

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 4, 2018, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Mal Murray, Heather Lounsbury, Aaron Hayward, Stacie Sirois, Bob Champlin, Barbara Luther, Dawn Johnson, Superintendent Brendan Minnihan, Assistant Superintendent Amy Hinds and Business Administrator Christine Blouin

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Mal Murray called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The agenda was posted on November 30, 2018, 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.

Mal Murray amended the agenda to add Accept Resignation of K. Barbour under Discussion and Action. Motion made by Stacie Sirois, seconded by Heather Lounsbury, to approve the agenda, as amended. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Dawn Johnson, seconded Barbara Luther, to approve the minutes of November 20, 2018, as presented. The vote was unanimous, with Heather Lounsbury abstaining.

PRESENTATION

Laconia Middle School Update (Alison Bryant): Dr. Alison Bryant, Principal of Laconia Middle School, introduced 6th grade teachers Whitney McCallum and Sonya Roberts and 6th grade students Carmen and Maddie. Sonya and Whitney informed the Board on Gold Day and Genius Hour programs that have been implemented in 6th grade. Students Carmen and Maddie informed the Board on the topics for their Gold Day and Genius Hour projects. School Board members asked several questions to students about these programs.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: This committee met on December 4th. They discussed the future of Super Saturday, the budget process and tentative dates for budget work sessions.

Facilities/CIP: This committee has not met.

Policy: This committee has not met. They will meet on December 18th at 6pm.

Strategic Planning: This committee has not met. They will meet on January 8th at 3:30pm.

Legislative Update: There was no legislative update.

Board Member Input: Dawn Johnson mentioned maybe having School Board meetings at individual schools. Aaron Hayward thanked Dr. Bryant for bringing students to the meeting.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Mal Murray asked Board Committees to start setting up meetings. He also mentioned that the first meeting in January is on the 1st and we might consider skipping that meeting.

CALENDAR

Policy Committee Meeting	Tuesday, December 18, 2018	6:00PM @ SAU
School Board Meeting	Tuesday, December 18, 2018	7:00PM @ SAU

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Brendan Minnihan updated the Board that Board members Dawn and Bob went to Pleasant Street School the morning of December 4th to present the school with two plaques, one for School of the Year and one for Principal of the Year. Dr. Minnihan also informed the Board that Angel Burke, Lisa Hinds, Shannon Siegler and Lindsey Middleton presented at the Christa McAuliffe Technology Conference this year. Laconia was also the spotlight district at the conference this year. The Board was also updated on the status of the research on Livestream. Dr. Minnihan has reached out to one vendor and is in the process of researching another. Dr. Minnihan also went to the Children’s Auction today, where they discussed the gift baskets donated to the Auction by Laconia School District Staff members. Lastly, Dr. Minnihan informed the Board that he was on NHPR’s the Exchange with Laura Knoy to discuss Snow Day Decision making.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Accept Resignation of K. Barbour: Dr. Minnihan informed the Board he received a letter of resignation from a PSS 5th grade teacher due to family reasons. The Board was informed that she would finish out the quarter and her last day would be February 1st.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one for general/public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

Accept Resignation of K. Barbour: Motion made by Stacie Sirois, seconded by Dawn Johnson to accept the resignation of K. Barbour. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Stacie Sirois, seconded by Heather Lounsbury, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hinds
Clerk