

**LACONIA SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 19, 2019  
SAU OFFICE, 39 HARVARD STREET**

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 39 Harvard Street, SAU 30, Board Room. **PRESENT:** Bob Champlin, Aaron Hayward, Heather Lounsbury, Barbara Luther, Malcolm Murray, Stacie Sirois, Superintendent Dr. Brendan Minnihan, Assistant Superintendent Amy Hinds, and Business Administrator Christine Blouin. **ABSENT:** Dawn Johnson.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair, Malcolm Murray called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The agenda was posted on Friday, March 15, 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 Stacie Sirois to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Barbara Luther to approve the minutes of March 5, 2019 as presented, seconded by Stacie Sirois. The vote was unanimous.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Huot/Medical Assisting Pathway:** Dave Warrender, Director of Huot Career and Technical (HTC) informed the Board of the medical assisting certification program they offer through Allied Health. Mr. Warrender said the medical assisting program is aligned with LRCC's Medical Terminology and their Law & Ethics courses and that they are partnered with Speare Memorial Hospital. Along with the classroom curriculum, students will complete 160 hours of clinical experience at various medical offices at Speare Memorial Hospital. HTC students, Robert Tonkin, Zoran Boscovich, Delaney Ross and Caleb Patel spoke about their experiences and opportunities through Allied Health and the partnership with Speare Memorial Hospital. Stacie Sirois asked what a student schedule looked like and Robert said they have a calendar that they use to sign up and students can customize their schedule to suit their personal and academic lifestyle. All students are projected to finish their hours at the same time. Barbara Luther said the presentation was very impressive and that she was proud of the students from HTC.

**PACE:** Gail Bourn and Angel Buke introduced teachers, Mary Ann Myers, Irene Stinson and Ivy Leavitt-Carlson. Irene said she has been teaching at WHS for 11 years and started as a PACE Task Developer two years ago and this year she is a PACE Content Lead. Irene said PACE is more than a performance assessment tool and that teacher's scores are collected through evidence from the body of work based on student competencies. Mary Ann Myers, grade 1 teacher at WHS talked about Work Study Practices, choice and voice learning, and professional development opportunities. Ivy Leavitt- Carlson, Laconia High School Science Teacher, talked about how students are being educated to not memorize content but to gather initial background information and apply the knowledge. Malcolm Murray asked how many schools in NH use PACE and Irene said 45-50 schools are involved in PACE in NH. Mrs. Conlon asked what grade PACE starts and Gail Bourn said PACE starts in primary grades with NH Work Study Practices which consist of collaboration, creativity, communication, and self-direction. Through the NH Learning Initiative, Laconia teachers have been learning Work Study Practices and developing Learning Progressions. Currently, teachers are working on English/Language Arts and working on having a continuum from Pre K – grade 12 to ensure students are meeting competencies at different levels. Mary Ann Myers added that students at all levels are creating a continuum evidence of body of work which is basically a portfolio that shows students' capabilities as well as their struggles. The evidence of body of work is used in conferences and a sample is sent to New Hampshire Department of Education in grade 5. Aaron asked Ivy Leavitt-Carlson if Biology and Chemistry performance tasks are given to every student that takes those courses and Ivy said in terms of Biology yes, but for students with significant learning disabilities there is an alternative assessment. For students entering in on an Honors track they will do the performance task for Biology, Chemistry and Physics. For students entering CCR level, Ivy Leavitt-Carlson stated that they will start with the Physical Science performance task. Aaron asked if the high school has implemented a performance task for every course and Angel said LHS is a Tier II school and not every course will have a performance task. Bob Champlin asked Irene Stinson how teachers receive information each year as students move up a grade level and Irene they are using the body of work which includes performance assessments and standardized tests and is passed forward to the next grade level teacher each year.

**Strategic Planning Committee/Community Relations Committee:** Bob Champlin said that the Strategic Planning Committee met in January to talk about the possibility of a Community Relations Committee. He said that the intention for the committee is to look at some things we are doing in the district and present in a manner of a press release or public statement. Bob talked about the committee structure to include teachers, community members and a realtor. The charge would be to actively seek and promote people and programs in a positive manner. Aaron said we need to celebrate Laconia School District and need another avenue that helps support us do that. Mrs. Conlon asked how Laconia would go about forming a committee and Bob said there is a committee structure within the Strategic Planning Committee that would bring a group together. For example, Don Morrissey of Leadership Lakes is a person who would like to help the district and has positive level of experience with young people.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**BUDGET & PERSONNEL:** Bob Champlin said the Budget and Personnel Committee will meet on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> and will report out on April 2<sup>nd</sup> with more information.

**FACILITIES/CIP:** Heather Lounsbury reported that the Facilities Committee has not met.

**POLICY:** Stacie Sirois reported that the Policy Committee met tonight at 6 P.M. and will continue the discussions they started.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING:** Aaron Hayward said that the Strategic Planning Committee will assemble a committee and report out on its progress once that happens.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:** Dr. Minnihan reported that the bills are in crossover right now and that there will be a Legislative Review meeting on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Minnihan attended a State Board of Education meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup> and that there is a proposed rule change on high school graduation date which finalized in May. Dr. Minnihan reported on the Learn Everywhere Initiative.

