

**LACONIA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 18, 2019
SAU OFFICE, 39 HARVARD STREET**

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 39 Harvard Street, SAU 30, Board Room. **PRESENT:** Aaron Hayward, Dawn Johnson, Heather Lounsbury, Malcolm Murray, Stacie Sirois, Superintendent Dr. Brendan Minnihan and Assistant Superintendent Amy Hinds. **Absent:** Christine Blouin, Bob Champlin and Barbara Luther

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Malcolm Murray called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. The agenda was posted on Friday, June 14, 2019 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 Dawn Johnson approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Dawn Johnson to approve the minutes of June 4, 2019 as presented, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: Aaron Hayward reported that the Budget & Personnel Committee met on Thursday, June 13th to discuss the Facility Director position and to talk about the request for the grade 6 teacher at Laconia Middle School. Mr. Hayward reported that the committee feels comfortable to let the Laconia School District Administrative Team address the Laconia Middle School Grade 6 request and clarified that there is no money in the tax cap compliant budget for an additional teacher so there would be a give and take situation to keep the grade 6 team as it is. Mr. Hayward concluded saying any changes would have to be reported to Mr. Tucker after July 1st.

Facilities/CIP: Heather Lounsbury reported that the Facilities Committee has not met but have conducted interviews for the Facility Director position and will update the Board about the Performance Contract tonight. Malcolm Murray added that the Facilities Director Search Committee will be doing a round two of interviews.

Policy: Stacie Sirois reported that the Policy Committee met last Thursday, June 13th at Laconia Middle School and have the Laconia Middle School proposed Handbook up for discussion and action tonight.

Strategic Planning: The Strategic Planning Committee is in a holding pattern.

Legislative Update: Dr. Minnihan reported the Senate and House are reconciling the budget and then it will move forward to the Governor's Office.

Board Member Input: Aaron Hayward reported that the grade 5 track meet was successful and commended teachers and volunteers for a great event, Heather Lounsbury interjected stating she can attest to Mr. Hayward's input. Heather Lounsbury reported that she was invited to attend a gallery at Laconia High School in Mr. Longo's Psychology Class. Mrs. Lounsbury said she was impressed with the wide range of topics students addressed including the topic on policy.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR

Mr. Murray reported that the Bob Dassatti dedication at Laconia Middle School is on hold and that Mr. Downing of Rolling Thunder will wait until Fall to install the POW/MIA flags at the middle and high school. Mr. Murray asked the Board if they are available to hold a meeting on Tuesday, July 16th. All agreed to have the first summer meeting at that date and time and have two meetings in August.

Last Day of School for Students
School Board Meeting

Friday, June 21, 2019
Tuesday, July 16, 2019

District Wide
SAU at 6:30 PM

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Minnihan reported that Laconia Middle School hosted an agriculture day today and also that there was a K-9 demonstration.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **General Assurance:** Dr. Minnihan referred the General Assurances handout and said that the General Assurances are signed each year by the Board Chair and the Board needs to give permission for Mr. Murray to sign again this year.
- **LHS Attendance Policy and Procedure:** Laconia High School Principal, Michael Fredericksen, said he is looking for Board input on the proposed attendance and class requirement. Stacie Sirois said, regarding the proposed class requirement, that she has an issue with a student who has to earn 26 credits to be on track for graduation now needing 30 credits. Mrs. Sirois continued to say she is in favor of the keeping students in the building for block 2 and 3 but not in favor of giving the school control over students' job shadows and/or internships as that is a decision for families to make. Mr. Sirois added that she would be comfortable with the proposed class requirement if they raised the credit requirement from 26 credits to 30 credits. Laconia High School Assistant Principal, Dave Bartlett, responded saying students don't necessarily get credit for job shadowing or internships and Mr. Fredericksen said that the intention is to have students be more productive in their final year at Laconia High School. Aaron Hayward added that we are responsible as a district to prepare students for life after high school and the opportunities such as ELO's, job shadows, and internships to guide them versus letting them off the hook.

Amy Hinds said that there are many students who are not on track with the current credit requirement entering their senior year.

Mr. Sirois asked, regarding the attendance proposal, if the underclassmen's attendance will be the same as seniors and Mr. Bartlett said underclassmen are at 15 absences to not grant credit for the course. Mr. Fredericksen said that there are a number of students at the end of the year that do not have enough credits to graduate and it's all tied to attendance. Mr. Fredericksen added that the intention is not be punitive and that a required 90% attendance is not tough to meet and that the expectation means a better experience for seniors. Mr. Bartlett added that the proposed attendance requirement, if not met, prohibits students from graduation activities not graduating itself.

- **LMS Handbook:** Mr. Murray said he read through the handbook and referred to the handout of the changes Laconia Middle School made this year.
- **Nomination/Election of Staff:** Dr. Minnihhan referred to the handout with the nominations of 3 new staff members and said he will send the Board information of another candidate for Woodland Heights and Elm Street School.
- **Resignation of Staff:** Dr. Minnihhan referred to the handout of a resignation of a Laconia Middle School teacher and added that he will meet with a candidate to fill the position on Wednesday.
- **Reconfirming Approved Performance Contract with Siemens:** Heather Lounsbury reported that on January 15, 2019, the School Board voted to approve a contract with Siemens Industry, Inc. for energy saving upgrades. However, the vote is not reflected in the meeting minutes. The School Board needs to have another vote to approve the Siemens contract.

ACTION ITEMS

- **General Assurances:** Motion made by Dawn Johnson to authorize Board Chairperson, Malcolm Murray to sign the General Assurances, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.
- **LHS Attendance Policy:** Motion made by Dawn Johnson to approve the proposed Laconia High School attendance policy as presented, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.
- **LHS Senior Class Requirement:** Motion made by Dawn Johnson to approve the proposed Laconia High School Senior Class requirement; 3 classes or equivalent (internship, ELO, college course, etc.) with only block 1 or 4 free per semester, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. Stacie Sirois opposed. Other Board members present voted in favor. The vote was 4-1.
- **LMS Handbook Approval:** Motion made by Dawn Johnson to approve the Laconia Middle School Handbook as presented, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.
- **Nomination/Election of Staff:** Motion made by Stacie Sirois to approve the nomination/election of staff as presented, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The vote was unanimous.
- **Resignation of Staff:** Motion made by Stacie Sirois to accept the resignation of staff as presented, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The vote was unanimous.
- **Reconfirming Approved Performance Contract with Siemens:** Motion made by Heather Lounsbury to approve the contract with Siemens Industry, Inc. for energy upgrades and improvements to the SAU office and District schools in the amount of \$4,647,023; to ratify the actions of the Business Administrator in signing the Contract and Addendum 1 on March 25, 2019, and in signing Addendum 2 on June 14, 2019; and authorize the Superintendent or Business Administrator to sign any documents required for the Contract and project, seconded by Stacie Sirois. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Stacie Sirois to adjourn, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hinds
Clerk