

**LACONIA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 5, 2019
SAU OFFICE, 39 HARVARD STREET**

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 39 Harvard Street, SAU 30, Board Room. **PRESENT:** Bob Champlin, Aaron Hayward, Dawn Johnson, Heather Lounsbury, Barbara Luther, Malcolm Murray, Stacie Sirois, Superintendent Dr. Brendan Minnihan, Assistant Superintendent Amy Hinds, and Business Administrator Christine Blouin.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Malcolm Murray called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. The agenda was posted on Friday, February 28, 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 Barbara Luther to amend the agenda to move the Joint Hockey Team Discussion to item #4, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The vote was unanimous. Motion made by Barbara Luther to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Stacie Sirois to amend the minutes of February 19, 2019 to include that she was present, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.

Motion made by Stacie Sirois amend the minutes of February 22, 2019 to include that she was present and to change the language in Action to be recorded as, *Motion made by Stacie Sirois to authorize School Board Chair, Malcolm Murray to sign the three-year contract* and not a Memorandum of Agreement as previously recorded, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS

Joint Hockey Team: Craig Kozens, Laconia High School Athletic Director/Dean of Students, proposed a NHIAA Cooperative Hockey Team that includes Laconia High School, Inter-Lakes High School and Winnisquam High School. Laconia would be the lead school and each school would contribute \$7,000 each year. Any other funds needed to sustain the program would be made up by each school's Hockey Booster Club. The team will practice at Laconia Ice Arena (Merrill Fay). Players will provide their own transportation to practice/game sites and game supervision will be provided by each school on a rotational basis. Laconia will be the lead school and has 5 athletes, Winnisquam has 9 athletes and Inter-Lakes has 8 athletes. Barbara Luther asked when the team would start up, Craig said that it would start in the 19/20 School Year. Board Chair Malcolm Murray thanked Craig and said the Board will talk about this in discussion and vote on it in the action part of the meeting.

SOCIAL WORKERS/LADC, ETC. McKenzie Harrington-Bacote introduced Erin Pettengrill of the Lakes Region Family Resource Center. Erin explained that the ACERT (Adverse Childhood Experiences Response Team) is made up Eric Adams of the Laconia PD, Erin Pettegrill of Lakes Region Family Resource Center and McKenzie Harrington- Bacote of the Laconia School District Office of School Wellness. Erin explained that ACERT started in Manchester and is essentially an in home mobile trauma unit in real-time. ACERT is designed to respond to incidents as soon as the scenes have been secured by the police. For example, if Eric Adams, Prevention Enforcement Treatment (PET) Officer responds to an incident, once he receives a signed release form, he will then notify Erin. If a school-aged child is involved, Erin will notify McKenzie who will then begin the process of wrap around supports for the child in our District. The release start date for ACERT in Laconia is still in progress. Aaron Hayward said he is pleased to see the dynamic relationship between Laconia PD and Laconia School District.

Mckenzie introduced Marcy Kelley, Student Services Administrator, Woodland Heights Principal, Eric Johnson and Pleasant Street School Principal, Dave Levesque. McKenzie reported that the Office of School Wellness (OSW) has been in the district since the 13/14 School Year. The funding for OSW works to support students, staff and families in the areas of promoting social, emotional, physical, mental and behavioral health. McKenzie reported on Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) and its benefits, breakdown and model, dimensions of wellness and student risk factors. Marcy Kelley explained the use of Zones of Regulation at WHS and the universal jargon throughout the school. Eric Johnson reported on MTSS at WHS and structured routines, procedures, targeted groups and points of data. Stacie Sirois asked how the interventions work and Marcy offered an example; anxiety groups meet 2 times per week with the school psychologist and social worker and that there are clear entrance and exit criteria to be in the groups as well as progress monitoring. Mckenzie offered another example of Laconia High School's Sachem Support Block as part of students' daily schedule. McKenzie went on to explain the difference between school counselors, behavior specialists, and social workers. Bob Champlin said the chart is helpful to see the difference between the positions and that MTSS is happening everywhere, the logic behind it is a clean view. McKenzie continued to report on the Positive Impacts of MTSS. Dave Levesque reported that Project PAWS at PSS went from 35 families receiving weekend meals last year to 60 families receiving weekend meals this year. Eric Johnson shared a video from WHS and reported out on Personalized Learning. Dave Levesque reported on We Connect for students/teachers and ACES intervention at PSS. Mckenzie ended the presentation reporting on NHDOE's iPlatform, Staff Health and Wellness supports, and that she, Principal Tara Beauchemin, Principal Eric Johnson, and Principal Dave Levesque will be presenting at the NH School Principals conference in June.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET & PERSONNEL: Budget and Personnel will meet on March 21, 2019 at the SAU at 3:30 P.M.

FACILITIES/CIP: The Facilities Committee has not met.

POLICY: The Policy Committee will meet on March 19th at 6 P.M.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: Aaron Hayward said he would like to have the proposal of the Community Relations Committee put on the March 19th agenda for a discussion. Aaron said he will send the Strategic Planning Committee a copy of the proposal document.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Dr. Minnihan reported the following House Bills:

- **HB 709:** Provides additional aid to municipalities based on the percentage of pupils eligible to receive a free or reduced-price meal. Dr. Minnihan said Laconia would receive additional revenue if this bill should pass.
- **HB 184:** Funding kindergarten at the rate of a full-time student and removes the ½ attendance cap on full-day kindergarten pupils for the purpose of calculating adequate education grants.
- **HB 564:** Possession of Firearms in a Safe School Zone; state law would mirror federal law. This would eliminate the need for schools to be closed during voting days due to current firearm laws.

BOARD MEMBER INPUT: Bob Champlin asked Dr. Minnihan why the NHSBA was opposed to the HB564, Dr. Minnihan stated that it appeared that they just did not want to get involved.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Malcolm Murray reported that tonight's scheduled non-public meeting has been moved to April 2nd, Strategic Planning will discuss their Community Relations Sub Committee on March 19th and District ACTLS will also present on PACE on March 19th.

CALENDAR

Policy Committee Meeting	Tuesday, March 19, 2019	6:00 P.M. at SAU 30
School Board Meeting	Tuesday, March 19, 2019	7:00 P.M. at SAU 30
ACTL Presentation	Tuesday, March 19, 2019	7:00 P.M. at SAU 30
Budget and Personnel Committee	Thursday, March 21, 2019	3:30 P.M. at SAU 30
Chris Emond- BGC Presentation	Tuesday, April 02, 2019	7:00 P.M. at SAU 30

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Minnihan reported that he and Amy Hinds met with Boys and Girls Club (BGC) Director, Chris Emond. BGC is taking over the umbrella of Lakes Region Childcare and would like to continue to use the Laconia School District space for before school, after school and for their summer programming. Malcolm Murray said Chris Emond may present at the April 2nd School Board Meeting.

Dr. Minnihan said he received a request from a parent who moved to Meredith stating she would like her son, a Laconia High School senior, to finish his senior year here. Dr. Minnihan cited Laconia School Policy JFADE and said the Laconia High School Administration is supportive of the request, but the parent is responsible for transportation to and from school. The Board agreed to approve the request.

Dr. Minnihan said if we follow the pattern set last year with snow days, the end date of year for K-11 students this year could be Friday June 21st and June 14th for the senior graduation. Dawn Johnson said the Budget and Personnel Committee discussed having our school year calendar aligned with area schools as the Huot Technical Center has 40 days not aligned with sending schools which creates the need for additional supports causing a budgetary impact. Malcolm Murray said he would like to see how the Seacoast creates their calendar. Bob Champlin said we used to have one regional calendar and all sending schools would meet to put it together as a group. The Board decided to discuss this at a later meeting.

Dr. Minnihan said that the start time School Board meetings are set to begin at 7:00 P.M. and that he thinks the time was set to accommodate former Board members' work schedules. Dr. Minnihan proposed future meetings to start at or 6:30 PM for at least for the remainder of this school year to see how it goes. Dr. Minnihan said we can discuss this option as the next School Board meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Amend the 19/20 School Year Calendar to Reflect Correct Voting Dates – The Board discussed the current and the correct voting dates.

Joint Hockey Team (Inter-Lakes, Winnisquam & Laconia) – The Board discussed the NHIAA Cooperative Hockey Team Proposal from Craig Kozens.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no general/public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

Amend the 19/20 School Year Calendar to Reflect Correct Voting Dates- Motion made by Dawn Johnson to approve the amendment to the 19/20 School Year calendar as presented, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.

Joint Hockey Team (Inter-Lakes, Winnisquam & Laconia) Motion made by Barbara Luther to approve the NHIAA Cooperative Hockey Team Proposal from Craig Kozens as presented, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Stacie Sirois to adjourn, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hinds
Clerk