

**LACONIA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2020 AT 4:45 P.M.
HTC MVSDB DINING ROOM**

The Laconia School Board held a regular meeting, at the Huot Career and Technical Center on Tuesday, December 1, 2020.

PRESENT: Aaron Hayward, Dawn Johnson, Heather Lounsbury, Joe Cormier, Laura Dunn, Malcolm Murray, Nick Grenon, Superintendent Steve Tucker, Assistant Superintendent Hinds, and Business Administrator Christine Blouin.

NON PUBLIC:

Motion made by Board Member Cormier to enter into nonpublic per RSA 91-A:3, II (a), seconded by Malcolm Murray. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Motion made by Board Member Cormier to return to public session, seconded by Malcolm Murray. The roll call vote was unanimous. Public session reconvened at 6:25 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chairperson, Heather Lounsbury, called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. The agenda was posted on Friday, November 27, 2020 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 Board Member Cormier to approve to the agenda as presented, seconded by Board Member Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Board Member Cormier to amend the minutes to reflect correct spelling of Superintendent and omit "The vote was 3-4 in favor" under action regarding Board Member Dunn's motion, seconded by Board Member Murray. The vote was unanimous.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no general public comment.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: Board Member Cormier reported that this committee has not met.

Facilities/CIP: Board Member Murray reported that this committee has not met.

Policy: Board Member Hayward reported that this committee met on November 30th and will have a few policies move forward including a 2nd reading of policy ACAC and AC-E as well as a few policies to rescind.

Strategic Planning/Portrait of a Graduate: Board Member Johnson reported that this committee has not met,

Diversity and Inclusion Task Force: Board Member Hayward reported that this committee will meet on December 21 at 3:15 PM.

Board Member Input

There was no Board Member input.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT /CALENDAR

Board Chairperson Lounsbury reported that she participated in the digital communications webinar provided by NH School Board Association.

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

School Board Meeting

6:30 PM at HTC MVSDB Dining Room at 6:30 PM

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Tucker reported on Laconia Middle School going into full remote for three days based on staff having to quarantine and current guidelines. Board Member Johnson expressed her opinion on CDC guidelines and opposition to going remote.

Superintendent Tucker said the district goes by NH DHHS guidelines. Board Member Hayward inquired about the schedule and Superintendent Tucker said the schedule for remote is 8AM-3PM. Superintendent Tucker continued to highlight letters and the current COVID cases timeline. Business Administrator Blouin reported that the 21/22 budget meetings will be happening this week with principals, the second round of GOFERR Funds, and stated that district bus transportation is quiet at the moment. Board Member Dunn reported on the Christmas support for families. Assistant Superintendent Hinds reported that 104 students were targeted and identified to be supported outside of the hybrid schedule. She reported on the COVID-19 cases as of November 25th by county, cities, and towns, and community transmission guidance, the school impact, transmission in school facilities, student absenteeism, the district's capacity to conduct classes and school operations and that outside of Laconia Middle School, we are still in the low level. Superintendent Tucker talked about the three proposed scenarios for going into remote post-holiday break stating that the fourth option is to keep the calendar as is stating that talking with area schools they are not planning remote at this point. The proposed scenarios give families and staff a chance to travel and quarantine during the holiday break restrictions with travel. Assistant Superintendent Hinds reported on the 21st Century Grant waiver that will allow support for students before, after, and during school during their off days.

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DISCUSSION:

2020/21 Calendar: Board Member Cormier talked about staffing and the need for subs. Hayward talked about shifting to remote at LMS and LHS and strain placed on families and asked if the Board even wanted to entertain the proposed calendars and Board Member Dunn suggested that the District does not entertain a change the calendar and noted the new guidelines and travel restrictions during the holidays. Board Member Johnson suggested the district leaves calendar as is. Cormier talked to the public and the need for increasing the number of subs and Assistant Superintendent Hinds clarified the qualifications of subbing, high school/GED, application, reference checks, and criminal background check and that the position pays \$75/day. Board Member Cormier talked about cameras in classrooms and the use of that type of equipment in the event of going into remote. Business Administrator Blouin discussed the request for funds for Xbox live cameras and the difficulty getting them at this time. Board Member Johnson stated some teachers are currently doing livestream via Zoom without mics and chat features, which is what she proposed a while ago and Superintendent Tucker stated staff and administrators are looking at that type of tool as an option.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Karen Mcallister of Lyford Street inquired about remote learning those who plan on traveling.

ACTION

2020/21 Calendar: Board Member Dunn made a motion to keep the 2020-21 School Year Calendar as it is, seconded by Board Member Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Board Member Murray to adjourn, seconded by Board Member Johnson. The vote was unanimous. The Board meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hinds
Clerk