

**LACONIA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 21, 2019
SAU OFFICE, 39 HARVARD STREET**

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 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, May 17, 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 Dawn Johnson to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Dawn Johnson to approve the minutes of May 7, 2019 as presented, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. Aaron Hayward and Barbara Luther abstained. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS

Retirees: The School Board honored three teachers retiring this year; Brian Berkowitz, served the district for 19 years as an Interim Assistant Principal, Special Education Administrator, and Special Education Teacher. Bob Clay has served the district for 15 years as a math teacher at Laconia Middle School and Patti Hines has served the district for 17 years as the Careers in Education Teacher at the Huot Career and Technical Center.

LHS Updates: Laconia High School Principal, Michael Fredericksen, and Assistant Principal, Dave Bartlett, presented on enhancing the senior experience. Mr. Fredericksen highlighted the proposed tiered diploma, proposed senior privileges, and proposed attendance requirements for graduation participation. The current structure allows seniors to be enrolled in just two classes per semester with no minimum GPA. The new proposed structure would require three classes or equivalent (internship, ELO, college course, etc.) per semester with passing all classes at the end of each quarter, without leaving during blocks two and three and leaving only block one and four open as an option for a free block. Aaron Hayward asked how the proposed changes will change the current culture, Mr. Bartlett said raising the standards communicates to students that learning and showing up is a good thing and sets the stage for their adulthood. Mr. Fredericksen added that he met with a panel at Lakes Region Community College and it was notoriously stated that companies are having a hard time getting young employees to show up to work on time or at all. Mr. Fredericksen concluded the presentation stating the 2019-2020 Laconia High School goals are to continue to increase academic course offerings, increase of students attending 2 or 4-year colleges and an 18 absences limit for graduation participation. Mr. Champlin asked Mr. Fredericksen and Mr. Bartlett to survey local schools within the Lakes Region about their attendance policy and tiered diplomas and to bring that information back to the Board.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: Bob Champlin said the proposed budget was presented to City Council on Monday, May 13th and Laconia School District received their support for the proposed social worker position, social studies teacher, and a science teacher. Mr. Champlin also added that City Council had some questions about the Performance Contract and that Christine Blouin will work with the City Manager, Scott Myers on those questions. Bob went on to report that at the May 9th Budget & Personnel meeting the committee discussed the administrative salary structure, the vacant student service administrator contract, and the anticipated facilities director position.

Facilities/CIP: The Facilities Committee has not met.

Policy: The Policy Committee has not met

Strategic Planning: The Strategic Planning Committee is in a holding pattern.

Legislative Update: Dr. Minnihan reported on the State budget and Education Stabilization.

Board Member Input: Dawn Johnson reported that the Laconia Middle School grade 8 trip to Canada was successful and that the bus ride and experience was reported to be the best thus far.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR

School Board Meeting	Tuesday, June 4, 2019	SAU at 6:30 PM
Budget & Personnel	Monday, June 13, 2019	SAU at 3:30 PM

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Minnihan reported that the Grammy Foundation awarded Laconia High School \$5,500 on Monday May 20th and Laconia Middle School's Destination Imagination Team arrived to Kansas City for Global Finals safely. Dr. Minnihan also reported that district Administrators will participate in an all-day training regarding FERPA on Wednesday, May 22nd.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Nomination/Election of Staff:** The Board referred to their packet for the nomination list and discussed the candidates.
- **Resignation of Staff:** The Board discussed referred to their packet for the resignation list and discussed the resignations.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Nomination/Election of Staff:** Motion made by Stacie Sirois to approve the nomination/election of staff as presented, seconded by Barbara Luther. The vote was unanimous.
- **Resignation of Staff:** Motion made by Dawn Johnson to move to accept the resignations as presented, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.

NONPUBLIC RSA 91-A:3, II(C)

Motion made by Stacie Sirois, seconded by Heather Lounsbury to enter into nonpublic session RSA 91-A:3, II(c). Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board went into Nonpublic Session at 7:45 PM.

Motion made by Stacie Sirois to return to public session, seconded by Barbara Luther. The vote was unanimous. Public Session reconvened at 8:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Stacie Sirois to adjourn, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hinds
Clerk