

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Stacie Sirois, Mal Murray, Scott Vachon, Mike Persson, Chris Guilmett, Barbara Luther, Heather Lounsbury, Superintendent Phil McCormack and Assistant Superintendent Kirk Beitler. Absent: Business Administrator Ed Emond

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Stacie Sirois called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The agenda was posted on January 15, 2016, at the SAU office and on the district's website, along with being sent to each of our schools, "The Citizen", Laconia Library, and City Hall, in accordance with RSA 91-A.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Stacie Sirois amended the agenda to add a non-meeting at the end of the agenda. Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Scott Vachon, to approve the agenda, as amended. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Heather Lounsbury, to approve the corrected minutes of January 5, 2016. The vote was unanimous, with Stacie Sirois abstaining.

PRESENTATIONS:

District Wide PBIS: Safe Schools and Healthy Students Administrator, McKenzie Harrington-Bacote, PBIS District Coordinator, Maureen Tracey and Elm Street School Principal, Tara Beauchemin presented to the Laconia School Board on Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) in the Laconia School District. Ms. Harrington-Bacote informed the School Board on what PBIS is, why we are using it in the District, as well as the grants that are funding the district-wide PBIS initiative. Ms. Tracey showed the Board different Behavior Matrix's that schools developed to teach student's expected behaviors. She also gave background on the School-Wide Information System (SWIS) a computer data base for collecting and tracking behaviors. Ms. Beauchemin presented to the Board data from SWIS on Office Discipline Referrals from all schools. Board Members commented on how they have seen the great impact PBIS has had in the schools.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: This committee met on January 13, 2016 where they discussed the 2016-2017 Budget, Super Saturday, 2015-2016 Budget, Business Administrator vacancy and negotiations.

Facilities/CIP: This committee has not met.

Policy: This committee met on January 12, 2016. They will be bringing forward two policies to the next meeting, IHBG: Home Schooling and ECAG: Video and Audio Recording in Classrooms. They also reviewed the policy on IJOA: Field Trips and KFB: Community Use of Schools. They have scheduled another meeting on January 26, 2016 at 5:15.

Strategic Planning: This Committee has not met. They are looking to schedule a meeting soon.

Legislative Update: Mal Murray informed the School Board that he went to Concord last week to meet with the CTE Group. The meeting was focused on implementing a 4th math credit and how that works in the Career Technical Education classes.

Board Member Input: Mike Persson thanked Mr. Beitler for updating the Strategic Planning Board in the Conference room. He also mentioned the Drama Club is looking for volunteers to assist with a regional competition of one-act plays on March 12. There will be eight schools participating in the competition. He also mentioning Stand Up Laconia is having a strategic planning session on January 23, 2016 from 8-12 at the Meredith Village Savings Bank Culinary Arts Center.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR

Presentation of Highway Safety Commission Recognition: Stacie Sirois presented Mal Murray with a certificate for 5 years of service on the Highway Safety Commission.

Highway Safety Commission Nomination: Stacie Sirois asked for a volunteer to be on the Highway Safety Commission. Mal Murray volunteered to continue on the committee.

CALENDAR

Stand Up Laconia	Saturday, January 26, 2016	8:00am @ MVSBS Culinary Arts Center
Policy Committee	Tuesday, January 26, 2016	5:15pm @ SAU
School Board Meeting	Tuesday, February 2, 2016	7:00pm @ SAU
Super Saturday	Saturday, March 5, 2016	8:30am @ MVSBS Culinary Arts Center
Drama Club	Saturday March 12, 2016	Laconia High School

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Budget Transfers: Scott Vachon updated the School Board on what needs to be transferred to keep the budget in balance. There was some discussion on what certain accounts are.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Dassatti, Ward 5, informed the School Board that he is a member of Stand up Laconia and they are looking into applying for a grant that assists in age 18 and below substance abuse issues. They need a fiscal agent to control the grant money if awarded and are requesting the Laconia School District be the Fiscal Agent. He will meet with Ed Emond to discuss this further.

ACTION ITEMS

Budget Transfers: Motion made by Mal Murray, seconded by Barbara Luther to approve the Budget Transfers. The vote was unanimous.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Mike Persson, to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3II letter a and c. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board went into Non-Public Session at 7:56 PM.

Motion made to come out of Non Public Session by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 8:43 PM.

PUBLIC SESSION

Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Chris Guilmett to seal the minutes of the non-public meeting, because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. Roll call vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Chris Guilmett, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Beitler
Clerk