

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 7, 2016, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Stacie Sirois, Mal Murray, Scott Vachon, Mike Persson, Chris Guilmett, Heather Lounsbury, Superintendent Phil McCormack, Assistant Superintendent Kirk Beitler and Business Administrator Ed Emond. Absent: Barbara Luther

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Stacie Sirois called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The agenda was posted on June 3, 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 Nomination/ Election of Staff under Discussion and Action Items. Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Heather Lounsbury, to approve the agenda, as amended. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Chris Guilmett to approve the minutes of May 17, 2016, seconded by Mal Murray. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATION

Honoring our Retires: Laconia School District Principals and School Board Chair Stacie Sirois, presented a gift to each of the fourteen staff members who are retiring from the District. Laconia School District Principals highlighted each of the retiree's careers with Laconia School District and thanked them for all that they have contributed to the district and students. Retirees from the School District for 2016 are: Carleen Steckert, Cath Mallinson, Debbie Gibson, Robert Konchak, Marian Federspiel, Judy Robert, Margaret Selig, Ernie Bownes, Sue Carignan, Ann Schneeweiss, Ruth Fecteau, Luann Mussari, Nancy Matteson, and Ed Emond.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: This committee has not met.

Facilities/CIP: This committee has not met. Summer projects at LHS have been approved.

Policy: This committee met on June 1st. They reviewed the Athletic Handbook, they have 2 policies being brought for a first reading and they reviewed policy GEB: Staff Dress Code.

Strategic Planning: This committee met on June 1st. They discussed the presentations and have decided to bring the plan forward for 1st and 2nd readings after the new administration reviews it.

Legislative Update: Dr. McCormack informed the Board that an amendment to the Video Taping in the Classroom law has been passed. We passed a policy on this law in anticipation of the amendment. Our policy is current with the law.

Board Member Input: There was no Board Member Input.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR

CALENDAR

LHS Graduation	Friday, June 10, 2016	6:30pm @ Bank of NH Stadium
LMS 8 th Grade Recognition	Wednesday, June 15, 2016	6:00pm @ LMS
School Board Meeting	Tuesday, June 21, 2016	7:00pm @ SAU

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Vacancies: Dr. McCormack informed the Board on staff and administrative vacancies we have in the District. He updated the Board on the status the vacancies.

Summer Institutes: Kirk Beitler informed the Board on Summer Institutes that professional staff have the opportunity to participate in this summer.

Special Education Expendable Trust Fund Request: Ed Emond informed the Board that City Council approved our request to transfer \$180,000 from the Special Ed Trust Fund to the 2015-2016 Budget.

Teacher of the Year Nominee: Dr. McCormack informed the Board LHS teacher Tate Aldrich is a semi-finalist for Teacher of the Year in the State of New Hampshire. He told the Board this is a rigorous process and a decision will not be made until September. Mike Persson informed the Board he was one of 10 Parents interviewed and each parent had different and compelling reasons on why Tate should be Teacher of the Year.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Huot Handbook: Chris Guilmett informed the Board that a Summary Sheet of the changes made to the Handbook had been sent out in the Board Packet.

1st Policy Reading: IKF: Graduation Requirements; BEC: Non-Public Sessions: Chris Guilmett informed the Board on changes that were made to Policy IKF. He informed the Board Policy BEC is a new policy for us and thanked Mike Persson for his assistance with the policy.

LEA Collective Bargaining Agreement: Ed Emond informed the Board that this agreement is still in progress and there is nothing to act on tonight.

EAL Collective Bargaining Agreement; LASS Collective Bargaining Agreement: Ed Emond informed the Board on the changes to the Agreements. Mike Persson inquired if the higher rate of pay for paraeducators will make us more competitive. Mr. Emond said it should, as well as some benefits we are offering part-time paras.

Nomination/Election of Staff: Dr. McCormack handed out a list of Administrators and Teachers being brought forward to hire with approval of the School Board.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Several community members and students spoke to the School Board on their concerns about moving the LHS band program to the "5th Block". They urged the Board to reconsider.

ACTION ITEMS

Huot Handbook: Motion made by Scott Vachon, to approved the Huot Handbook, seconded by Mal Murray. The vote was unanimous.

EAL Collective Bargaining Agreement: Motion made by Scott Vachon, to approved the EAL Collective Bargaining Agreement, seconded by Mal Murray. The vote was unanimous. Chris Guilmett abstained

LASS Collective Bargaining Agreement: Motion made by Mal Murray, to approve the LASS Collective Bargaining Agreement, seconded by Mike Persson. The vote was unanimous.

Nomination/Election of Staff: Motion made by Chris Guilmett, to approve Nomination/Election of Staff presented, seconded by Mike Persson. The vote was unanimous.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Heather Lounsbury, 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 8:18 PM.

Motion made to come out of Non Public Session by Scott Vachon, seconded by Chris Guilmett. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 8:51 PM.

PUBLIC SESSION

Motion made by Mike Persson, seconded by Scott Vachon, to seal the non-public minutes of June 7, 2016, because it is determined that divulgence of this information would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Heather Lounsbury, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Beitler
Clerk