

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 2016, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Stacie Sirois, Mal Murray, Chris Guilmett, Scott Vachon, Barbara Luther, Heather Lounsbury, Superintendent Brendan Minnihan, Assistant Superintendent Amy Hinds and Business Administrator Christine Blouin. Absent: Mike Persson.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Stacie Sirois called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The agenda was posted on October 14, 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.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Stacie Sirois amended the agenda to add Waive Policy KED 30 day hearing requirement. Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Barbara Luther, to approve the agenda, as amended. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Mal Murray, to approve the minutes of October 4, 2016. The vote was unanimous, with Heather Lounsbury abstaining.

PRESENTATIONS:

Updates from WHS, PSS and ESS: ESS Principal Tara Beauchemin, PSS Principal Dave Levesque and WHS Principal Eric Johnson presented to the School Board on programs occurring at the Elementary Schools and how they connect with the Strategic Plan. Some of the topics the principals spoke of PBIS and the decrease in behavior referrals at the school, responsive classroom, monthly assemblies, Instructional Rounds, ICORE, and PLC's. They also spoke of events occurring in their schools. Some of those events are Pumpkin Festival, 5th Grade Math Meets, Flu and Dental Clinics as well as Title I nights.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: This committee has not met.

Facilities/CIP: This committee not met. They will meet soon.

Policy: This committee met on October 18, 2016. They reviewed policies in the K's and there are two policies going forward tonight for 2nd readings.

Strategic Planning: This committee has not met.

Legislative Update: Mr. Murray informed the Board that Senate Bill 190 involving technical education has been discussed, they are looking for ways to bring more students to Technical Centers.

Board Member Input: There was no Board Member input.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Debra Bieniarz Award Committee Representative: It was discussed that Mike Persson will be the School Board Representative on the Award Committee.

CALENDAR

School Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

7:00PM @ SAU

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Dr. Minnihan informed the Board that there was a request to move the 2nd School Board meeting originally scheduled for November 18th to November 22nd. The new date works with everyone. The 2nd November School Board meeting will be November 22, 2016 at 7:00pm. Dr. Minnihan informed the Board that the district has created a 21 member CIA Committee. This will replace the council meetings that occurred monthly in the past years. The new Laconia CIA council is comprised of members from different Laconia schools and subjects. Dr. Minnihan also communicated to the Board that our adequacy aid for the 2016-2017 School Year has been decreased by \$98,000 and will be decreased again in the 2017-2018 school year. We will know that figure later in the year. Dr. Minnihan mentioned that staff at the elementary level raised \$2,000 for the Brest Cancer Walk. Lastly, Dr. Minnihan thanked Staff, Student, Parents, Guardians and the community for supplying pumpkins to the schools for pumpkinfest.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2nd Policy Reading: KDB: Request for Access to Governmental Records; BGE: Policy Dissemination: There was no discussion on the two policies going forward for a 2nd reading.

ESS School Configuration: Dr. Minnihan informed the Board that in order to do the upload to the State they need an official Board vote approving the change in grade configuration from K-5 school to a PK-5 school.

Waive Policy KED 30 day hearing requirement: Dr. Minnihan informed the Board that our attorney suggested there be a vote to waive the 30 day requirement for the Board to hold a hearing for a parent that has requested a hearing.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no general/public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

2nd Policy Reading: KDB: Request for Access to Governmental Records: Motion made by Scott Vachon, to approved KDB: Request for Access to Governmental Records, seconded by Mal Murry. The vote was unanimous.

2nd Policy Reading: BGE: Policy Dissemination: Motion made by Scott Vachon, to approved BGE: Policy Dissemination, seconded by Mal Murry. The vote was unanimous.

ESS Grade Configuration: Motion made by Scott Vachon, to change the grade configuration at Elm Street School from K-5 to PK-5, seconded by Chris Guilmet. The vote was unanimous.

Waive Policy KED 30 day hearing requirement: Motion made by Chris Guilmet, to waive the 30 day requirement to hold a hearing, seconded by Scott Vachon. The vote at 5-1.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Chris Guilmet, to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3II letter c. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board went into Non-Public Session at 7:42PM.

Motion made to come out of Non Public Session by Scott Vachon, seconded by Chris Guilmet. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 7:53PM.

PUBLIC SESSION

Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Chris Guilmet, to seal the non-public minutes of October 18, 2016 for an indefinite period of time, because it is determined that divulgence of this information would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board.

Motion made by Mal Murray, to reconsider waiving the Policy KED requirement to have a hearing within 30 days, seconded by Chris Guilmet. The vote was unanimous.

Motion made by Chris Guilmet, to waive the 30 day requirement to hold a hearing, seconded by Scott Vachon. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Chris Guilmet, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hinds
Clerk