

**Laconia School Board
Regular Meeting
August 23, 2018
SAU Office, 39 Harvard Street**

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, August 23rd at 39 Harvard Street, SAU 30, Board Room. Present: Mal Murray, Heather Lounsbury, Barbara Luther, Dawn Johnson, Aaron Hayward, Superintendent Dr. Brendan Minnihan, Assistant Superintendent Amy Hinds, and Business Administrator Christine Blouin. Absent: Michael Persson and Stacie Sirois

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Mal Murray called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. The agenda was posted on Monday, August 20th 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 Heather Lounsbury to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Barbara Luther. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Dawn Johnson to approve the minutes of July 26th as presented, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATION

Laconia Middle School Principal, Dr. Alison Bryant and Laconia Police Chief, Matthew Canfield presented the proposed School Resource Officer position at Laconia Middle School. Dr. Bryant highlighted the role of the School Resource Officers positive impact within the school and community; law enforcement security, mentorship/guidance, building relationships with students, staff and families and an educational component. Chief Canfield shared that he recently sat on the Governor School Preparedness Task Force and learned that having a uniformed police officer in the school does have a deterrent effect. Chief Canfield shared the following benefits to implementing a School Resource Officer:

- Communication- Information the Police Department would not be privy to if not in the school building
- Relationships- Students getting to know a police officer in a positive way
- Interacting with Students-Information/intervention/proactive approach
- Adding a LEAD Program-Law Enforcement Against Drugs, anti-bullying, gangs and drugs

Chief Canfield reported that City Council supports a School Resource Office at Laconia Middle School starting in January 2019 on a part-time basis and full-time SRO position for the 19-20 school year.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: Christine Blouin reported that about \$410,000 will be transferred to the Education Stabilization Trust Fund to help fund the future teacher contracts. Amy Hinds reported Special Education changes to line items stating that four out of district tuition court placed students are no longer in out of district placement which is savings to our district. Amy also reported that formally contracted service of a 1:1 behavior specialist position is now covered by a Registered Behavior Technician which is a substantial savings of \$18,000-\$24,000.

Facilities/CIP: Christine Blouin said that she will report the complete progress of the facility upgrades at the September 4th School Board meeting.

Policy: The Policy Committee will meet September 18th at 6pm

Strategic Planning: Aaron Hayward reported that the Strategic Planning Committee is working on a task force, identifying members and a timeline.

Legislative Update: Dr. Minnihan reported that there will be a meeting in November regarding how to fund education which will include John Tobin and Andrew Balisnki.

Board Member Input: There was no Board Member input

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Malcolm Murray reported that the Educational Assistants of Laconia (LEA) contract was approved by City Council. Mr. Murray passed around photos of the work completed in the community from WorkacampNE and stated he was pleased with the work completion in our community.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Minnihan reported that Opening Day is August 28th and that he will introduce the School Board Members who are able to attend during the opening comments. Dr. Minnihan also reported that he met with the editor of the Laconia Daily Sun and will have a column once per month. Each Administrator in the District will contribute, Dr. Minnihan will write the first column and the last one of this year school year. The first column will run on Saturday, September 2nd. Dr. Minnihan talked about NH Kindergarten Aid which is partial support for full day kindergarten and could be as much as \$143,000 addition funding for our district based on final enrollment numbers. Dr. Minnihan talked about the Lakes Region Community College having issues with their current location and would like to use our space at the Huot Technical Center this fall. Dr. Minnihan said he will work on a Memorandum of Understanding to alleviate any glitches. Amy Hinds talked about the para educator shortage in the district and informed the Board of her meeting with Kim O'Neil, EAL president, and the plan to transfer para educators so that support is in place where needed. Ms. Hinds said Woodland Heights elementary will need the most support with 8-10 para educator vacancies.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

-**Dual Concurrent Enrollment Agreement:** Dr. Minnihan referred to the agreement in the Board packet

-**New Hires:** Dr. Minnihan referred to the list of new hires in the Board packet

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no general/public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Approval of the Dual Concurrent Enrollment Agreement.** Motion made by Dawn Johnson to approve the Dual Concurrent Enrollment Agreement, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.

- **Approval of the New Hires:** Motion made by Barbara Luther to approve the new hires, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Heather Lounsbury to adjourn, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hinds
Clerk