

The Laconia School Board held a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 39 Harvard Street, SAU 30, Board Room. **PRESENT:** Aaron Hayward, Bob Champlin, Dawn Johnson, Heather Lounsbury, Laura Dunn, Malcolm Murray, Stacie Sirois, Superintendent Steve Tucker, Assistant Superintendent Amy Hinds, and Business Administrator Christine Blouin.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chairperson, Heather Lounsbury, called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. The agenda was posted on Friday, November 15, 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 approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Aaron Hayward. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Dawn Johnson to amend the minutes of November 6, 2019. Under Item #2 Oath of Office, change Laura Dunn from Ward 1 to Ward 2, and under item #12, the 2nd Policy Reading of ADC- Tobacco and Nicotine Products Ban Use and Possession Ban in and on School Facilities and Grounds, from "seconded by Dawn Johnson" to "seconded by Malcolm Murray" as he was the person who seconded the motion to approve the policy as presented.

Motion made by Dawn Johnson to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Stacie Sirois. The vote was unanimous.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

PRESENTATIONS:

Assistant Superintendent Hinds introduced Gail Bourn and Angel Burke explaining that typically, assessments are conducted in the Spring but this year the District had them in the Fall and will conduct the assessments again in the Spring. Assistant Superintendent Hinds added that the District is using the NWEA assessment tool again for grades 6-10.

Gail Bourn, Elementary Academic Coordinator for Teaching and Learning and Middle/High Academic Coordinator for Teaching and Learning, Angel Burke, presented on the assessment testing data at the elementary (k-2 & 3-5) and middle/ high school level (6-10). They talked about Progress Monitoring Tools, the Fall 2019 Primary Literacy and Math assessment scores, Fall 2019 Intermediate Literacy and Math scores, NWEA Goal Strands in Math and Reading, and the Fall 2019 NWEA data.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Personnel: Bob Champlin reported that Budget & Personnel Committee will meet on November 20th to talk about stabilization funds and the 79 district professionals with 0-5 years in Laconia School District.

Facilities: Malcolm Murray reported that the Facilities Committee met on November 19th and reported on the Capital Improvement Plan, Maintenance Improvement Plan, projects that will happen over Christmas break, panic buttons at LMS, new locks at the elementary schools, and the Siemens lighting project.

Policy: Stacie Sirois reported that the Policy Committee will schedule a meeting in December.

Strategic Planning/Portrait of a Graduate Task Force: Dawn Johnson reported that the Strategic Planning/Portrait of a Graduate Committee met on November 12th to look at the top 10 attributes with ideas to condense the 10 attributes to 6 for the ones that are closely tied together.

Master Professional Development Plan Task Force: Aaron Hayward reported that the Master Development Plan Task Force is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, December 4th at 3:15 PM.

Board Member Input: Aaron Hayward reported that he attended the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Expression (SOGIE) on November 15th and it was very informative and beneficial. Bob Champlin reported on the Community Conversation on November 13th that had a focus on accessibility and the Revitalization Downtown that is scheduled on November 18th at LRCC.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR

Heather Lounsbury noted the upcoming committee meetings.

Budget and Personnel Committee Meeting

School Board Meeting

Master Professional Development Plan Task Force Meeting

Tuesday, November 20, 2019

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

3: 30 PM at SAU 30

6:30 PM at SAU 30

3:15 PM at SAU 30

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Business Administrator, Christine Blouin, reported that Siemens Capital Improvement plan is 95% complete. There are some issues with the lighting controls that are being addressed and that the Health Insurance rate is at 2.8%.

Assistant Superintendent, Amy Hinds, reported that on November 8, 2019, the Joint Legislative Fiscal Committee voted 7-3 to table the first portion of the \$46 million federal grant to double the number of charter schools in New Hampshire. The Committee put a hold on the request in order to get more information on the impact of the grant, and the resulting charter schools, on NH students, schools, and the state as a whole. Assistant Superintendent Hinds also reported that the district is looking at the 79 teachers who have been in the district for 0-5 years with the intention to engage and keep them employed in the district. Assistant Superintendent Hinds shared the some of the collaborative ideas the district has been working on to engage the 79 teachers; book groups to target new teachers, summer institutes with veteran teachers co-teaching/mentoring, and the initiative, "choose Laconia" to connect our new teachers with leaders in the community.

Superintendent Tucker reported that the Administrative Team discussed an article by Elliot Seif entitled "What is Deep Learning? Who are the Deep Learning Teachers"? Superintendent Tucker also reported that he is working on a newsletter to district staff, the school year 20-21 calendar, the hiring the LMS Social Studies Teacher and Huot Technical Center's Allied Health Teacher. Superintendent Tucker informed the board that the district is in the process of hiring a grade 8 Math Teacher at Laconia Middle School.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2nd Policy Reading JIA- Student Due Process: The board talked about the 1st reading of this policy.

2nd Policy Reading: JIC-Student Conduct: The board talked about the 1st reading of this policy.

2nd Policy Reading: JICD- Student Discipline and Due Process: The board talked about the 1st reading of this policy.

Laconia Middle School Math Position: Superintendent Tucker said he is seeking conditional approval to hire the candidate for this position. He said the candidate is seeking a statement of eligibility from the NH Department of Education.

School Year 2020-21 Calendar: Superintendent Tucker noted some slight changes on the draft B version of the 20-21 school year calendar that reflects input from Lakes Region Superintendents and the input from the November 6th Laconia School Board meeting.

Superintendent Tucker also reported that the NH Primary election date has not been confirmed but that it may be February 11th.

Superintendent Tucker proposed amending this year's calendar to reflect the in-service day on February 11th instead of January 24th and that the Laconia Administrative Team and Union are in favor of amending the calendar to reflect that date change.

ACTION ITEMS

2nd Policy Reading JIA- Student Due Process: Motion made by Malcolm Murray to approve Policy JIA-Student Due Process as presented, seconded by Dawn Johnson.

2nd Policy Reading: JIC-Student Conduct: Motion made by Malcolm Murray to approve Policy JIC-Student Conduct as presented, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

2nd Policy Reading: JICD- Student Discipline and Due Process: Motion made by Dawn Johnson to approve Policy JICD-Student Discipline and Due Process as presented, seconded by Malcom Murray. The vote was unanimous.

Laconia Middle School Math Position: Motion made by Stacie Sirois to approve Superintendent Tucker the authority to hire the Laconia Middle School math candidate as soon as all credentials are verified, seconded by Malcolm Murray. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Stacie Sirois to adjourn, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The vote was unanimous. The board meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Tucker
Clerk