

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Mal Murray, Heather Lounsbury, Aaron Hayward Stacie Sirois, Mike Persson, Barbara Luther, Dawn Johnson, Superintendent Brendan Minnihan and Business Administrator Christine Blouin. Absent: Assistant Superintendent Amy Hinds

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Mal Murray called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The agenda was posted on February 16, 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.

Motion made by Mike Persson, seconded by Stacie Sirois, to approve the agenda. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Dawn Johnson, seconded by Barbara Luther, to approve the minutes of February 6, 2018. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATION

Early Childhood Education: Early Childhood Education Coordinator, Lisa Holiday, discussed the Early Childhood Programs in the District. She discussed the 4-year old programs and how they differ at each location. Mrs. Holiday also explained the standards they follow. Mrs. Holiday then explained the 3-year old program that is offered at Woodland Heights. She explained that this program provides special education services for children found to have developmental delays or disabilities after their third birthday. There were questions from Board members on the number of students we service in the 3-year old and 4-year old programs and if we work with area daycares. Both of those questions were answered.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: This committee had a non-meeting on February 20th. They discussed EAL negotiations. There will be another non-meeting after the conclusion of the Board meeting.

Facilities/CIP: This committee has not met.

Policy: This committee met on February 20th, they reviewed several polices that will be coming forward at a later meeting, they also have a policy coming forward for a 2nd reading tonight.

Strategic Planning: This committee met on February 12th. They discussed the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment portion of the Strategic Plan. They will now work on updating the plan with the proposed changes.

Legislative Update: Dr. Minnihan informed the Board there has been no resolution on SB 193 or HB 1492.

Board Member Input: Mike Persson informed the Board that the County Delegation will vote tonight on one of the three options for their budget. He explained that all three options are not favorable for the County or Laconia and will have an impact on the District and City's Budgets.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Mal Murray thanked the committees for all their work. He also informed the Board that the date for Super Saturday is March 17th.

CALENDAR

School Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 6, 2018 7:00PM @ SAU

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Dr. Minnihan thinks both the Boys and Girls Basketball teams will make the play-offs. He informed the Board that FBLA is planning an overnight field trip to the Radisson Hotel in Manchester for a Student Leadership Conference. He also informed the Board that he came back late on Sunday night from a conference. He explained the conference was very good. Lastly, he updated the Board that next week is February Vacation.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2nd Policy Reading: DD: Grant Funds, Materials and Services: There was no discussion on this policy.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Persson spoke about a conference he just attended, the keynote speakers were Justice Souter and Robert Putnam. They spoke of the decline of civics education. Mike thought it would be great to reach out to Robert Putnam to see if he would come to Laconia to speak.

ACTION ITEMS

2nd Policy Reading: DD: Grant Funds, Materials and Services: Motion made by Dawn Johnson, seconded by Heather Lounsbury to approve policy DD: Grant Funds, Materials and Services. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mike Persson, seconded by Heather Lounsbury, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hinds
Clerk