

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Stacie Sirois, Mal Murray, Chris Guilmett, Aaron Hayward, Mike Persson, Barbara Luther, Heather Lounsbury, Superintendent Brendan Minnihan, Assistant Superintendent Amy Hinds and Business Administrator Christine Blouin.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Stacie Sirois called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The agenda was posted on March 17, 2017, 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 Mike Persson, seconded by Chris Guilmett, to approve the agenda. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded Heather Lounsbury, to approve the minutes of March 7, 2017. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS

Stand Up Sachems: Middle School and High School Academic Coordinator of Teaching and Learning, Angel Burke, showed a short video to the Board on activities Stand Up Sachems members have participated in this year. Clare Persson also informed the Board of the Lock it Up campaign Stand Up Laconia is rolling out on April 29th. Brendan Minnihan then spoke and informed the Board that Clare Persson was nominated and won the Champion for Children award for the Lakes Region. Dr. Minnihan presented her with an award on behalf of the Laconia School District for all of her work with the youth in Laconia.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: This committee has not met. The entire Board met on Super Saturday to discuss budget.

Facilities/CIP: This committee has not met. Mr. Murray updated the Board on the Facility Director Position.

Policy: This committee has not met. They will look to schedule a meeting soon.

Strategic Planning: This committee has not met.

Legislative Update: Dr. Minnihan informed the Board about SB 193 that will establish an Education Savings account. Mr. Murray updated the Board about SB 190 which will allow sophomores to be eligible to take classes at technical centers.

Board Member Input: Barbara Luther praised the Tiny House built by Building and Trades at the Huot Technical Center. Mike Persson informed the Board that LHS drama is participating the Regional Drama Festival this weekend at Kingswood High School.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

CALENDAR

School Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

7:00PM @ SAU

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Dr. Minnihan informed the Board that the Tiny House won Best in Show and three student from the Huot Technical Center won medals at Skills USA competition.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Graduation Date/Last Day of School: Dr. Minnihan proposed counting hours instead of going an extra six days to make up for snow days. He said if we look at using hours he would suggest LHS Graduation Day being June 9th and the Last Day of School for Students be June 16th. The last day for Teachers would be June 23rd. He will work with administration in planning the days for staff activities and Professional Development.

Approval of Contribution Assurance Program for Worker's Compensation Program; Approval of Contribution Assurance Program for Property & Liability Program: Christine Blouin explained these two programs, which are being offered to us by Primex. There were discussions on if this impacts the budget.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Cormier spoke to the Board about his concerns in the reductions in the areas of Facilities and Technology.

ACTION ITEMS

Graduation Date/Last Day of School: Motion made by Mal Murray, seconded by Heather Lounsbury, to have LHS Graduation Day on June 9, 2017 and Last Day of School for Students on June 16, 2017. The vote was unanimous.

Approval of Contribution Assurance Program for Worker's Compensation Program; Approval of Contribution Assurance Program for Property & Liability Program: Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Heather Lounsbury, to enter into an agreement with Primex for Contribution Assurance Program for Worker's Compensation Program and Contribution Assurance Program for Property & Liability Program. 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. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board went into Non-Public Session at 7:39PM.

Motion made to come out of Non-Public Session by Mike Persson, seconded by Heather Lounsbury, Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board came out of Non-Public Session at 8:51PM.

PUBLIC SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mike Persson, seconded by Chris Guilmett, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hinds
Clerk