

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2017, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Mal Murray, Mike Persson, Dawn Johnson, Heather Lounsbury, Aaron Hayward, Barbara Luther, Superintendent Brendan Minnihan, Assistant Superintendent Amy Hinds and Business Administrator Christine Blouin. Absent: Stacie Sirois left at 7:05PM.

CALL TO ORDER

Superintendent Brendan Minnihan called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The agenda was posted on November 9, 2017, 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.

OATH OF OFFICE

Cheryl Hebert, Laconia City Clerk, administered the oath of office to elected School Board Members, which included Dawn Johnson and Stacie Sirois.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mike Persson amended the agenda to add a Non-Public Session. Mal Murray amended the agenda to add a Non-Meeting after adjournment. Motion made by Mike Persson, seconded by Heather Lounsbury, to approve the agenda, as amended. Barbara Luther abstained. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mal Murray, seconded by Heather Lounsbury, to approve the minutes of October 17, 2017. The vote was unanimous.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairperson: Mike Persson nominated Mal Murray for Chairperson. Stacie Sirois seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Mal Murray was elected unanimously.

Vice-Chairperson: Stacie Sirois nominated Heather Lounsbury for Vice-Chairperson. Mike Persson seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Heather Lounsbury was elected unanimously.

Clerk: Mike Persson nominated Amy Hinds for Clerk. Heather Lounsbury seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Amy Hinds was elected unanimously.

PRESENTATION:

Dual Enrollment at Laconia High School: Laconia High School Principal Mike Frederickson, along with Academic Coordinator for Teaching and Learning Angel Burke and Guidance Director Don Mullen presented to the Board on Dual Enrollment at Laconia High School. Angel Burke spoke about the current dual enrollment courses offered at LHS and about the LRCC Running Start Program. She also spoke about the possibility of offering SNHU Dual Enrollment Courses. Pauline St. Hilaire from SNHU was also at the meeting to answer questions. There were questions from Board members on the running start classes offered, the accuplacer test and if SNHU has a list of colleges the credits are accepted at.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: This committee met before the Board meeting this evening. They discussed the move in and outs of special ed students, the current budget is under control.

Facilities/CIP: This committee has not met. The SAU Parking lot is in the process getting fixed.

Policy: This committee has not met. Stacie is willing to serve on this committee so they can have a meeting.

Strategic Planning: This committee has not met. Their meeting was postponed until December 12th.

Legislative Update: Brendan Minnihan informed the Board that SB 193 has passed with amendments and will be going to the full House. There are several questions on this bill related to oversight and accountability.

Board Member Input: There was no Board Member Input.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Mal Murray informed the Board that they are looking for someone to sit on the Deb Biernarz award committee. Mr. Murray explained about the committee, Mike Persson said he has served on the committee for the past few years. Dawn Johnson volunteered to serve on the committee.

CALENDAR

School Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

7:00PM @ SAU

Strategic Planning Meeting

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

6:00PM @ SAU

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Dr. Minnihan explained that in the Board Packet there is a letter from Jackson Laboratories about Ivy Leavitt Carlson's work with them over the summer. Dr. Minnihan also handed out an update on facilities at the buildings. He also informed the Board that he has been meeting with Karen Welford, Marti Ilg and Erin Pettingill along with Amy Hinds, Lisa Holiday and McKenzie Harrington-Bacote on finding ways to stress the importance of early childhood education.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Matching Funds for Public School Infrastructure Fund Grant, if money is available: Dr. Minnihan informed the Board that the state has surplus funds and are offering grants in three areas. Originally, it said there would be no match needed, now the state is expecting a match. We are not sure what the match is yet. The committee met last week and we are waiting to hear back. The Board decided to put off holding a vote until we know what the match may be.

The Building Blocks of a Brain Training Community-Research Request: Amy Hinds informed the Board that a special education teacher and school psychologist are looking to do a study in a 4th grade classroom at PSS to look at Working Memory and Processing Speed Strategies. They have created a Board Game that will be used a couple times a week as a warm up activity. They hope to collect data on this and be published. They would hold a parent meeting to receive approval or denial from parents. The Board decided they would like a presentation on this to gain more information. It was decided they would come in December to present.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Coggon asked if there would be any action after non-public. He was informed there would be no action after non-public. He asked what the non-meeting is about, he was informed communication. Mr. Coggon mentioned he tried to watching the spelling bee on public access TV but there was no sound. He also said that he received a call from a faculty member about the LEA Collective Bargaining Agreement. He asked why it was not online, Mr. Coggon was shown where they are online.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion made by Mike Persson, seconded by Heather Lounsbury, to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3II letter c and e. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board went into Non-Public Session at 7:46PM.

Motion made to come out of Non-Public Session by Mike Persson, seconded by Dawn Johnson, Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board came out of Non-Public Session at 7:54PM.

PUBLIC SESSION

Motion made by Mike Persson, seconded by Dawn Johnson, to seal the minutes of the non-public meeting, because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. Roll call vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mike Persson, seconded by Heather Lounsbury, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hinds
Clerk