

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 39 Harvard Street, SAU 30, Board Room. **PRESENT:** Aaron Hayward, Bob Champlin, Dawn Johnson, Heather Lounsbury, Malcolm Murray, Superintendent Steve Tucker, Assistant Superintendent Amy Hinds, and Business Administrator Christine Blouin. **Absent:** Barbara Luther and Stacie Sirois

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Malcolm Murray called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. The agenda was posted on Friday, August 2, 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 July 16, 2019 as presented, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. Bob Champlin and Aaron Hayward abstained. The vote was unanimous.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: The Budget and Personnel Committee has not met.

Facilities/CIP: Heather Lounsbury said she met Facilities Director, Bill Caruso, tonight and continued to report on the Performance Contract, the lighting at Laconia High School, Elm Street School and Woodland Heights, interior painting happening at all schools, roofing work at Woodland Heights School, and parking lot striping.

Policy: Heather Lounsbury reported that the Policy Committee met on July 23, 2019 to discuss student absences and unpaid food service accounts.

Strategic Planning: Aaron Hayward said that the Strategic Planning Committee met on July 30th and reported the district's two – year goals, the committee reviewed the district's strategic plan, discussed Portrait of a Graduate Community Night, and the August 20th school board goal session meeting.

Legislative Update: Superintendent Steve Tucker reported on high school graduation dates, SB282: relative to suicide prevention education in schools, and HB226: relative to the re-nomination of teachers.

Board Member Input: There was no board member input.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR

Board Chairperson, Malcolm Murray, said he read about SB282 in the newspaper and the district is in a great shape regarding suicide prevention education with many pieces already in place. Mr. Murray went on to report on the August 20th school board goal setting session planned for 6PM at MVS Culinary Arts Dining Room.

School Board Goal Setting Session

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

HTC at 6:30 PM

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Tucker referred to the report he offered in the school board packet and reported that 120 people attended the Portrait of a Graduate Community Night and stated that it was a positive evening. Superintendent Tucker continued to report on curriculum, instruction and assessment, the Elementary Math Institute scheduled for August 13-14, finance and operations, building maintenance, Emergency Operations Planning Committee meeting set for Wednesday, August 7th, and elementary class lists. Aaron Hayward thanked Superintendent Tucker for the report on the board packet and talked about longitudinal student data and asked is the district will seek any external assessment. Superintendent Tucker said we currently use NH SAS. The Board discussed the NWEA assessment tool that was used in the past and Malcolm Murray emphasized the need to test skills.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was offered.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **1st Reading- JH Student Absences and Excuses:** The board discussed policy JH Student Absences and Excuses.
- **19/20 School Year Calendar:** Superintendent Tucker said that September 10th would be a professional development day with the tentative last day of school for students being June 17th and tentative last day for teachers would be June 18th. The board discussed the implications of having voting days, sending school's schedules not aligning with Huot Technical Center's calendar due to start dates and closures due to weather.
- **LMS 2020 Field Trip Request to Canada:** The board discussed the school year 2020 grade 8 trip to Canada and the number of chaperones needed.
- **LHS Graduation Date:** The board discussed the legislation regarding allowing district's being able to set the high school graduation date at the beginning of the year and NH Ed Rule 306, and the implications of voting days and snow days.
- **Unpaid Food Service Meals:** The board discussed the challenges of unpaid meal balances and looked at meal charging policies from other districts and the different ways to handle the unpaid account balances.
- **Laconia High School Attendance:** The board discussed the Laconia High School attendance.

ACTION ITEMS

- **19/20 School Year Calendar:** Motion made by Dawn to approve the 19/20 school year calendar as amended to reflect September 10th as a professional development day, June 17th being the tentative last day of school for students, and June 18th being the tentative Teacher Workshop Day. Seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.
- **LMS 2020 Field Trip Request to Canada:** Motion made by Dawn Johnson to approve the school year 2020 8th grade field trip to Canada as presented, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.
- **LHS Graduation Date:** Motion made by Dawn Johnson to table the LHS graduation date, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion made by Dawn Johnson to enter into non-public session: RSA 91-A:3, II(c) and RSA 91-A:3, II(e), seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The roll call vote was unanimous. The board entered into non-public session at 7:45 PM.

PUBLIC SESSION

Motion made by Dawn Johnson to come out of non-public session, seconded Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous. The board came out of non-public session at 8:16 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Dawn Johnson to adjourn, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hinds
Clerk