

The Laconia School Board held a regular meeting, at the Huot Career and Technical Center on Tuesday, August 18, 2020.

PRESENT: Aaron Hayward, Dawn Johnson, Heather Lounsbury, Joe Cormier, Laura Dunn, Malcolm Murray, Nick Grenon, 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 6:30 P.M. The agenda was posted on Friday, August 14, 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. Board Chair Person Lounsbury stated that the chat feature in ZOOM is not a place for public comment and during the public comment those participating via Zoom have the option to virtually raise their hand and when called on please state fist and last name, and address. Public comments will be verbal comments only.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Board member Cormier to amend the agenda to add the Zoom contract and the RFS ventilation proposal under discussion and action, seconded by Malcolm Murray. The vote was unanimous to approve the agenda as amended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Joe Cormier to amend the minutes to reflect Aaron Hayward was present, Board Member input, Eric Johnson reported on Facilities, school will begin September 9th and not the 29th, and to strike a comment that Dawn Johnson did not make. Seconded by Malcolm Murray. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as amended.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: Bob Champlin reported that this committee has not met.

Facilities/CIP: Malcolm Murray reported on the Laconia High School auditorium, bleachers, batting cage, fire doors, stair treads, roofs, tiling at Woodland Heights School, the retention pond at Elm Street School, paving, the Laconia High School gym, cleaning protocols, training logs, PPE, air quality and ventilation inspections, staff changes, and the oak cabinet display for Laconia High School.

Policy: Aaron Hayward reported that the Policy Committee met on August 12th and reviewed the Adult Education Policies and there will be two polices up for a first read on September 1st.

Strategic Planning/Portrait of a Graduate: Dawn Johnson reported that this committee has not met.

Diversity and Inclusion Task Force: Aaron Hayward reported that this committee met on August 11th and will reconvene later in the fall.

Board Member Input

Dawn Johnson read a statement she prepared about the reopening of schools and masks.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT /CALENDAR

Boar Chairperson Lounsbury reported school year 2020/21 calendar report card and quarter dates, Aaron Hayward asked about the continuation of remote learning of transitioning to face to face learning after the November 13th date and Superintendent Tucker said it's dependent on the data. Board Chair person Lounsbury continued to report on the September 8th voting day, the tour of Laconia High School, the impact of summer workouts at Laconia High School, and the August 12th public service announcement.

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

School Board Meeting

6:30 PM at HTC MVSDB Dining Room

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Tucker updated the Board of the NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed 306.4 proposed rule change for remote learning during periods of extended closures. Principal Beauchemin, Principal Levesque, Principal Johnson, Principal Bryant, Director Warrender, and Principal Bennett reported social distancing measures for welcoming students and the improvements and work done in their buildings and grounds. Superintendent Tucker continued to report on New Teacher Induction scheduled for August 27th from 8AM -3PM at Laconia Middle School. Assistant Superintendent Hinds reported on PPE and the items that have been purchased through the district facility director and a donation of 2,100 masks from the State of NH. Assistant Superintendent Hinds and stated that the district is ready for the opening of school. Superintendent Tucker continued to report on the district's decision to convert to google mail, and fall sports. Assistant Superintendent Hinds reported on team planning with Administrators, nurses, music, and physical education teachers. She included that they will develop structured activities that will transfer to recess with social distancing guidelines. Superintendent Tucker informed the Board of the Elm Street School pick up and drop off traffic patterns, and one-way entry and exit patterns in schools. Superintendent Tucker talked about the reopening of schools; screenings, transportation, meals, hybrid model and remote learning. Board member Dunn inquired about direct instruction for students with an IEP, Assistant Superintendent Hinds said Special Education teams will work with families on what that will look like if parents have any concerns they may reach out to Student Services.

DISCUSSION

Infrastructure Grants: Christine Blouin reported three awards that the district received last week and went over the 80/20 cost share and said if the State has additional funds, there will be a third round of grants.

COVID-19 Staffing: Superintendent Tucker informed the Board of the need for a floating nurse and custodial staff.

Cost of Zoom: Superintendent Tucker informed the Board the cost of Zoom that will enable district teachers to utilize the tool for remote learning.

Rist Frost Shumway Proposal: Bob Champlin informed the Board of the ventilation proposal at Laconia High School. Bob Champlin talked about Phase I with a walk through and study and the Phase II with measuring the air coming in the building, going out, and the exchange rate. Dawn Johnson asked if an evaluation of the ventilation was part of the Siemens performance contract and Bob said yes, per the contract. Board member Hayward inquired about the budget impact to the district, Business Administrator Blouin said the district will use COVID funds first then the general fund.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION

Infrastructure Grants: Motion made by Board member Johnson to accept the three grants as presented, seconded by Board member Cormier. The vote was unanimous.

Cost of Zoom: Motion made by Board member Johnson to approve the Zoom contract as presented, seconded by Board member Dunn. The vote was unanimous.

Rist Frost Shumway Proposal: Motion made by Board member Murray to approve Phase I of the Rist Frost Shumway proposal, seconded by Board member Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Board member Murray to adjourn, seconded by Board member Johnson. The vote was unanimous. The School Board meeting adjourned at 9:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Tucker
Clerk