

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Stacie Sirois, Mal Murray, Scott Vachon, Mike Persson, Chris Guilmett, Barbara Luther, Heather Lounsbury, Superintendent Phil McCormack, Assistant Superintendent Kirk Beitler and Business Administrator Ed Emond.

#### CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Stacie Sirois called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The agenda was posted on March 11, 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

Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Mal Murray, to approve agenda. The vote was unanimous.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Mike Persson, to approve the minutes of March 1, 2016 and March 5, 2016. The vote was unanimous, with Heather Lounsbury abstaining from the March 1, 2016 minutes.

#### PRESENTATIONS:

**Youth Risk Behavior Survey:** Safe Schools, Healthy Students Administrator McKenzie Harrington-Bacote, Laconia High School Principal Jim McCollum and Laconia High School Administrator Dave Bartlett presented to the School Board on the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) Laconia High School Students took. McKenzie Harrington-Bacote explained to the Board the history of YRBS, the purpose and where YRBS is administered. LHS Principal Jim McCollum and LHS Administrator Dave Bartlett summarized the results to the Board, showing areas that LHS and the community need to address. They also informed the Board of ways LHS and the community are intervening and tools we are using to try and address these issues.

#### BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Budget & Personnel:** This committee met on March 10 and March 15 They will be bringing forward at 2016-2017 proposed Budget tonight..

**Facilities/CIP:** This committee has not met.

**Policy:** This committee met March 8<sup>th</sup>. They discussed Policy IJOA: Field Trips and IJOA-P: Field Trips Procedure. They will begin to review handbooks and are asking Board members to review the handbooks online and if they have any concerns to please contact them.

**Strategic Planning:** This committee has not met.

**Legislative Update:** There was no legislative update.

**Board Member Input:** Mike Persson informed the Board the Drama Festival on March 12, 2016 was successful.

#### BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR

##### CALENDAR

Policy Committee	Tuesday, March 29, 2016	5:15pm @ SAU
School Board Meeting	Tuesday, April 5, 2016	7:00pm @ SAU
Policy Committee	Tuesday, April 12, 2016	5:15pm @ SAU
Policy Committee	Wednesday, April 20, 2016	6:15pm @ SAU

#### SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Dr. McCormack informed the School Board that Laconia High School has finished the State Mandated Testing. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> different test in three years. They are now using the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). They had 93% of students take the exam and there is a make-up day April 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

**Proposed 2016-2017 School District Budget:** The Budget and Personnel committee is bringing forward reductions that will more than meet the required cuts needed to make to keep the budget within the Tax Cap. Mal Murray discussed taking out the .66 Math Teacher out of the proposed cuts. Chris Guilmett appreciates the effort administrators put forth to create the budget.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Policy Reading: IJOA: Field Trips; IJOA-P: Field Trip Procedure:** The policy committee is bringing forward the policy IJOA IJOA-P for a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. They have made changes to the wording around CPR certified staff members. Mike Persson informed the Board he does not agree with the wording around certified CPR staff members.

#### GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Several community members spoke on issues relating to the proposed 2016-2017 budget reductions including the closing of the Huot Development Center. It was explained where the increases are coming from that is creating a 1.2 million dollar deficit in the Budget.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Proposed 2016-2017 School District Budget:** Stacie Sirois recommended the School Board table action on specific reductions and make a motion to approve a budget that meets the maximum amount allowable under the tax cap. Motion made by Barbara Luther to propose a budget to City Council that is the maximum amount allowed under the tax cap, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous. Motion made by Mal Murray to table proposed budget reductions, seconded by Barbara Luther. The vote was 6-1. The motion passed.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Policy Reading: IJOA: Field Trips; IJOA-P: Field Trip Procedure:** Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Chris Guilmett to approve IJOA: Field Trips and IJOA-P: Field Trip Procedure. The vote was 6-1. The motion passed.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Scott Vachon, 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 8:32 PM.

Motion made to come out of Non Public Session by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Mal Murray. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 10:07 PM.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Mike Persson, seconded by Chris Guilmett, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Beitler  
Clerk