

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Mal Murray, Stacie Sirois, Barbara Luther, Mike Persson, Scott Vachon, Chris Guilmett, Joe Cormier, Business Administrator Ed Emond, and Assistant Superintendent Kirk Beitler. Absent: Superintendent Terri Forsten.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Joe Cormier called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The agenda was posted on May 18, 2015, 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 Scott Vachon, seconded by Barbara Luther, to approve the agenda of May 19, 2015 as presented. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Barbara Luther, to approve the minutes of May 5, 2015 as presented. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATION

Facility Update at LHS

Asst. Superintendent Kirk Beitler and Business Administrator Ed Emond presented the changes occurring to the Math Wing or Silver Wing and Auditorium Wing or Red Wing at Laconia High school during the summer of 2015.

Understanding by Design

Elementary Academic Coordinator of Teaching and Learning Gail Bourn, LMS Academic Coordinator of Teaching and Learning Alison Bryant and LHS Academic Coordinator of Teaching and Learning Steve Tucker presented to the School Board on Understanding by Design and the impact on our schools. Ms. Bryant explained UbD and how teachers use it in our schools. Ms. Bourn explained the Professional Development that has been offered to teachers and Mr. Tucker explained about implementation in our schools. Ms. Forsberg and Ms. McCallum, 4th Grade teachers, introduced students Kayden Dolloff and Ethan Vachon who explained a UbD lesson the Laconia Elementary Schools collaborated on collectively about government and writing a bill. LMS teachers Jessica Peterson and Ryan Theman along with students Elijah and Jillian presented a UbD lesson on number sense. The lesson tied in everyday life lessons with a project about the New England Patriots. Elijah talked about how he preferred this type of assessment rather than a test and he feels that he will remember the information longer than if he studied for a test. LHS science teacher Ivy Leavitt-Carlson presented with Kate Persson on a cell unit and LHS English Teacher presented with Nikki on literary circles.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: This group attended the City Council meeting on Monday, May 11th. There was discussion with City Council on cutting money from the budget. They will meet together to discuss.

Facilities/CIP: This group has not met but they discussed the presentation from the meeting and discussed how the wings were renamed.

Policy: This group met on May 13th to begin reviewing handbooks. They will meet on May 20th to continue to review handbooks and will be bringing forward tonight handbooks that have been reviewed for discussion and action.

Strategic Planning: This committee has not met.

Legislative Update: Scott shared that there has been discussion in the legislation on a bill requiring notification to parents two weeks before controversial material will be discussed in schools but this has not been voted on yet.

Board Member Input: Stacie Sirois informed the Board that there are parent and teacher concerns about 10th grade English being moved from a full year course to a ½ year course. She also informed the Board about Drive 4 Your School from 3-5 on May 20th to benefit the Class of 2016 and Class of 2017. Chris Guilmett informed the Board that the Top 10 dinner was wonderful and how 7 out of the teachers the students brought were the same from the Top 10 dinner last year. Stacie shared that the Junior Prom at Gunstock on Friday May 15th was successful.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR

Board Chair Joe Cormier stated that the Interim Search Committee met tonight before the board meeting. They discussed plans for an interim Superintendent and discussed a timeline for hiring a permanent Superintendent.

CALENDAR

Policy Committee Meeting	Wednesday, May 20, 2015	7:30 am @ SAU
School Board Meeting	Tuesday, June 2, 2015	7:00 pm @ SAU

ASST. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Assistant Superintendent Kirk Beitler discussed the Top 10 dinner and also shared what the class of 2015 is doing next year with several attending college, entering the work force or entering the military. He also mentioned that LHS Graduation is on June 6th at 10am at the Jim Fitzgerald Field. In the event of inclement weather graduation will be held inside at 4PM at LMS. He also shared that 100% of the Health Science tech students passed their LNA License test and will receive their pins on May 27th. This is the 3rd year in a row with 100% pass rate. He also shared two tech updates. There will be a change from Edline database for grade reporting to MMS gradebook. We are also going to be using One Call now instead of Alert Now as our emergency message system. This system is integrated with our current student information system, MMS.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Board discussed the LMS Student Handbook, LHS Academic Handbook and LHS Athletic Handbook. They discussed sending the LHS Athletic Handbook back to the Policy Committee to reword the section on Alcohol and Drugs.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Dick Coggon asked if anything other than the Perkins Scholarship would be discussed and if there would be any decision as a result of the non-public meeting. Joe Cormier said that there would not be. He also asked if there would be a non-meeting and Joe told him there would not be.

ACTION ITEMS

LMS Student Handbook: A motion was made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Mal Murray to approve the LMS Student Handbook. The vote was unanimous.

LHS Academic Handbook: A motion was made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Mal Murray to approve the LHS Academic Handbook. The vote was unanimous.

LHS Athletic Handbook: This will be brought back to the Policy Committee to be revisited at the next Policy Meeting to address concerns.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion made by Mal Murray, seconded by Stacie Sirois, to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3II letter c. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board went into Non-Public Session at 8:24 PM.

Motion made to come out of Non Public Session by Scott Vachon, seconded by Chris Guilmett. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 8:35PM.

PUBLIC SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Mal Murray, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Beitler
Clerk