

**LACONIA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 3, 2020
SAU BOARD ROOM
39 HARVARD STREET**

The Laconia School Board held a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 39 Harvard Street, SAU 30, Board Room. **PRESENT:** Bob Champlin, Dawn Johnson, Heather Lounsbury, Laura Dunn, Malcolm Murray, Stacie Sirois, Superintendent Steve Tucker, Assistant Superintendent Amy Hinds, and Business Administrator Christine Blouin.

Absent: Aaron Hayward,

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chairperson, Heather Lounsbury, called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. The agenda was posted on Friday, February 28, 2020 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 amend the agenda to include Laconia High School Graduation under Discussion and Action, seconded by Malcolm Murray. The vote was unanimous.

Motion made by Stacie Sirois to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Malcolm Murray. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made Dawn Johnson to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2020 School Board meeting as presented, seconded by Stacie Sirois. The vote was unanimous.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Hosmer presented on the productive relationship between the City and School District, the connection of housing with economic development, his priority for improving schools and its funding, his intention to be active in the next budget season and he spoke highly of the July Portrait of a Graduate community night.

Principal Beauchemin presented updates at Elm Street School and three students demonstrated their knowledge of math maps using written examples and vocabulary.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: Bob Champlin thanked the Board Members for their participation in the budget work sessions and reported that the next Budget and Personnel Committee meeting will be on March 11th at 3:30 P.M.

Facilities/CIP: Malcolm Murray reported there are two items under discussion and action related to facilities.

Policy: Stacie Sirois reported that there are several policies tonight for a first reading and one policy under discussion and action to rescind.

Strategic Planning/Portrait of a Graduate: Dawn Johnson reported that the Strategic Planning Committee met to review policy, vision and mission, and how to tie that into the Portrait of a Graduate.

Diversity and Inclusion Task Force: The Diversion and Inclusion Task Force will meet on Wednesday, March 4th.

Board Member Input: Bob Champlin informed the Board of the Lakes Region Leadership meeting he will attend. He talked about the committee meetings and how the District could participate if so desired.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR

Board Chairperson, Heather Lounsbury reported March 8th NEASC meet and greet at Lake Opechee Inn from 5:00-5:45 P.M., the March 19th LHS to Ten Dinner at 6P.M., and the April 7th School Board training at 5P.M.

School Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

6:30 PM at SAU 30

Policy Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

4:30 PM at SAU 30

NHSBA School Board Training

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

5:00 PM at SAU 30

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Tucker reported on the COVID-19. The District has been in contact with the District Nurses, the District Facilities Director, the Laconia Fire Department, and the Department of Health and Human Services to help ensure our buildings and students are safe. Superintendent Tucker also informed the Board that a letter with information on COVID-19 and the measures the District is taking has been sent to District families and staff. He said the District will keep track of information on the Coronavirus, monitor absences, and travel plans of families and staff as well and keep informed to consider the upcoming trips outside of the US. Superintendent Tucker update the Board on District Curriculum highlighting the February 11th District in-service day, step 2 and 3 of Portrait of a Graduate, and goals.

Assistant Superintendent Hinds reported on the principal hiring process that included members of the community, staff and students. The Laconia High School Principal interviews of two candidates began on Monday, March 2nd through Tuesday, March 3rd. The Principal search committee will bring a candidate forward this Friday, March 6th to meet with the Superintendent.

Business Administrator Blouin reported that the nomination lists will be brought forward to the School Board on April 7th, contracts will go out after starting with the LEA contracts first.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- LHS Graduation Date: The Board receive a letter from Principal Fredericksen requesting June 12th as the Laconia High School graduation date. The Board discussed the request as well as minimum standards, snow dates, and bike week.
- Field Trip Requests
 - Laconia High School - Manchester NH April 2-4, 2020: The Board discussed this annual trip that includes two students.
 - Laconia High School- Europe: Paris to Pyrenees April 2022: The Board discussed this annual trip, the process of fundraising, working with a travel agency, and the costs involved.
- Laconia High School Bleachers: Malcolm Murray presented the cost of repairing current bleachers, installing new, mechanical bleachers, and the funding source of new bleachers.
- Rescind Policy GCOA - Evaluation of Professional Staff: The Board discussed that NHSBA no longer has this policy and that the evaluation process is stipulated in the LEA CBA.
- 1st Read Policy GDO - Evaluation of Support Staff: The Board looked at the minor revisions to this policy.
- 1st Read Policy BBAA - School Board Member Authority: The Board looked at the minor revisions to this policy.
- 1st Read Policy BBAB - Roles and Duties of the Board Chairperson: The Board looked at the minor revisions to this policy.
- 1st Read Policy BCA - Board Member Ethics: The Board discussed the revisions and omissions to this policy.
- 1st Read Policy BEA Regular School Board Meetings: The Board discussed the change of the time from 7PM to 6:30 PM.
- 1st Read Policy BHC - Board – Community Communication: The Board discussed the minor revision to this policy.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

Action Items

- Field Trip Requests
 - Laconia High School - Manchester NH April 2-4, 2020:** Motion made by Dawn John to approve the field trip to Manchester, NH April 2-4, 2020 as presented, seconded by Malcolm Murray. The vote was unanimous.
 - Laconia High School- Europe: Paris to Pyrenees April 2022:** Motion made by Stacie Sirois to approve the LHS trip to Europe April 2022 as presented. Seconded by Dawn Johnson. Malcolm Murray opposed. The vote was 5-1 in favor of the field trip to Europe April 2022.
- Laconia High School Bleachers: Motion made by Malcolm Murray to approve the LHS bleachers for the cost of \$70,000 as presented, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The vote was unanimous.
- Rescind Policy GCOA - Evaluation of Professional Staff: Motion made by Dawn Johnson to rescind Policy GCOA Evaluation of Professional Staff as presented, seconded by Stacie Sirois, the vote was unanimous.
- Laconia High School Graduation Date: Motion made by Malcolm Murray to approve the requested June 12th Laconia High School graduation date as presented, seconded by Stacie Sirois. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Stacie Sirois to adjourn, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The vote was unanimous.
The Board meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Tucker
Clerk