

The Board entered into public session at 11:08 P.M. Motion made by Board Member Anderson to seal the nonpublic minutes, seconded by Board Member Grenon. Roll call vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Board Member Grenon to adjourn, seconded by Board Member Anderson. The Board meeting adjourned at 11:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hinds, Clerk