

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Mal Murray, Stacie Sirois, Barbara Luther, Mike Persson, Scott Vachon, Joe Cormier, Business Administrator Ed Emond, Assistant Superintendent Kirk Beitler and Superintendent Terri Forsten. Absent: Chris Guilmett.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Joe Cormier called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The agenda was posted on April 29, 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

Board Chair Joe Cormier asked to amend the agenda to add under Item 12 Non-public Meeting RSA 91-A: 3, II (a) – personnel. Motion made by Scott Vachon to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Stacie Sirois. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Barbara Luther, to approve the minutes of April 21, 2015 as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Stacie Sirois, to approve the minutes of April 28, 2015 as presented. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATION

LEEF Grants

Carol Davis from Laconia Educational Endowment Foundation presented three grants to Laconia staff members. Becky Gonzales and Jackie O-Neil Ivar received a grant for a Mac Book Air, Marie Liimantainen' and Becky Gonzalez will be purchasing heart rate monitors to be used in physical education classes and Cori Smith, Whitney McCallum, Sarah Gagnon and Sonya Roberts will purchase Programmable Bee Bots for elementary and middle school students to use together.

LMS NH History Day

LMS teachers Carleen Steckert and Cath Mallinson shared information about the NH National History Day competition. There was a class of 21 students with nine entries from 12 students. Six of these students placed in the competition. They were: Individual Website - 4th place Delaney Ross Group Website - 3rd place Madison Warman, Sarah Seymour, Exhibits: Individual - 3rd place Amelia Clairmont, 2nd place Alexandra Huckaby; Group - 2nd place Riley Grant, Solary Chhun and Documentary - 1st place Gabriella Djuric. Gabriella presented her winning documentary to the board on The Beatles.

Elementary Math Proposal

ESS Principal Tara Beauchemin, WHS Principal Eric Johnson and PSS teacher Whitney McCallum gave a presentation on the new math proposal. Teachers from all levels and buildings as well as administrative representatives were on the elementary math team committee. Six programs were reviewed and team members shared their comments after each presentation. The Elementary Math Team is proposing that Preschool through 5th Grade Teachers use the Engage NY format as a model, template, and resource to create the Laconia's Elementary Mathematics Curriculum Map with related units of study, lessons, and resources (preschool - 5th grade). Version 1.0 of Laconia's Elementary Mathematics Curriculum Map has been completed. The plan includes the following steps: 1). Create the Laconia Elementary Mathematics Curriculum Map, 2). During elementary grade level Professional Development (preschool - 5th grade) teams will develop the first Mathematics UbD unit of study for the 2015-2016 school year and provide feedback on the Version 1.0 Curriculum Map and 3). During our June UbD math summer institute we will have teams of teachers, preschool - 5th grade, develop units 2, 3, and 4. By the end of June 2015 we will have four UbD units of study for preschool - 5th grade. There are more steps that will be worked on after these.

Whitney and Sonya Roberts reported on their attendance at the 2015 NCTM Conference. They also spoke to the plan to connect elementary to middle school math. This should better prepare our students for more rigorous studies in math. School board members were happy to see the work that has been done.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: This group met Monday night. Discussion about contracts, proposed budget to City Council, freezing current funds and what can be spent before the end of the school was on the agenda.

Facilities/CIP: This group met tonight before the regular meeting. Mal Murray reported that there was a security camera demonstration by Jeff Twombly and more cameras for elementary schools will be purchased when funds are available. They are also purchasing new phone systems that will save money and tied into this are new room numbers for LHS which connect the phones to a specific location. Other safety improvements were shared. Summer projects were discussed and the SAU boiler will go out to bid by the end of May.

Policy: This group met on April 26th to begin reviewing handbooks. They will meet on May 13th to continue to review handbooks.

Strategic Planning: This committee has not met.

Legislative Update: None

Board Member Input: None

BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR

Board Chair Joe Cormier stated that the board met and will look for an interim Superintendent and begin a search for a permanent applicant in the later summer/early fall. Joe Cormier, Scott Vachon and Stacie Sirois will form the Interim Superintendent Search Committee and have contracted with NESDEC to assist them. They will meet and identify characteristics for an interim as well as a permanent replacement. They will have a

recommendation for interim to the Board in June. The search committee for the permanent Superintendent will include a larger committee to include staff members, Administrators, community members and Board members.

CALENDAR

Budget Presentation to City Council	Monday, May 11, 2015	6:00 pm @ City Hall
LHS Senior Service Day	Saturday, May 9, 2015	8:00 am @ LHS
Policy Committee Meeting	Thursday, May 14, 2015	7:30 am @ SAU
LHS Junior/Senior Prom and CChem-Free After Prom	Friday, May 15, 2015	7:00 pm @ Gunstock
School Board Meeting	Tuesday, May 5, 2015	7:00 pm @ SAU

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Terri Forsten shared that our district raised \$1215.50 today to support Got Lunch Laconia by paying \$5 to wear jeans. She also shared information on a Title I Preschool for four year olds that will be piloted in the fall of this year. It will be a half day program to start. She also highlighted the work being done on technology in our schools for the upcoming school year. We will look to get the HP Stream laptops for one grade level in middle school for 1:1 computing and potentially four teachers at LHS, depending on funding. She also highlighted the new district website which includes a district calendar that Board members had been requesting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Dick Coggon asked if there would be any decision as a result of the non-public meeting. Joe Cormier said that there would not be.

ACTION ITEMS

None

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion made by Mal Murray, seconded by Stacie Sirois, to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3II letter a to discuss personnel issues. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board went into Non-Public Session at 8:27 PM.

Motion made to come out of Non Public Session by Scott Vachon, seconded by Stacie Sirois. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 8:50 PM.

PUBLIC SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mal Murray, seconded by Stacie Sirois, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Beitler
Clerk