

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 39 Harvard Street, SAU 30, Board Room. Present: Mal Murray, Heather Lounsbury, Stacie Sirois, Aaron Hayward, Barbara Luther, Dawn Johnson, Superintendent Dr. Brendan Minnihan, Assistant Superintendent Amy Hinds, and Business Administrator Christine Blouin.
Absent: Bob Champlin

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Brendan Minnihan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The agenda was posted on Friday, November 2nd 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 Malcolm Murray for Ward 1 and Heather Lounsbury for Ward 6.

EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE

Malcolm Murray recognized Laconia Middle School Guidance Counselor, Greg Schneberger and Pleasant Street School Para educator, Kathleen Grenier for employee excellence. Malcolm also recognized Regina Theberge for her efforts in maintaining the office while her co-worker was out on extended leave.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Dawn Johnson to approve the agenda as amended to include Election of Officers, seconded by Stacie Sirois. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Malcolm Murray to approve the October 16th School Board minutes as presented, seconded by Dawn Johnson. Barbara Luther Abstained. The vote was unanimous.

Election of Officers

- Nomination of School Board Chair: Heather made a motion to elect incumbent, Malcolm Murray as School Board Chair, seconded by Stacie Sirois. The vote was unanimous.
- Nomination of School Board Vice Chair: Stacie Sirois made a motion to elect incumbent, Heather Lounsbury as School Board Vice Chair, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The vote was unanimous.
- Nomination of School Board Clerk: Stacie Sirois made a motion to elect incumbent, Amy Hinds as School Board Clerk, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATION

Elementary Schools Update: Elm Street School Principal Tara Beauchemin, Pleasant Street School Principal David Levesque, and Woodland Heights School Principal Eric Johnson presented the status of Elementary Schools highlighting the strategic plan in relation to the goals set fourth; 21st century learning environments, 1:1 computers in grade 5, Library Commons, flexible seating and choice options, learning exhibitions instead of typical parent/teacher conferences, and Mike Anderson's visit in September and his planned return in December and January was discussed. Dave Levesque reported that since the beginning of the school year the elementary schools have been involved in 30 + community based activities and most recently, Woodland Heights hosted a read a thon raising \$500 that was donated to the Colonial Theatre. Aaron Hayward commented that he is happy to see the integration of flexible work space and the development of work study skills. Aaron said on a personal note, that he was happy with the personalization of the student led parent/teacher conferences, and that he was impressed with the reflection and goal setting both of his children had to do.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: This committee has not met.

Facilities/CIP: The Facilities Committee met on October 23rd. Christine Blouin reported that Siemens is nearly finished the performance contract audit and that the Capital Improvement Plan is under development of a 5-year plan for which Christine will work with the Facilities Committee and the School Board on.

Policy: This committee has not met.

Strategic Planning: This committee had not met but elementary was updated in the presentation tonight and a progress report will be offered in January to the School Board.

Legislative Update: Dr. Minnihan said the NH House of Representatives have had a shift to the democratic party and we will see what that means.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Malcolm Murray talked about the School Board Committees asking the Board to think about which committees they may be interested to be on. Dawn Johnson talked about the Office of Extended Learning Advisory Board meeting she will attend on November 19th, and she was asked to offer feedback at the next School Board meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Minnihan talked about the Laconia High School vaping presentation scheduled for November 14th and that Gilford and Belmont High School will join in this presentation. The District is nearing the end of quarter 1 and report cards will be going home on November 19th. Dr. Minnihan went on to share that there will be a group meeting to discuss differentiated diplomas and ways to embed math credits. Dr. Minnihan said he met with UNH representative regarding the Teacher Residency for Rural Education (TRRE) project to talk about graduate coursework beginning in the summer, a community internship, and a full year in schools with a mentor centered on STEM content. Dr. Minnihan informed the Board about House Bill 1612, student data and privacy which may have some budgetary impacts.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Live Video Stream of Board Meetings: It was discussed to either stay with the equipment we use to record School Board meetings or go to the live stream which would incur a startup cost and an annual fee.
- Acceptance of the Resignation of Yvette Mailloux: Yvette Mailloux is the School Nurse at Laconia Middle School and had decided to resign.
- Approval of New Hire, Davlyn Wholley: Davlyn Wholley, if approved, will succeed Yvette Mailloux as the Laconia Middle School nurse.
- Acceptance of Laconia Middle School Donation from Kevin Halligan: Kevin Halligan would like to donate money to purchase basketball uniforms at Laconia Middle School.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no general/public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

- Live Video Stream of Board Meeting: Motion made by Dawn Johnson to table this discussion until further information is provided, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.
- Acceptance of the Resignation of Yvette Mailloux: Motion made by Stacie Sirois to accept the resignation of Yvette Mailloux, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The vote was unanimous.
- Approval of New Hire, Davlyn Wholley: Motion made by Dawn Johnson to accept the new hire, Davlyn Wholley, seconded by Barbara Luther. The vote was unanimous.
- Acceptance of Laconia Middle School Donation from Kevin Halligan: Motion made by Dawn Johnson to accept the basketball uniform donation from Kevin Halligan, seconded by Heather Lounsbury. The vote was unanimous.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion made by Stacie Sirois, seconded by Heather Lounsbury, to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3II letter a. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board entered Non-Public Session at 8:00PM.

Motion made to come out of Non-Public Session by Stacie Sirois, seconded by Barbara Luther. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board came out of Non-Public Session at 8:12PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Stacie Sirois, seconded by Heather Lounsbury to go into non-public The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hinds
Clerk