

**LACONIA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 7, 2019
SAU OFFICE, 39 HARVARD STREET**

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 39 Harvard Street, SAU 30, Board Room. **PRESENT:** Bob Champlin, Dawn Johnson, Heather Lounsbury, Malcolm Murray, Superintendent Dr. Brendan Minnihan, Assistant Superintendent Amy Hinds, and Business Administrator, Christine Blouin. **ABSENT:** Aaron Hayward, Barbra Luther, and Stacie Sirois (Mrs. Sirois excused herself from the meeting at 6:40 PM).

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Malcolm Murray called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. The agenda was posted on Friday, May 3, 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 Stacie Sirois to amend the agenda to include a nonpublic session, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The vote was unanimous. Motion made by Stacie Sirois to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Stacie Sirois to approve the minutes of April 16, 2019 as presented, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS

Pleasant Street School Students Hennessey and Leah: Pleasant Street School Principal, Dave Levesque spoke to the Board about his school's initiative, Get Ready In Trying (GRIT) and how Hennessey and Leah exude GRIT at PSS. Hennessey is a 2nd grade student who has been working with PSS Guidance Counselor, Ann Barach and Academic Coordinator for Teaching and Learning, Gail Bourn on a book about a child whose father who is dealing with addiction, titled, *My Family's Story*. The idea came from when grade 2 teachers were going over book units about families. Hennessey said there was not a book that reflected her family, and that was when she decided to write on. Hennessey said "It's a book about what I went through when my dad was in recovery". Every Tuesday, Hennessey eats lunch with Mrs. Bourn and together, they work on her book. Mr. Levesque said the book is in its final draft and they are working toward getting it published. A copy of the book will be given to Laconia elementary schools, Gilford elementary school, Family Resource Center, Board member Dawn Johnson and to Dr. Minnihan to share with his community. Hennessey said she dedicated her book to every family who has a story. Mr. Levesque introduced Leah, a 3rd grade student at PSS. He said Leah has taught him a lot and referred to the poster Leah designed titled, *Leah's Story*. Leah decided to create the poster to help her cope with her father's incarceration. She used art as an outlet and coping technique for what she was going through saying it was her shield and that it protected her during a difficult time. Leah concluded her presentation saying no one is perfect and sometimes a mistake is a flaw that is part of you. Mrs. Barach said that grade 3 students are currently creating their own shields and protectors to create healing solutions and voices.

Budget- Business Administrator, Christine Blouin: Christine Blouin thanked the School Board for the opportunity to present the 19/20 school year budget. She said the district started with a zero based budget and that the proposed budget is tax cap compliant. Ms. Blouin went through the budget book explaining the following: Total appropriations, revenue sources, tax rate estimate, budget guide; fund, function, object, functions, the elementary, middle and high school budget detail with justifications, food service budget detail, anticipated grants, grant fund positions, explanation of functions, and the cheat sheet for instructional purposes. Ms. Blouin introduced Facilities Director, Peter Johnson. Mr. Johnson reported on the Performance Contract; Energy Services Company (ESCO) and the process, Facility Improvement Measures (FIM); lighting retrofit, building envelope, Bert plug load management system, water conservation, walk-in cooler/freezer controls, automation upgrades, HVAC replacement, summer projects CIP and Maintenance for 2019. Mr. Johnson introduced Pleasant Street School Principal, Dave Levesque. Mr. Levesque referred to his hand out regarding the request for a Social Worker. Mr. Levesque said currently Elm Street School and Pleasant Street School share one social worker between the two schools. The request for a social worker at PSS would allow one social worker in each school to meet a more specific role and responsibilities. Mr. Levesque introduced Assistant Principal, Kelly O'Brien. Mr. O'Brien spoke to the Board about the proposal for an additional Social Studies at Laconia Middle School. Mr. O'Brien said currently only one team at LMS has an independent Social Studies Teacher, and if approved, the additional teacher would help decrease class size numbers. Mr. O'Brien introduced Principal Michael Fredericksen. Mr. Fredericksen referred to his handout on the proposed Science Teacher at Laconia High School stating the additional Science Teacher would increase number of Science Teachers from 5 to 6 and recover the loss from the reduction in the 2015/2016 budget. Mr. Fredericksen introduced Assistant Superintendent, Amy Hinds. Ms. Hinds reported on the total number of court involved students of 138 which is a significant increase. Ms. Hinds referred to her handout of the breakdown of court involved students and the financial implications on the district. Ms. Blouin concluded the presentational and thanked the Board for their time.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUDGET & PERSONNEL: Mr. Champlin said the Budget & Personnel Committee will meet on May 9th at 3:30 PM

FACILITIES/CIP: Mrs. Blouin said the Board received an extensive overview of Facilities with Mr. Johnson's presentation tonight but will meet soon.

POLICY: This committee is working on a couple policies.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: This Committee is in a holding pattern.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Dr. Minnihan reported on HB1 and HB 2 saying there is a big push on Stabilization Aid which is beneficial for districts in need.

BOARD MEMBER INPUT: There was no Board Member input.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT: Mr. Murray reported that the Bob Dassatti dedication group has met and will proceed with a dedication in two ways; something on the floor of the gymnasium at Laconia Middle School and a banner on the wall. Mr. Murray said when the POW/MIA flags arrive he would like to pick a day to install them at LMS and LHS.

**LACONIA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 7, 2019
SAU OFFICE, 39 HARVARD STREET**

CALENDAR

May 9, 2019	Budget & Personnel Meeting	SAU 30 at 3:30 PM
May 11, 2019	Laconia High School Junior/Senior Prom	Steele Hill Resort at 7 PM
May 13, 2019	Budget Presentation	City Council at 6 PM
May 21, 2019	School Board Meeting	SAU 30 at 6 PM
May 23, 2019	LHS Top Ten Dinner	MVSB Dining Room at HTC at 6 PM
May 27, 2019	LHS Music Awards	LHS Auditorium at 7 PM
May 30, 2019	HTC Awards Night	MVSB Dining Room at HTC at 6 PM

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Minnihan reported that he met with Paula Gile of Got Lunch! Laconia last week to talk about the registration process and the \$6 on June 6th fundraiser. Eat out for Got Lunch! Laconia will be the week of May 13th -16th this year. Dr. Minnihan said that he and Ms. Hinds hand delivered the LEEF awards to seven district applicants and year's total award was just over \$5,000 to support various enrichment projects.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Bank of New Hampshire Donation to the Destination Imagination Team at LMS: The Board discussed the donation of \$15,000 from Bank of New Hampshire for the LMS team to attend Global Finals.
- Elm Street School Donation from LAYBL: The Board discussed the donation \$5,300 from LAYBL for an electric wrench and two conversion glass backboards.
- Field Trip Request: LHS/LMS Afterschool Leadership Team to Attend the National Afterschool Alliance Conference, Washington D.C., June 11-June12, 2019: The Board discussed the field trip request for the Afterschool Leadership Team at LMS and LHS to travel to Washington D.C. costing about \$700 per student for which they will raise funds for.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

- Bank of New Hampshire Donation to the Destination Imagination Team at LMS: Motion made by Dawn Johnson to accept the donation of \$15,000 from Bank of New Hampshire as presented, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.
- Elm Street School Donation from LAYBL: Motion made by Dawn Johnson to accept the donation from LAYBL as presented, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.
- Field Trip Request: LHS/LMS Afterschool Leadership Team to Attend the National Afterschool Alliance Conference, Washington D.C., June 11-June12, 2019: Motion made by Dawn Johnson to approve the LHS/LMS Afterschool Leadership Team to Attend the National Afterschool Alliance Conference, Washington, D.C. as presented, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.

NONPUBLIC

Motion made by Dawn Johnson, 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 7:33 PM.

Motion made by Dawn Johnson to return to public session, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous. Public session reconvened at 7:40 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Heather Lounsbury to adjourn, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hinds
Clerk