

**LACONIA SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 19, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M.  
SAU BOARD ROOM VIA ZOOM**

The Laconia School Board held a regular meeting, virtually via Zoom due to the Governor's State of Emergency Order (COVID-19) Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 39 Harvard Street, SAU 30, Board Room. **PRESENT:** Aaron Hayward, Dawn Johnson, Heather Lounsbury, Laura Dunn, Malcolm Murray, Nick Grenon, Superintendent Steve Tucker, Assistant Superintendent Amy Hinds, and Business Administrator Christine Blouin. **Absent:** Bob Champlin.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chairperson, Heather Lounsbury, called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Chairperson Lounsbury read aloud the checklist to ensure meetings are compliant with the Right-to Know Law during the State of Emergency and conducted a roll call. The agenda was posted on Friday, May 15, 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 Dawn Johnson to amend the agenda and exclude first read of policies under action, seconded by Laura Dunn. The roll call vote was unanimous

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Dawn Johnson to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2020 School Board meeting, seconded by Laura Dunn. The roll call vote was unanimous.

**PRESENTATION**

Laconia High School Principal, Michael Fredericksen presented on the proposed June 12<sup>th</sup> graduation. He informed the Board of the Task Force that was created by community members and how and why they narrowed the options down to one proposal. He noted points on social distancing as well as state and local guidelines to adhere to. Laconia Fire Chief Kirk Beattie and Laconia Police Chief Matt Canfield both agreed the decision was a collective effort with the focus on safety for students and families.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kelley Howland asked if there would be a limited number for guests at graduation? Tara Shore asked if COVID 19 numbers go down could we go with a more traditional graduation? Cheryl Hebert asked if it will be a live stream and what will that mean for those without internet access? Elizabeth Nixon asked if there would be a drive-in option for graduation? Trish Poliquin asked if seniors were expected to exit the field right after the ceremony and if there would be a practice ceremony?

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget & Personnel:** Superintendent Tucker reported that Budget and Personnel will meet soon.

**Facilities/CIP:** Malcolm Murray reported on the paving in the district, striping process, sidewalks, tiling, cleaning changes, asbestos removal, and fire doors.

**Policy:** Aaron Hayward reported that there will be three first policy reading tonight and three more for review.

**Strategic Planning/Portrait of a Graduate:** Dawn Johnson reported that this committee is working on a proposed vision statement.

**Diversity and Inclusion Task Force:** Aaron reported that this committee will meet on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Board Member Input:** There was no Board Member input.

**BOARD CHAIR REPORT**

Boar Chairperson Lounsbury reported on the Superintendent's evaluation process, the LHS Graduation Task Force, and the Perkins Scholarship award recipients.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/CALENDAR**

Assistant Superintendent Hinds reported on staffing, remote summer programming, Pre K-grade 2 1:1 devices, Project EXTRA summer programming, remote learning, and how our district guidance, social workers and student outreach workers continue to work to engage or reengage families. Business Administrator Blouin reported on the Siemens punch list, Capital Improvement Plan, and the CARES Act. Superintendent Tucker reported on the Portrait of a Graduate Task Force and its members, the vision and mission statement, Huot Technical Center's recent survey results, remote learning attendance, and end of year celebrations and the Laconia High School graduation.

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

School Board Meeting

6:30 P.M. via Zoom

**DISCUSSION**

- **1st Read Policy BEDA Public Notification of School Board Meetings:** The Board discussed that the district does not have this policy.
- **1st Read Policy DKCA-P District Travel Reimbursements:** The Board discussed this policy and the language regarding travel reimbursement.
- **1st Read Policy JLCD-P Medication to Students Procedure:** The Board discussed this policy and the update to be compliant with the NH RSA's.
- **Laconia High School 2020 Graduation:** The Board discussed the graduation proposal and had questions around the number of people allowed, social distancing, liability, staff and PD officers, security, families not being allowed to attend with this option, and other options for family members to attend and logistics to make different options possible.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Principal Fredericksen and the Board addressed some of the public's question around graduation and different options including surveying parents and students.

**ACTION**

- **Laconia High School 2020 Graduation:** Motion made by Dawn Johnson to table the LHS graduation until parents and students are surveyed with the LHS Task Force presenting the results to the School Board, seconded by Laura Dunn. Roll Call vote was 5 yes and 1 no. Malcolm Murray opposed. The Laconia High School Graduation will be tabled.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Dawn Johnson to adjourn, seconded by Laura Dunn. Roll call vote was unanimous.  
The Board meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Tucker  
Clerk