

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 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 May 13, 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 to approve the minutes of May 3, 2016, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: This committee has not met. On May 9, 2016 they went before the City Council to present the 2016-2017 Budget.

Facilities/CIP: This committee has not met. They will meet soon.

Policy: This committee met on May 12th. They reviewed the Huot Handbook and polices regarding Non-Public sessions and Staff Dress Codes. They have 2 handbooks being brought forward tonight.

Strategic Planning: This committee has not met. They hope to meet next week.

Legislative Update: There was no legislative update.

Board Member Input: Scott Vachon informed the Board that there is a tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement with the LEA. Mike Persson informed the Board that he attended the Top 10 dinner. He mentioned the Board should consider giving letter of commendations for the teachers who are selected to attend year after year. Chris Guilmett mentioned he hopes that we will honor the retiring teachers as we have in years passed. Stacie Sirois mentioned she also went to the Top 10 Dinner and it was very well done and that Prom went well. Mike Persson mentioned many parents preferred the prom march indoor at LHS.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR

CALENDAR

Huot Awards	Thursday, May 26, 2016	6:00pm @ Huot Tech. Center
Policy Committee	Thursday, June 2, 2016	5:15pm @ SAU
School Board Meeting	Tuesday, June 7, 2016	7:00pm @ SAU

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Dr. McCormack informed the Board that 6 LMS 8th grade students are participating in National History Day in Maryland from June 12-16.

Dr. McCormack informed the Board that LHS students attend the Chris Herren Presentation on May 10th at Meadowbrook. There were 4,000 students in attendance from the Lakes Region. The students found it a very positive day.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

16-17 LHS Parent and Student Handbook; 16-17 LHS Academic Handbook: Chris Guilmett informed the Board that included in the packet was a summary sheet of changes made to the handbooks. Mike Persson thanked the Policy Committee for the changes.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Several community members and students spoke to the School Board on their concerns about moving the LHS band program to the "5th Block". They urged the Board to reconsider.

Dick Coggon asked if there would be action after the non-public session other than the vote on the Perkins Scholarship, Stacie informed him there would be no action after non-public. Dick Coggon asked if there would be a non-meeting. Stacie told him there may be a non-meeting. Mike Tarbassian shared his opinion on a violation of student rights.

ACTION ITEMS

16-17 LHS Parent and Student Handbook: Motion made by Scott Vachon to approve the 16-17 LHS Parent and Student Handbook, seconded by Mal Murray. The vote was unanimous.

16-17 LHS Academic Handbook: Motion made by Mike Persson to approve the 16-17 LHS Academic Handbook, seconded by Chris Guilmett. The vote was unanimous.

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 7:42 PM.

Motion made to come out of Non Public Session by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Scott Vachon. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 9:36 PM.

PUBLIC SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Chris Guilmett, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Beitler
Clerk