

LACONIA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M.
VIA ZOOM

The Laconia School Board held a regular meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

PRESENT: Aaron Hayward, Dawn Johnson, Heather Lounsbury, Joe Cormier, Laura Dunn, Malcolm Murray, Nick Grenon, Superintendent Steve Tucker, Assistant Superintendent Hinds, and Business Administrator Christine Blouin.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chairperson, Heather Lounsbury, called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M and read the checklist to Ensure Meetings Are Compliant with The Right-to Know Law During the State of Emergency. The agenda was posted on Friday, January 15, 2021 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 Cormier to approve the agenda as amended to include first read policies under discussion; BDE, JFAB, and GADA, seconded by Board Member Dunn. The roll call vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Board Member Cormier to approve the amended minutes to reflect that Board Member Dunn made the motion in action for the Quarantine Guidelines and it was seconded by Board Member Murray and to correct the year in Board Chair report from 2020 to 2021.

PRESENTATION: NHLI Out of School Time Career Pathways Grant. The director of the Office of Extended Learning, Christine Gingerella presented on a Technology/STEM five year grant for Laconia High School students. Ms. Gingerella talked about the five year, 50,000 per year grant including business partnerships, developing a strategic plan, offering professional development to teachers, and developing a continuous improvement plan.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

- Christine LePage, Ward 3 of 16 Pitman Court talked about Board Member Johnson's recent social media post and requested that she resign.
- Meghan Daigneau, Ward 1 of 44 Fair Street talked about Board Member Johnson's recent social media post and requested that she resign.
- Jeffrey Lambert of 66 Landing Lane talked about Board Member Johnson's recent social media post and requested that she resign.
- Shawn Sinclair, Ward 4 of 44 Fair Street talked about Board Member Johnson's recent social media post and requested that she resign.
- Isaac Tyler, Ward 6 of 1063 Union Ave. talked about Board Member Johnson's recent social media post and requested that she resign.
- Daniel Walker of 10 Sweetbrier Way talked about Board Member Johnson's recent social media post and requested that she resign.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: Board Member Cormier reported that this committee met on Friday, January 8th and talked about the January 27th initial EAL negotiations meeting, the CARES Funding, the stimulus fund and the budget process and schedule.

Facilities/CIP: Board Member Murray said this committee has not met.

Policy: Board Member Hayward reported that this committee met on January 13th and there are three policies up for first read tonight.

Strategic Planning/Portrait of a Graduate: Board Member Dunn reported that this committee met on January 12th and looked at the grade 3 assessment and discussed the book, On Your Mark. The next meeting will be February 9th at 3:15. Superintendent Tucker added that the committee talked about assessment grading and Work Study Practices/ Portrait of a Graduate.

Diversity and Inclusion Task Force: Board Member Hayward reported that this committee met on January 11th and discussed the results from the survey. The next meeting will be February 15th.

Board Member Input

Board Member Hayward said that the Board does not have the authority to create a policy around Board Member exclusion per RSA 49-d (3) nothing authorizes expulsion or removal of an elected Board Member.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT /CALENDAR

Board Chairperson Lounsbury recommended Board Member Dunn as Chairperson of the Strategic Planning/Portrait of a Graduate Committee. Board Chairperson Lounsbury reported that Board Members may attend a committee they are not assigned to as a public citizen but will not be allowed to comment or vote. The NHSBA Delegate Assembly Resolutions will take place virtually. Board Member Cormier will attend the Delegate Assembly. The Board received and went through resolutions 7-14.

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

School Board Meeting

6:30 PM via Zoom

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Business Administrator Blouin reported on the budget timeline starting with meeting with teams in January, presenting the budget to the Board on March 2nd and 16th, full Board budget session on May 4th, and then presentations to City Council on May 10th.

Superintendent Tucker reported on the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFRCA) reporting that the end date is March 31st but moving forward the district will act accordingly with guidance from the State. He talked about the January 22nd in-service day for teachers that will include two Diversity and Inclusion workshops and work around Instruction and Portrait of a Graduate. He reported on Teaching and Learning in the District and included the following; foundational reading skills at Woodland Heights School, Laconia High School teachers working on how to give effective feedback, Laconia Middle School now has geometry Fridays, at Pleasant Street School document cameras have are being used, Huot Technical Center students are involved with career opportunities and out of school experiences. The Laconia City officials have reached out to the District about a triathlon that will be held in Laconia on Sunday, August 22nd. The Opechee fields and the Laconia Middle School would be utilized for this event. Superintendent Tucker continued to report on three grants awarded to the District; NHLI Out of School Time Career Pathways, CLiF Literacy Grant, and the NH Charitable Foundation David M. Brooks Grant for music.

Assistant Superintendent Hinds reported on COVID-19 date as of January 14th highlighting current cases, community transmission guidance, school impact, and staff/students in quarantine by school.

DISCUSSION:

- **Second Read Policy JCA Change of Class or School Assignment Best Interests and Manifest Hardship:** Board Member Hayward said this policy is a combination of two policies into one to align with current regulations.
- **Second Read Policy JFABE Education of Children in Foster Care:** Board Member Hayward said this policy is for court involved foster care students and the obligation around school placement and transportation requirements.
- **NHLI Out of School Time Career Pathways Grant:** Superintendent Tucker said this grant will be \$50,000 per year over the course of five years.
- **Children's literacy Foundations Grant:** Superintendent Tucker talked about how this grant will support literacy at Laconia Middle School.
- **NH Charitable Foundation David M. Brooks Music Fund Grant:** Superintendent Tucker said this is a \$1,000 grant for Laconia Middle School to support literacy.
- **First Read Policy JFAB:** Board Member Hayward said this policy has been updated with language from former JFABE.
- **First Read Policy BDE:** Board Member Hayward talked about the reason for the revisions to this policy.
- **First Read Policy GADA** Board Member Hayward said this policy is required by law and we do not currently have one.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

- Dana Hackett talked about Board Member Johnson's social media post and requested that she resign
- Jeffrey Lambert of 66 Landing Lane talked about Board Member Johnson and thanked Board Member Hayward.

ACTION

- **Second Read Policy JCA Change of Class or School Assignment Best Interests and Manifest Hardship:** Motion made by Board Member Murray to approve this policy as read, seconded by Board Member Dunn. The roll call vote was unanimous.
- **Second Read Policy JFABE Education of Children in Foster Care:** Motion made by Board Member Johnson to approve the policy as presented, seconded by Board Member Cormier. The roll call vote was unanimous.
- **NHLI Out of School Time Career Pathways Grant: Foundations Grant:** Motion made by Board Member Johnson to accept this grant as presented, seconded by Board Member Cormier. The roll call vote was unanimous.
- **Children's Literacy Foundation Grant:** Motion made by Board Member Johnson to accept this grant as presented, seconded by Board Member Cormier. The roll call vote was unanimous.
- **NH Charitable Foundation David M. Brooks Music Fund Grant:** Motion made by Board Member Cormier to accept this grant as presented, seconded by Board Member Murray. The roll call vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Board Member Murray to adjourn, seconded by Board Member Johnson. The vote was unanimous. The Board meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hinds
Clerk