

The Laconia School Board held a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 1, 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 Assistant Superintendent Amy Hinds. **ABSENT:** Business Administrator Christine Blouin

#### CALL TO ORDER

Board Chairperson, Malcolm Murray, called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. The agenda was posted on Friday, September 27, 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 Dawn Johnson.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Dawn Johnson to approve the minutes of September 17, 2019 as presented, seconded by Barbara Luther. The vote was unanimous.

Motion made by Dawn Johnson to amend the September 17, 2019 nonpublic minutes to reflect the correct date, seconded by Barbara Luther. The vote was unanimous.

Motion made by Dawn Johnson to approve the September 17, 2019 nonpublic minutes as amended, seconded by Barbara Luther. The vote was unanimous.

#### PRESENTATIONS:

**NHIAA 2018-19 Walter A. Smith Memorial:** Board Chairperson, Malcolm Murray, introduced Shawn Marston and recognized him for his positive contributions to interscholastic athletics and for receiving the NHIAA 2018-19 Walter A. Smith Memorial Award. Bob Champlin said the NHIAA has been giving the Walter A. Smith award annually since 1996 and that "Big Shawn" was the first Laconia recipient. Laconia Athletic Director, Craig Kozens, spoke to the board about Shawn being the ultimate Sachem fan, his involvement in soccer, basketball, volleyball, football, and how he has a wonderful personality.

**Laconia High School Athletic Trainer:** Mr. Kozens introduced Keith Ball, Laconia High School's Athletic Trainer saying he is a Laconia alumnus; he went to UNH to study engineering but had a passion for athletics. Mr. Kozens went on to say that Keith is a good athletic trainer and proud Sachem. Keith presented a handout to the board with a synopsis of his education and qualifications. Keith said he evaluates acute injuries on the playing field, makes referrals to other health care providers, performs some therapeutic rehabilitation guided by Dr. Grobman of Gilford, athletic taping, records and reports injuries and communicates with other schools. Superintendent Tucker said that he sees Keith treating athletes on the field, what about off the field? Keith said he can still be involved in student care off the field and make appropriate determinations. Bob Champlin shared an anecdote of when he witnessed Keith relocating a student's shoulder at a basketball game and how he did it with such confidence only to later learn that it was his first time ever performing a relocation of a shoulder. Laconia High School Principal, Michael Fredericksen, added that Keith is an excellent teacher.

**Laconia High School:** Mr. Fredericksen updated the board on Portrait of a Graduate at Laconia High School, supporting instruction, and the NEASC Decennial visit March 8<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>. Laconia High School Director of Guidance, Mollie Greeley, updated the board on the college and career planning process that involves utilizing Naviance. Ms. Greeley reported on the Gear UP sponsored field trips, Gear Up week at LHS, and the NHEAF programming, senior-focused programming, Step Up Day, freshmen counselor connection, department fairs, four-year plans for students. Aaron Hayward asked about students who choose a different path not geared toward college but more toward the military or a field in the trades. Ms. Greeley said Naviance does not offer options for the military but Laconia High School allows military lunch tables in the cafeteria during lunch hours and the Huot Career and Technical Center offers supports and opportunities for students pursuing career in the trades' field. Mr. Murray asked about progress checking on college applications. Ms. Greeley said Naviance uploads all the college applications and counselors are able to monitor and also submit letters of recommendation. Ms. Greeley said in November, the high school hosts "I applied" day. The "I applied" day is structured for seniors to apply to colleges during school hours and the hope is to have 100 % participation. Laconia High School also offers an after school scholarship event where all seniors have an opportunity to work on Lakes Region Scholarship and other private scholarship applications while receiving support from counselors. Mr. Frederickson added that because of Ms. Greeley's leadership, students know their counselors. Superintendent Tucker inquired about the diploma with distinction. Assistant Principal Dave Bartlett said that it has a qualifying GPA standard and is also a 30 credit level diploma that is available to all students as it's all-inclusive.

#### BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Budget and Personnel:** Bob Champlin informed the board that the Budget and Personnel Committee met on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Champlin reported on the State Budget, Education Stabilization Aid, Medicaid, teacher retention, and job descriptions.

**Facilities:** Heather Lounsbury reported that the committee has not met but plans to meet prior to the next school board meeting.

**Policy:** Stacie Sirois reported that the Policy Committee met on September 25<sup>th</sup> and will have policies under discussion and action tonight. The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Strategic Planning:** Aaron Hayward reported that the Strategic Planning Committee has not met.

**Legislative Update:** Superintendent Tucker said that he and Assistant Superintendent Hinds will attend the Bradley Kidder Law Conference on Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> and will have an update at the October 15<sup>th</sup> school board meeting.

**Portrait of a Graduate Task Force:** Dawn Johnson reported that the next meeting will be October 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 PM.

**Board Member Input:** Dawn Johnson reported on the student ALICE training at Laconia High School and that NH Tackles Hunger food drive is this Friday at the scheduled LHS Football game.

#### BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR

Board Chairperson, Malcolm Murray, reported on the football game scheduled for Friday night at Laconia High School starting at 7PM.

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| Friday, October 4, 2019   | LHS Football Game                 | Bank NH Stadium at 7PM |
| Tuesday, October 8, 2019  | Portrait of a Graduate Task Force | SAU #30 at 3:15 PM     |
| Tuesday, October 15, 2019 | School Board Meeting              | SAU #30 at 6:30 PM     |

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Tucker reported on leadership and vision, academic progress monitoring, maintenance & capital improvements, and communication & community involvement.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

**2019-20 Budget Process:** The board discussed the budget process and referred to the handout that outlines the 19-20 budget process.

**2/5 LMS Social Studies Position:** The board discussed the district's ability to support a full-time Social Studies position at Laconia Middle School and what measures need to be taken to fill that position.

**2nd Policy Reading: IMG- Animals in Schools:** The board discussed the draft policy IMG-Animals in Schools. Stacie Sirois said Policy Committee met and decided that three policies regarding animals, service dogs, and therapy dogs in the classroom were needed in the district.

**2nd Policy Reading: IMGA- Service Animals:** The board discussed the draft policy IMGA- Service Animals in Schools.

**2nd Policy Reading: IMGB-Therapy Dogs in the Classroom:** The board discussed the draft policy IMGB-Therapy Dogs in the Classroom.

**1st Policy Reading: EFAA Meal Charging:** The board discussed draft policy EFAA Meal Charging and Superintendent Tucker said the procedure was reflected in the policy and revisions were made to EFAA.

**Facilities and/or Grounds:** The board talked about the building use forms and policy and agreed to look at the policy at a committee meeting and see if the policy is working.

**Project Prevent Grant:** Superintendent Tucker referred to the handout that outlines the grant funds and activities by year over the course of five years. Superintendent Tucker added that the focus is to continue to expand and support services for Laconia students. Assistant Superintendent Hinds add that Laconia was one of sixteen schools across the nation to receive this grant.

**Building Use Requests:** The board discussed this item under facility and grounds.

#### GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Laura Dunn, Pleasant Street parents informed the board that the Pleasant Street Fall Festival was successful and that they raised over \$3,000 in three hours and that one hundred percent of the funds will go back to students. Ms. Dunn inquired about the grant funds from the Project Prevent Grant. Superintendent Tucker said those funds are earmarked with no latitude.

#### ACTION ITEMS

**2/5 LMS Social Studies Position:** Motion made Dawn Johnson to hire a full-time Social Studies teacher at Laconia middle school as present, seconded by Barbara Luther. The vote was unanimous.

**2nd Policy Reading: IMG- Animals in Schools:** Motion made by Bob Champlin to approve Policy IMG- Animals in Schools as presents, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

**2nd Policy Reading: IMGA- Service Animals:** Motion made by Bob Champlin to approve Policy IMGA-Service Animals as presents, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

**2nd Policy Reading: IMGB-Therapy Dogs in the Classroom:** Motion made by Bob Champlin to approve Policy IMG- Animals in Schools as presents, seconded by Dawn Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

**Project Prevent Grant:** Motion made by Dawn Johnson to accept the Project Prevent Grant as presented, seconded by Barbara Luther. 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 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hinds  
Clerk