

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Chris Guilmett, Mal Murray, Joe Cormier, Mike Persson, Scott Vachon, Stacie Sirois, Business Administrator Ed Emond, Assistant Superintendent Kirk Beitler, and Superintendent Terri Forsten. Absent: Beth Arsenault.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Chris Guilmett called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. The agenda was posted on May 16, 2014, at the SAU office and on the district's website, along with being sent to each of our schools, "The Citizen", "Daily Sun", Laconia Library, and City Hall, in accordance with RSA 91-A.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Board Chair Chris Guilmett asked to amend the agenda to add Budget Transfers under "Discussion and Action". Motion made by Joe Cormier to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Stacie Sirois. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Stacie Sirois, seconded by Joe Cormier, to approve the minutes of May 6, 2014 as presented. The vote was unanimous with Mike Persson abstaining.

PRESENTATION

National History Day

Laconia Middle School 8th grade Social Studies teacher Carleen Steckert shared that National History Day is a yearlong research project directly linked to a yearly theme. Students from the United States, and American dependent countries and bases participate in this event. Students meet before school daily to work on this enrichment project. This is her 7th year taking students to Nationals.

The following students were present at the meeting:

1st place individual exhibit - Rebecca Olewine

2nd place individual exhibit - Jade Marden

2nd place group documentary - Alexyah Dethvongsa, Sophia Joyal, Isabella Lovering, Kate Rock

3rd place group play - Brendan Sica and Daniel Engelsen

Brendan and Daniel presented their play to the board. It was a reenactment of a newscast from 1969 and the involvement in the Vietnam War.

Project EXTRA! Awards

Terri Forsten told the board that the New Hampshire Afterschool Professional Development System (NHAPDS) is designed to recognize the education, experience, skills and talents of those working in out of school time programs. It is also intended to support the on-going professional development of afterschool professionals, particularly given the strong link of staff development to higher quality programs and positive youth outcomes. Jake Colby, Aja Montague, Jackie O'Neil-Viar, Betsey Damon, Becky Nash-Rock and Beth Vachon received awards in the areas of core knowledge, education and specialized work, work experience, on-going professional training and professional activities.

2014 – 2015 Budget

Scott Vachon presented the 2014-2015 proposed budget that will be shared with Laconia City Council on Tuesday, May 27th.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Under Facilities, Ed Emond shared with the board that the Joint Building Committee for the LHS renovation project is scheduled to meet on Friday, May 30th if there will be a quorum.

Public/Administrative Input:

None

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Personnel Committee: This committee met tonight and will be bringing forward budget transfers for discussion and action. They will also be presenting the 2014-2015 Budget to City Council on May 26th.

Facilities Committee: This committee met tonight. They reviewed the look ahead chart that was presented at Super Saturday and prioritized it.

Policy Committee: This committee did not meet. They will be bringing forward the Laconia Middle School handbook for discussion and action.

Legislative Update: None

Board Member Input: Mike Persson informed the Board that the last LHS PTO meeting will be held tomorrow night.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR

CALENDAR

Budget Presentation to Laconia City Council	Tuesday, May 27, 2014	6:00 p.m. @ Laconia City Hall
Laconia School Board	Tuesday, June 3, 2014	7:00 p.m. @ SAU Board Room

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

LHS Junior/Senior Prom: Terri Forsten reported that the prom was held last Friday and although rainy weather moved the grand march indoors the students had a great time.

Update on ESS Principal Search: The ESS Principal search has gone into a second round. Terri Forsten and Kirk Beitler will be conducting preliminary interviews and will offer the ESS Interview Team prospective interviewees to meet with the team. The hope is to have a candidate to bring forward by the first week of June.

Update on LMS Assistant Principal Search: There were 50 applicants for the LMS position. The interview team has narrowed this field down to 6 candidates which will be interviewed and recommend one candidate to bring forward for hire to Terri Forsten.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Laconia Middle School Handbook: The handbook was presented for discussion. There were very few changes this year. The handbook was emailed to Board Members for review prior to this meeting.

Budget Transfers: Ed Emond presented the list of budget transfers for discussion.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Gail Ober, Daily Sun, asked if the increased expense in heating costs at Laconia High School had been figured into the 2014-15 budget and Ed Emond said that this was figured into the upcoming budget. He also said that we have a broker that helps us get competitive prices for natural gas and electricity much like a consortium.

Dick Coggon asked if a copy of the proposed budget would be available for the public. Ed Emond said that this would be available on Wednesday morning. He also asked if there were any internal candidates for either the Elm Street position or the Laconia Middle School position. Terri responded that there were none for either. He asked if the Board would be taking any action when they came out of non-public session. Chris Guilmett said that they would not be taking any action.

ACTION ITEMS

Laconia Middle School Handbook: A motion was made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Mal Murray to accept the handbook as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Budget Transfers: A motion was made by Mal Murray, seconded by Stacie Sirois to accept the budget transfers as presented. The vote was unanimous.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION – RSA 91-A: 3II(c) Personnel

A motion was made to go into Non-Public session, in accordance with RSA 91-A:311(c), at 7:52 p.m. by Mike Persson, seconded by Scott Vachon. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made to come out of Non-Public session, in accordance with RSA 91-A:311(c) at 8:49 p.m. by Mike Persson, seconded by Stacie Sirois. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Stacie Sirois, seconded by Scott Vachon, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Beitler
Clerk