

LACONIA SCHOOL BOARD
 December 20, 2021 at 6:30 PM
 SAU #30 39 Harvard Street
 Laconia, NH 03246

The Laconia School Board held a rescheduled 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, Superintendent Steve Tucker, Assistant Superintendent Hinds, and Business Administrator Christine Blouin.

ABSENT: Nick Grenon

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chairperson Hayward called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. The agenda was posted on Friday, December 17th 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 Dunn to approve the agenda as amended to include Strategic Planning under Board Committee Reports, seconded by Board Member Ulrich. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Board Member Johnson to approve the minutes of December 20th as amended to reflect that under discussion, the consensus from the Board was that moving forward, they would like the Stay in School Update to be on the agenda, seconded by Board Member Dunn. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATION

Elm Street Grade 4 Presentation (Performance Assessment)

Academic Coordinator Gail Bourn with Grade 4 teachers, Andy Mercer, Hillary Martin, and Anna Furlone along with students, Olivia, Alex, and Ellie, presented on grade 4 Performance Assessment. The grade 4 presenters highlighted Portrait of a Graduate skills, Inquiry Illuminated, Performance Based Assessments and ending the presentation with students presenting their research based projects.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Budget & Personnel:** Board Member Dunn said this committee met on December 13th and discussed 2022-23 Budget timeline and the ESSER II & III Plans. She also reported on the budget work sessions, the meeting timeline and the budget presentation to the full Board and City Council. Business Administrator Blouin explained the budget book and the process of the budget work sessions. Business Administrator Blouin also explained the ESSER II and III allocations, encumbrances, the actual funds that have been spent, and finally, the remaining funds available.
- **Facilities/CIP:** This committee has not met.
- **Policy:** This committee will meet in January.
- **Strategic Planning:** This committee has not met.
- **Board Member Input:** Board Member Dunn informed the Board of a donation of 60 gifts left over of from the Rod and Gun Club Santa Jam event. Board Member Dunn said she delivered the gifts to the elementary schools this morning.
- Board Member Johnson talked about an email sent to the full Board referencing personnel. Board Chairperson Hayward said anything that references a personnel matter cannot be read in public session.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT /CALENDAR

Board Chairperson Hayward informed the Board of the December 21st Laconia High School concert at the Colonial Theater. He also talked about the nonpublic meeting that will take place on January 4th at 5PM.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Assistant Superintendent Hinds reported on a meeting that took place on December 15th to look over staffing data, facility projects, the distribution of the book, Socks The Belknap Mill Christmas Elf by local Author and Laconia School District ESOL Teacher, Chris Beyer. Board member Anderson added that all the books that were donated came from the Belknap Mill Society from a donor in honor of his mother, Peggy Forbes, a former teacher at Woodland Heights School. Assistant Superintendent Hinds reported that she and Superintendent Tucker rang the bell for the Salvation Army, the letter of appreciation to the LHS Athletic Director, facilities building use, new Huot Technical Center hires for the EMT teaching position and the building trades/plumbing assistant. Superintendent Tucker reported on the social media threat to school nationwide and reported on the current COVID data. The Board discussed COVID numbers in schools/ county, they discussed COVID clusters and the protocols from DHHS.

DISCUSSION

- **Approval of the Stay in School Protocols:** There was no discussion on this item.
- **Robotics Grant (2):** Superintendent Tucker said the grant will fund a program that will be located at Pleasant Street School and students at Elm Street and Woodland Heights Schools will have the opportunity to participate as well. The Laconia High School will open a robotics program to both Laconia Middle and high school students.

General Public Comment on Discussion and Action Items

- There was no public comment for items under discussion and action.

ACTION

- **Approval of the Stay in School Protocols:** Motion made by Board Member Drolet to stay with the stay in school protocols as we have been doing, seconded by Board Member Ulrich. Board Members Dunn and Johnson opposed. The vote was 4-2.
- **Acceptance of the Robotics Grants (2):** Motion made by Board Member Dunn to accept the two robotics grants as presented, seconded by Board Member Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

- There was no general public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Board Member Dunn to adjourn, seconded by Board Member Johnson. The vote was unanimous. The School Board meeting adjourned 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hinds
Clerk