

**LACONIA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2020
SAU BOARD ROOM
39 HARVARD STREET**

The Laconia School Board held a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 39 Harvard Street, SAU 30, Board Room. **PRESENT:** Aaron Hayward, Bob Champlin, Dawn Johnson, Heather Lounsbury, Laura Dunn, Malcolm Murray, Stacie Sirois, Superintendent Steve Tucker, Assistant Superintendent Amy Hinds, and Business Administrator Christine Blouin.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chairperson, Heather Lounsbury, called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. The agenda was posted on Friday, January 17, 2020 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 Malcolm Murray to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Stacie Sirois. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made Malcolm Murray to approve the minutes from January 7, 2020 School Board meeting as presented, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

PRESENTATIONS:

Woodland Heights Principal, Eric Johnson and Student Services Coordinator, Andrea Faller, gave the Board an overview of Woodland Heights current enrollment numbers, free/reduced lunch percentages, Special Education numbers, and the percentage of McKinney-Vento eligible families. Principal Johnson said that the new student information system, Alma, allows him to look at enrollment numbers by month and by year to see percentages of when students enter and leave the district. Andrea Faller updated the Board on current preschool enrollment for the three-year old and four-year old programs. Bob Champlin inquired about Special Education numbers district wide and Assistant Superintendent Hinds said that it currently at 18 percent. Principal Johnson continued to report on discipline and referrals, PBIS, zones of regulation for grades K-2 and for grades 3-5, growth mindset.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Personnel: Bob Champlin reported that the Budget and Personnel Committee met last week and there is one item coming before the Board tonight under discussion and action. Bob said the Budget and Personnel Committee members have been discussing the 79 Laconia teachers with five years' experience or less as well as the initiatives to support those targeted teachers.

Facilities: Malcolm Murray reported that the Facilities Committee will meet early next week to discuss the Capital Improvement Plan.

Policy: Stacie Sirois reported that there are a few policies under discussion tonight and one policy under action. The Policy Committee will meet again on Monday, January 27th at 4:30 PM.

Strategic Planning/Portrait of a Graduate Task Force: Dawn Johnson reported that the Portrait of a Graduate Committee met Tuesday, January 14th and will meet again on February 11th.

Diversity and Inclusion Task Force: Aaron Hayward reported that the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force will meet the first week in February.

Board Member Input: Bob Champlin said there was a great turnout for the Mayoral Inauguration. Laconia Board members, staff and students were there and he thanked the Board for their attendance. Malcolm Murray suggested inviting Mayor Hosmer to a future Board meeting.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR

Board Chairperson, Heather Lounsbury reported that at the January 9th CTE Regional Advisory Board meeting, it was agreed that Laconia will continue to welcome Newfound students next year. School year 2020-21 will be the first year of a 3-year pilot. Heather went on to inform the Board that the February 4th and February 18th School Board meetings will begin at 6:00 PM and will have the 2020-2021 budget on the agenda.

**Facilities Committee Meeting
Policy Committee Meeting
School Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 27, 2020
Tuesday, January 27, 2020
Tuesday, February 4, 2020**

**12:00 PM at SAU 30
4:30 PM at SAU 30
6:00 PM at SAU 30**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Tucker gave a legislative update on various bills being discussed that would have an impact on school funding and on awarding high school credit if passed. Portrait of a Graduate Task Force has begun to examine tools and methods to assess Portrait attributes. This is the beginning of the second phase of the Portrait of a Graduate 3-year goal; to develop the Portrait, develop an assessment plan to assess the Portrait, and develop and improve instructional practices to teach Portrait attributes. Superintendent Tucker said he attended the Lakes Region Community College President's Advisory Board quarterly meeting where they reviewed its initiatives and discussed ways to grow a skilled workplace in the Lakes Region.

Assistant Superintendent Amy Hinds reported that the district is scheduling time with principals and ACTLS for Pre K to 12 content-area vertical teams to develop/revise and align district curriculum goals. Staff books have been purchased and co-facilitators have been identified. There will be opportunities each month to have book discussions. Support for our new staff continues with a consultant/coach at LMS, LHS and the Huot work with teachers with a focus on classroom management and quality instruction. We also have coaching in our elementary schools to support this work.

Business Administrator Christine Blouin reported that the Siemens punch list work items continue to be worked on. The focus is on lighting and heat controls. LED lights and fixtures will be installed in the LMS Cafeteria. Maintenance projects on all of the buildings continue to be prioritized and coordinated. Information from the facilities director and building principals is being collected to inform this work. The bleachers in the Laconia High School gymnasium are scheduled to be inspected this month.

Superintendent Tucker informed the Board that the District welcomes Megan Sottak. Ms. Sottak is a Laconia alumna and our newly hired APRN. Megan will support the District with Medicaid billing. Superintendent Tucker referred to the handout on Vaping and E-Cigarettes. The Board discussed the health impacts of vaping and the newly enacted laws around the age to purchase tobacco products. He continued to talk about GEAR UP, (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs). Current targeted students are our 9th and 10th grade class. Students will receive \$7,000 in their first year of college if they attend college in NH. These students could receive money in their second year depending on what funds are available based on how much the seven recipient schools receive. Lastly, we have four interns in the District from TTRE at Laconia Middle School and Laconia High School. One of the interns is a Laconia alumnus.

Business Administrator Christine Blouin informed the Board that the SAU and City meetings took place earlier this month to share information and confirm timelines for the budget process. Administrative meetings will continue this month to develop the budget and establish priorities. The February 4th and February 18th Board meetings will focus on the budget and will begin at 6PM.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Rescind Policy JICG: Tobacco Products Ban: Stacie Sirois informed the Board that this policy is a duplicate policy. We have a more current policy, ADC – Tobacco and Nicotine Products Ban Use and Possession in and on School Facilities and Grounds.

1st Policy Read: GBAA Sexual Harassment and Violence – Employees: Bob Champlin said the revision expands on who an employee is. Stacie Sirois said that it is a recommended policy from NHSBA.

1st Policy Read: JBAA Sexual Harassment and Violence –Students: Stacie Sirois said this is a recommended policy from NHSBA.

Stabilization Phase II: The Board discussed the Phase II of the Stabilization funds. Bob Champlin referred to the handout with praise of the breakdown and said the Budget and Personnel Committee is in full support of Stabilization Phase II.

Future School Board Trainings: Heather Lounsbury addressed the Board about future trainings. The consensus was to email Regina if they want to attend a group webinar at the SAU or they can participate in a webinar on their own if the time does not align with personal schedules. Superintendent Tucker will email NHSBA to inquire about a training with the topics of non-meetings and nonpublic meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

Rescind Policy JICG: Tobacco Products Ban: Motion made by Bob Champlin to rescind the policy JICG- Tobacco Products Ban as presented, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

Stabilization Phase 2: Motion made by Dawn Johnson to approved Phase II Stabilization as presented, seconded by Stacie Sirois. The vote was unanimous.

NONPUBLIC SESSION

Motion made by Stacie Sirois to enter into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3, II(A), seconded by Malcolm Murray. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board went into nonpublic session at 7:40 PM.

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Motion made to come out of nonpublic session by Dawn Johnson, seconded by Bob Champlin. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board came out of nonpublic session at 8:41 PM.

PUBLIC SESSION

Public session reconvened at 8:41 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Stacie Sirois to adjourn, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The vote was unanimous. The Board meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Tucker
Clerk