

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 22, 2016, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Stacie Sirois, Mal Murray, Chris Guilmett, Aaron Hayward, Mike Persson, Barbara Luther, Superintendent Brendan Minnihan, and Assistant Superintendent Amy Hinds. Absent: Heather Lounsbury and Business Administrator Christine Blouin.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Superintendent Brendan Minnihan called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The agenda was posted on November 18, 2016, 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**

Mary Reynolds, Laconia City Clerk, administered the oath of office to elected School Board Members, which included Aaron Hayward and Barbara Luther.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Stacie Sirois, to approve the agenda. The vote was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded Mal Murray, to approve the minutes of November 1, 2016. The vote was unanimous, with Barbara Luther abstaining.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

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

**Vice-Chairperson:** Chris Guilmett nominated Mal Murray for Vice-Chairperson. Barbara Luther seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Mal Murray was elected unanimously.

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

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**LMS, LHS and Huot Update:** Dave Warrender, Huot Technical Center Director, updated the School Board on the Perkins Grant, the Tiny House and Preschool update at the Huot. Dave Bartlett, Principal of Laconia High School, updated the School Board on Extra Curricular Activities, Guidance and Academics that are occurring at LHS. Alison Bryant, Principal of Laconia Middle School, informed the Board on the change in schedules for a team in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and a team in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. She updated the Board on Empty Bowls that occurred and the JAG food drive. She also informed the Board that on December 6, 2016 at 5:00pm there will be a Fun Fest.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget & Personnel:** This committee has not met.

**Facilities/CIP:** This committee met on November 10, 2016. Mr. Murray reported on an issue with the roof at Laconia Middle School and the issue is being resolved. He also informed the Board that they toured the three elementary schools with a police officer with safety in mind.

**Policy:** This committee has not met.

**Strategic Planning:** This committee has not met.

**Legislative Update:** There was no Legislative Update.

**Board Member Input:** Mike Persson welcomed Aaron Hayward to the School Board. Aaron Hayward introduced himself. Stacie Sirois mentioned she went to Hello Dolly and it was a wonderful performance.

**BOARD CHAIR REPORT**

There was a discussion to change the date of the December 20, 2016 meeting. A decision was made to have one meeting in December on December 13, 2016.

**CALENDAR**

School Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 13, 2016

7:00PM @ SAU

**SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

Dr. Minnihan informed the Board he attended Hello Dolly and it was great performance. Dr. Minnihan also updated the Board on the status of the First Student work stoppage. He also talked to the Board that he was at the showing of Paper Tigers that was put on the Office of School Wellness. He also updated the Board on a meeting he attended regarding Stabilization money and the impact that this will have on the Laconia School District. Lastly, he updated the Board on a program, CopSync, which the Laconia School District will be implementing with the Laconia Police Department.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Policy Reading: ECAG: Video and Audio Recording in School Classrooms; KB: Parent Involvement in Education; KBA: Title I Parent Involvement in Education:** Mike Persson requested a change to KBA, we will add Title I parents in the beginning.

**Ski Program Discussion:** Dr. Minnihan informed the Board he received information on the LHS Ski Team and a fundraiser they started to re-implement the program. The LHS Ski Team was one of the sports programs cut from the 2016-2017 Budget. The team has raised a portion of the funds and are asking the School Board to cover the remaining \$2,000. There is question if there is some money in the Budget from other programs that were cut but not eliminated from the budget lines. There was discussion by Board members on if this sets a bad precedent.

#### **GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT**

Several members and parents from the Laconia High School Ski Team urged the school board to find the \$2,000 to fund the ski team.

Dick Coggon asked if there would be a non-public session, Stacie informed him there would be no non-public. Dick Coggon asked if there would be a non-meeting. Stacie told him there would be no non-meeting.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Policy Reading: ECAG: Video and Audio Recording in School Classrooms:** Motion made by Mike Persson, seconded by Mal Murray to approved Policy ECAG: Video and Audio Recording in the School Classrooms. The vote was unanimous.

**KB: Parent Involvement in Education:** Motion made by Mal Murray, seconded by Mike Persson to approved Policy KB: Parent Involvement in Education. The vote was unanimous.

**KBA: Title I Parent Involvement in Education:** Motion made by Mike Persson, seconded by Mal Murray to approved Policy KBA: Title I Parent Involvement in Education, as amended. The vote was unanimous.

**Ski Program Discussion:** Motion made by Mal Murray, to approve the funding of \$2,000 for the LHS Ski Team if the money is appropriately available, amended at the suggestion of Mike Persson to expend at the discretion of the Business Administrator and the Superintendent, seconded by Chris Guilmet, as amended. The vote was unanimous.

#### **NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

There was no non-public session.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Chris Guilmet, seconded by Mike Persson, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hinds  
Clerk