

**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 7, 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. Absent:

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 introduce Student Services Coordinator, Andrea Faller. Ms. Faller has worked at Woodland Heights for 6 years and is also a Woodland Heights Alumna. Principal Johnson gave the Board an overview of Woodland Heights current enrollment numbers, free/reduced lunch percentages, Special Education numbers, and McKinney-Vento eligible families. He added that the new Student Information System, Alma, allows him to look at enrollment numbers by month and year to see percentages of when students entering and leaving the district. Bob Champlin inquired about Special Education percentage district wide, Assistant Superintendent Hinds said that it currently at 18 percent. Principal Johnson added that Woodland Heights School has a Special Education Teacher at every grade level. Principal Johnson talked about discipline and referrals, PBIS, zones of regulation for grades K-2 and for grades 3-5, growth mindset. Laura Dunn asked if there is a specific plan in place for students who are re

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Personnel: Bob Champlin reported that the Budget and Personnel Committee will meet on January 15, 2020 at 3:30 PM and again on January 22, 2020 at 3:30 PM.

Facilities: Malcolm Murray reported that there is progress with Siemens with the lighting and HVAC systems. Christine Blouin added that the three sections on the boiler work at ESS is complete with one more section needing work. Christine also reported that the facilities tour that took place prior to the holiday break helped prioritize future projects.

Policy: Stacie Sirois reported that the Policy Committee will meet on January 9th at 4:30 PM.

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

Diversity and Inclusion Task Force: Aaron Hayward reported that the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force will meet on Tuesday, February 4th.

Board Member Input: There was no Board input.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR

Board Chairperson, Heather Lounsbury, reported that each Board Member received a personal invitation to the Mayoral Inauguration on January 9th at the Belknap Mill scheduled for 7PM. The New Hampshire School Board Association (NHSBA) Delegate Assembly is scheduled for January 2, 2020. Laura Dunn and Aaron Hayward will represent the School Board at the Delegate Assembly. Heather engaged the Board in a conversation about the Superintendent's evaluation process. Heather referenced sample policies and past practice. The Board discussed ideas around goal setting, quarterly check-ins with a formal evaluation. The consensus was to have a candid

conversation with the Superintendent in a nonpublic session on January 21st, then plan a process at the next School Board Retreat. Christine Blouin said the current contract for Superintendent Tucker states there needs to be a written evaluation before the last day of June.

**Policy Committee Meeting
Mayoral Inauguration**

**Thursday January 9, 2020
Thursday, January 9, 2020**

**4:30 PM at SAU 30
7:00 PM at the Belknap Mill**

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Budget & Personnel Committee Meeting
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Wednesday, January 15, 2020
Tuesday, January 21, 2020
Wednesday, January 22, 2020

3:30 PM at SAU 30
6:30 PM at SAU 30
3:30 PM at SAU 30

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Tucker gave a legislative update of the 7 bills related to school funding and the 14 student safety and wellness bills. He reported on the Crisis Response at Pleasant Street School and other schools and added that there was a debrief of the process at Pleasant Street School. He talked about a debrief with the District Administration Team and Pleasant Street School's Administration Team. Bob Champlin added that the Laconia Police Department should be part of that debrief to go over what went well and what we need to work on. The Decennial New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) visit at Laconia High School is scheduled for March 8-11. The NEASC visit occurs every ten years and is a culmination of a long process. Superintendent Tucker said that on March 8th, Board members may be invited to talk with the visiting NEASC committee. The Laconia High School senior attendance is up about 29% from last year due to the newly enacted policy. Superintendent Tucker references the Belknap County Economic Profile and stated it's a good resource to help us think about what we can do to support and prepare our students and staff to want to stay in the Belknap County area.

Christine Blouin reported that she will share the FY 20-21 budget with the Budget & Personnel Committee as well as review the budget with District Administrators to prioritize a list of additional needs in preparation of the February 4th and February 18th budget meetings.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

NH School Board Association Future School Board Trainings: Heather Lounsbury discussed NHSBA training that occurred earlier in the evening and asked the Board to think about future topics. Heather said she would like trainings on topics around nonpublic meetings and the right-to-know laws. Aaron Hayward said he echoes Heather's interest and added that he would also add trainings on Board self-evaluation and best practices. The Board discussed the NHSBA webinars that are offered and Bob Champlin added that he would like to do a webinar with other Board members as there is great value in working conversations.

2nd Policy Reading: AC- Equal Rights: Heather Lounsbury referenced the policy in each Board member's packet. The Board did not have any questions or comments.

2nd Policy Reading: IHBAB-Special Education Evaluation: Heather Lounsbury referenced the policy in each Board member's packet and Stacie Sirois noted that the revision to this specific policy is an updated legal citation.

Laconia High School Robotics Grant: Superintendent Tucker informed the Board of the Robotics Grant for Laconia High School in the amount of \$5,395.00. He said this is the one of the three Robotics Grants the District has received. The other two grants were awarded to Pleasant Street School and Laconia Middle School.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

2nd Policy Reading: AC- Equal Rights: Motion made by Dawn Johnson to approve policy AC-Equal Rights as presented, seconded by Bob Champlin. The vote was unanimous.

2nd Policy Reading: IHBAB-Special Education Evaluation: Motion made by Dawn Johnson to approve Policy IHBAB Special Education Evaluation, seconded by Bob Champlin. The vote was unanimous.

Laconia High School Robotics Grant: Motion made by Dawn Johnson to accept the Laconia High School Robotics Grant in the amount of \$5,395.00, seconded by Stacie Sirois. The vote was unanimous.

Motion made by Stacie Sirois to adjourn, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The vote was unanimous. The Board meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Tucker
Clerk