

LACONIA SCHOOL BOARD
 January 18, 2022 at 6:30 PM
 SAU #30 39 Harvard Street
 Laconia, NH 03246

The Laconia School Board held a regular Board 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, and Assistant Superintendent Hinds.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chairperson Hayward called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. The agenda was posted on Friday, January 14th 2022 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 amend the agenda to add under Board Chair Report a discussion of the meeting schedule and calendar, seconded by Board Member Grenon. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Board Member Dunn to approve the minutes from the December 20th School Board meeting as presented, seconded by Board Member Drolet. Board member Grenon abstained. The vote 6-0.

Motion made by Board Member Dunn to approve the minutes from the January 4th School Board meeting as presented, seconded by Board Member Anderson. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATION

Kaitlyn Dunleavy, a senior at Laconia High School presented her work with creating the Portrait of a Graduate logo. She explained the process using the Portrait of a Graduate attributes.

Laconia High School Pre Engineering teacher, Ken Martin, talked about Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO) at Laconia High School. He talked about the process of student applying, meeting with the student, establishing a community partner, and creating a learning plan. He said an ELO can earn anywhere from a half credit for a semester or a whole credit for a school year project.

Madison Brooks, a senior at Laconia High School presented on her Extended Learning Opportunity on EMT certification.

Ryan Poliquin, a senior at Laconia High School presented his Extended Learning Opportunity project on Engineering and Manufacturing.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Budget & Personnel:** Board Member Dunn said this committee met tonight and discussed staffing, ESSER positions, 24-25 para vacancies, summer programming, Fiscal Year '23 budget, and the revised pay rate, for non-union tutors and after school positions. The next meeting will be February 2, 2022 at 3:30 PM.
- **Facilities:** Board Member Grenon said this committee met on January 17th and discussed boilers at Laconia Middle and Laconia High School, the District has paid about 60% of the Siemens automation project, Laconia High School project with Marinace Architect, bathroom doors at Laconia High School, duct work at Laconia High School and Woodland Heights Schools via the CARES Act Funds, and the playground equipment at Pleasant Street School.
- **Policy:** Board Member Drolet reported that this Committee will meet on January 24th at 4:30 PM.
- **Strategic Planning:** Board Member Ulrich reported that this Committee will meet on January 25th.
- **Board Member Input:** There was no Board member input.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Board Chairperson Hayward read a statement the Board and went over Board Member policies. He talked about changing the March School Board dates as the first meeting in March is during vacation week. It was the consensus of the Board to have the first meeting on March 8th and the second meeting on March 22nd.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Assistant Superintendent Hinds reported on the Laconia High School Semester 1 Final Exam schedule, Karolyn Wurster, Math Coach, and her work with elementary educators and our middle school math teachers, Kaitlyn Dunleavy, a presenter tonight, designed the Portrait of a Graduate logo. The Huot Career and Technical Center Building Trades Program received a delivery of new power tools and other supplies from Home Depot as part of our partnership with the Home Builders Institute (HBI). She reported on custodial staff absenteeism and one unfilled position, and mental health/wellness offerings for staff from former Health Teacher, Gina McGuire. She talked about the RSA 189:13-a is the "School Employee and Designated School Volunteer Criminal History Records Check" law. She said this has been conducted by the Superintendent, but there can now be a designee. Tami Horan, Human Resource Coordinator, is the designee for the District. She concluded her report informing the Board of the New Teacher Induction that took place on January 11th.

Superintendent Tucker reported that the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce Director, Karmen Gifford, created a list of employers with job information and will be represented at the upcoming Portrait of a Graduate Advisory Board meeting. He talked about the NHSAA Champion for Children nomination, COVID tests in the District for staff from the Department of Health and Human Service. He talked about ways community members can receive the free tests and the letter that will be sent to families with that information included. He talked about school operations and COVID cases and internal coverage to cover classes and gave credit to staff for being flexible during this school year. He reported on the attendance rate for students, 2022 House Bills in his report and that House Bill 607 was rescinded. He talked about custodial staff and gave kudos to the Facilities Director for their work keeping our buildings clean. He reported on COVID data, updated screening tool and guidance.

DISCUSSION

- **Approval of the Stay in School Protocols:** Board Chairperson Hayward said this is to continue with guidance and DHHS protocols. There was no additional discussion.
- **Approval of funds for the duct work cleaning:** Superintendent Tucker said the total cost for duct is \$27,000 and would come from CARES Funds for work at Woodland Heights School and Laconia High School.

General Public Comment on Discussion and Action Items

- Oscar Toce talked about the COVID vaccine and wearing masks.

ACTION

- **Approval of the Stay in School Protocols:** Motion made by Board Member Drolet to stay the course and follow the guidelines as presented, seconded by Board Member Grenon. Board Members Dunn and Johnson opposed. The vote was 5-2.

- **Approval of funds for the duct work cleaning:** Motion made by Board Member Dunn to approve the \$27,000 for the duct work at Laconia High School and Woodland Heights School 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 Grenon to adjourn, seconded by Board Member Anderson. The vote was unanimous. The School Board meeting adjourned 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hinds
Clerk