

The Laconia School Board held a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 39 Harvard Street, SAU 30, Board Room. **PRESENT:** Aaron Hayward, Bob Champlin, Dawn Johnson, Heather Lounsbury, Barbara Luther, Malcolm Murray, Stacie Sirois, Superintendent Steve Tucker and Business Administrator Christine Blouin. **ABSENT:** Assistant Superintendent Amy Hinds

#### CALL TO ORDER

Board Chairperson, Malcolm Murray, called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. The agenda was posted on Friday, October 11, 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. Malcolm Murray recognized Board Member, Barbara Luther, for her years of service as Ward 2 School Board Member. Barbara Luther will not seek reelection for the Ward 2 seat.

#### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Dawn Johnson to approve the minutes of October 1, 2019 as presented, seconded by Barbara Luther. The vote was unanimous.

#### PRESENTATIONS:

**Pleasant Street School:** Pleasant Street School Principal, David Levesque, presented on Pleasant Street School's summer work with teachers, "We Are" Nights, the PSS Professional Staff Resume, Portrait of a Graduate link on their webpage, Instructional Goals for building and district, PLC's, grade level learning and initiatives, Family and Community Engagement, Multi-Tiered Systems of Support, and Pleasant Street School's new motto "we will do this together". Bob Champlin asked Dave Levesque to elaborate on "We Connect". Mr. Levesque explained that it's based on Multi - Tiered Systems of Support; Tier I, Tier II, and Tier II. "We Connect" allows teachers, including custodians, to spend 45 minutes every other week in small group settings to offer support to students.

#### BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Budget and Personnel:** Bob Champlin informed the board that the Budget and Personnel Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM. Bob Champlin also reported that Medicaid and Recruitment & Retention will be items on the agenda.

**Facilities:** Heather Lounsbury reported that the committee met tonight to discuss upcoming projects, the Capital Improvement Plan that the Performance Contract with Siemens is 98% complete.

**Policy:** Stacie Sirois reported that the Policy Committee met tonight and the board agenda reflects a 1<sup>st</sup> reading for two policies and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of one policy. The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM.

**Strategic Planning/Portrait of a Graduate Task Force:** Aaron Hayward reported that the Portrait of a Graduate Task Force met on Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup>. Aaron Hayward informed the board that the Portrait of a Graduate student survey for grade 5 results reflected that the most important attribute to students surveyed is communication. The Portrait of a Graduate Task Force is scheduled to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

**Master Professional Development Plan Task Force:** Aaron Hayward reported the Master Development Plan Task Force met on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and is working on 3-year Professional Goals. The next meeting is scheduled for November 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 PM.

**Board Member Input:** Dawn Johnson reported on the Laconia High School Girls' Soccer Senior Night. Bob Champlin welcomed guests Peggy Shaw and Constance Callahan to the meeting.

#### BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR

Malcolm Murray shared the thank you letter from Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation and that the Deb Bienarz Committee looking for Laconia School Board representation. Dawn Johnson agreed to be on the Deb Bienarz Committee to represent the school board. Malcolm Murray said that this meeting is his final as Board Chair and thanked the board.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Tucker reported on newly enacted laws that may have an impact on the district; Discrimination in Public Schools, Gender Identity, Suicide Prevention, Career Readiness for High School Students, and Right-to-Know Law Fees and Costs.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Policy Reading: EFAA-School Lunch Meal Charges:** The board discussed this policy. Malcolm Murray said Tim Goossens, Food Service Director, worked on this policy.

- **1<sup>st</sup> Policy Reading: ADC-Tobacco and Nicotine Products Ban Use and Possession in and on School Facilities and Grounds:**  
The board discussed this policy. Stacie Sirois said this policy addresses nicotine instead of just tobacco.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Policy Reading: JLF-Reporting Child Abuse or Neglect:** The board discussed this policy. Superintendent Tucker said that he and Assistant Superintendent Hinds attended the Bradly Kidder Law conference and learned that our policy should align with what NH DYCF requires. Stacie Sirois added that the policy is a new NHSBA policy and is recommended.
- **Board Leadership:**
  - **Policy BBA- Board Powers and Responsibilities:** Superintendent Tucker said the board will elect new officers at the November 6<sup>th</sup> school board meeting.
  - **Policy BDB – Board Officers:** Superintendent Tucker referred to Policy BDB and the roles of board officers.
  - **Committee Assignments:** Superintendent Tucker said new committees will be formed after the board election. Aaron Hayward said he would like a discussion item on the November 6<sup>th</sup> agenda to include committee assignments.
- **Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grant:** Superintendent Tucker reported that the Office of School Wellness received a grant of 775,000 and referred to the grant notification and noted the description of the grant.
- **Diversity Training:** Superintendent Tucker said that the Office of School Wellness will coordinate a Diversity Training around Gender Identity on November 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. There will be 30 Laconia staff attending this training and it would be good to see a board member in attendance. Superintendent Tucker said a law was enacted this past summer. The District is working on a policy and practices for all students and their rights. The District will develop a task force and will look at facilities.

#### GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Constance Callahan addressed the board saying her great grandson is in grade 8 at Laconia Middle School. Constance Callahan stated her concerns about the new Transgender law and safety of Laconia students. She said she called the Governor with concerns about this particular bill and also observed Gilford School District. She also said she agreed with Superintendent Tucker with being cautious in regards to a policy and practice for all students.

Peggy Shaw addressed the board saying she has two grandchildren in Laconia School District and that she appreciates how Superintendent Tucker said that Laconia will work a policy and practice for all students. Peggy Shaw said students need to be educated and has confidence Superintendent Tucker will look at the needs of all children. She stated parents and grandparents need to be a proactive part of the solution to keep children safe.

#### ACTION ITEMS

**2<sup>nd</sup> Policy Reading: EFAA-School Lunch Meal Charges:** Motion made by Bob Champlin to approve Policy EFAA School Lunch Meal Charges as presented, seconded by Barbara Luther. The vote was unanimous.

**Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grant:** Motion made by Dawn Johnson to approve the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grant of 775,000 as presented, seconded by Stacie Sirois. 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 7:53 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Blouin  
Business Administrator