

LACONIA SCHOOL BOARD  
 December 7, 2021 at 6:30 PM  
 SAU #30 39 Harvard Street  
 Laconia, NH 03246

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

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

### CALL TO ORDER

Board Chairperson Hayward called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. The agenda was posted on Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Chairperson Hayward added that there will be a non-meeting immediately following this meeting to update the Board on the LEA negotiation process.

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Board Member Grenon to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Board Member Anderson. The vote was unanimous.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Board Member Grenon to approve the minutes of November 16<sup>th</sup> as presented, seconded by Board Member Anderson. The vote was unanimous.

### PRESENTATION

Lisa Hinds, Mollie Greeley, Jennifer Sottak, and Dave Bartlett represented Laconia High School. They highlighted Future Learning Pathways at Laconia High School, Grade 9: Exploration of Self & Positive Identity, Grade 10: Social Competencies and Empowerment, Grade 11: Creating and Engaging in Opportunities, Grade 12: Expanding Possibilities, XELLO, a college and career readiness software, and student portfolios.

### BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Board Member Input:** Board Member Johnson talked about an email from the School District Governance Association of NH regarding duties of the School Board. She said she would like that to be under discussion and action. Board Chairperson Hayward said he would like to start at the policy committee and look at our policy to see if we are in compliance with the State law.

### BOARD CHAIR REPORT /CALENDAR

Board Chairperson Hayward discussed committee assignments as follows:

- Budget and Personnel: Laura Dunn-Chairperson, Jennifer Anderson, and Heather Drolet
- Policy: Heather Drolet Chairperson, Laura Dunn, and Jennifer Ulrich.
- Facilities: Nick Grenon-Chairperson, Dawn Johnson, and Jennifer Anderson.
- Strategic Planning: Jennifer Ulrich-Chairperson, Nick Grenon, and Dawn Johnson.

**Bieniarz Award:** Board Chairperson Hayward reported that the City is looking for a Board Member to serve on the 2021 Bieniarz Award Committee. After discussion, Laura Dunn accepted to represent the district.

**Laconia High School Band December 20, 2021 Concert at the Colonial Theater:** Board Chairperson Hayward said the concert will take place on a School Board meeting night. The consensus of the Board is to have the next Board meeting on Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup> so that Board Members and staff are able to attend the concert.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Assistant Superintendent Hinds reported on teaching and learning, the grade 4 Fish Hatchery field trip, ELO's, the 22/23 school year budget process starting on December 16<sup>th</sup>, vaccine clinics, Lakes Region Music Festival, Debate Club at LHS, the December 21<sup>st</sup> LHS Band Concert, The LRCC December 21<sup>st</sup> Mobile

Food Pantry, the anonymous donor of 90 Turkeys for Thanksgiving and the same donor donation of 330, \$50 gift cards for families in need this holiday season. She reported on two new coaches; baseball and hockey, and the online PD modules required by staff as part of the inclement weather plan.

Superintendent Tucker reported that the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force met on November 15<sup>th</sup>, and discussed House Bill 2 which allows for online complaints to be filed against educators in New Hampshire. The Task Force also discussed ways to support staff and students in using non-discriminatory language. He reported that the Ad Hoc Committee for the Facilities upgrade met to review the proposal, members included Board Members, Hayward, Dunn and Grenon. He introduced Chad Monterose of Rist Frost Shumway and Paul Marinace of Marinace Architect. Chad Monterose presented on the Facilities Proposal. Superintendent Tucker said the proposal is \$33,720. For CTI the total finance would be up to \$20,000. Business Administrator Blouin reported on the removal of Siemens Controls and the need to go back to CTI Controls. Siemens will goodwill the \$16,500 to pull their controls off the network. Superintendent Tucker reported on COVID Data and it is his recommendation to stay the course with mask protocols.

### DISCUSSION

- **Stay in School Update:** The Board discussed whether to keep this item on the agenda or report as needed. The consensus is to keep the update on the agenda moving forward.
- **2022/2023 School year Calendar:** Superintendent Tucker talked about how the calendar is result of working with the LEA and input from area schools. He also spoke about starting after Labor Day, the election days, the inclement weather plan, and staff in-service days.
- **Rist Frost Shumway (RFS) Proposal:** The Board discussed the design and how the design would be brought to the Board for approval.
- **Control Technologies Inc. (CTI) Siemens Proposal:** The Board discussed the separation of the CTI and Siemens controls,

### General Public Comment on Discussion and Action Items

- Oscar Toce talked about an incident at Laconia Middle School.

### ACTION

- **Stay in School Update:** Motion made by Board Member Grenon to stay the course with the mask requirements, seconded by Board Member Drolet. Board Members Dunn and Johnson opposed. The vote was 5-2.
- **2022/2023 School Year Calendar:** Motion made by Board Member Dunn to approve the calendar as presented, seconded by Board Member Anderson. The vote was unanimous.
- **Rist Frost Shumway (RFS) Proposal:** Motion made by Board Member Drolet to accept the proposal as presented, seconded by Board Member Dunn. The vote was unanimous.
- **Control Technologies Inc. (CTI) Siemens Proposal:** Motion made by Board Member Dunn to accept the CTI proposal with the SAU addendum, seconded by Board Member Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

### GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Amanda Littlefield of Winter Street talked about her daughter being bullied at Elm Street School.
- Oscar Toce talked about December 7<sup>th</sup> being Pearl Harbor Day.

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Board Member Dunn to adjourn, seconded by Board Member Grenon. The vote was unanimous. The School Board meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hinds  
Clerk