

**LACONIA SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 6, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M.  
HTC MVSDB DINING ROOM**

The Laconia School Board held a regular meeting at the Huot Career and Technical Center on Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

**PRESENT:** Aaron Hayward, Dawn Johnson, Heather Lounsbury, Joe Cormier, Laura Dunn, Malcolm Murray, Nick Grenon, Superintendent Steve Tucker, Assistant Superintendent Hinds, and Business Administrator Christine Blouin.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chairperson, Heather Lounsbury, called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. The agenda was posted on Friday, October 2, 2020 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 Board Member Johnson to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Board Member Cormier. The vote was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Board Member Cormier to amend the minutes to reflect Board Member Johnson abstained voting on approving the September 25<sup>th</sup> minutes, Board Member Dunn stating that she does not want to mislead families the district is not looking for 80% of students to return in full on November 10<sup>th</sup>, Aaron Hayward stating he approved the timeline contingent on the data not yet received. The motion was seconded by Board Member Murray. The vote was unanimous.

**PRESENTATION**

Huot Career and Technical Center Director, Dave Warrender presented on phase II reopening. Mr. Warrender highlighting enrollment, programs offered, the hybrid model, the status of phase II allowing students back 5 days per week, class sizes, benefits and challenges. Mr. Warrender talked about the pumpkin people displays throughout HTC noting it in lieu of the Lakes Region Scholarship Spelling Bee that was canceled due to COVID-19. Superintendent Tucker asked Mr. Warrender to speak about internships. Mr. Warrender said that some nursing program students are receiving some clinical hours on site.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mary Doherty, Ward 3 of Belknap Street said she represents staff and community members. She talked said that she has worked in Laconia for a total of 15 years and as an educator for 20 years. She talked about the magic that is happening in schools with outdoor classrooms and the challenges of full face to face in schools with limited mask breaks, eating challenges, and the safety of students and staff. She noted that school never closed due to COVID -19teaching was always happening. Mary talked about the challenges of cleaning spaces and added that the facilities staff are our unsung heroes. Mary ended her comment stating that we must think of what is best for students, parents, and teachers and that the hybrid model works.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget & Personnel:** Board Member Cormier reported that this committee had not met and plans to meet on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Facilities/CIP:** This committee has not met.

**Policy:** Board Member Hayward said the committee is scheduled to meet on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM.

**Strategic Planning/Portrait of a Graduate:** This committee has not met.

**Diversity and Inclusion Task Force:** Board Member Hayward said the committee is working on a time to meet.

**Board Member Input**

There was no Board Member input.

**BOARD CHAIR REPORT /CALENDAR**

Board Chairperson Lounsbury reported the next two school board meeting dates will be October 14<sup>th</sup>. October 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a School Board work session at 5:00 PM and a School Board meeting at 6:30 PM The Reopening Task Force will meet on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Board Member Dunn inquired of a parent representative was found, Superintendent Tucker said yes. Board Member Dunn asked if the parent that was selected has any other hats within the district, Superintendent Tucker said no. Board Chairperson Lounsbury added that the elementary schools are represented as they add an additional elementary teacher to the Task Force Committee.

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**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Tucker presented on the reopening of schools. He informed the Board that the greatest challenge since the September 29<sup>th</sup> meeting has been staffing. Superintendent Tucker talked about quarter II preliminary staffing, registration for quarter II ending by the end of the day on October 8<sup>th</sup>, remote division at the elementary level with support from the Office of Extended Learning and shared the model. Board Member Johnson said she is concerned with the level of education students are receiving and said learning

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at school and remote learning are different. Board Member Johnson expressed her concerns with remote learning and concerns with pushing live streaming off the table. Board Member Cormier talked about challenges with teachers dividing their attention between the classroom and live stream students and Board Member Hayward talked about the standard teaching practice, differentiated instruction and challenges of managing online behavior. Board Chairperson Lounsbury added that there are some complexities with live streaming and the remote division will be better with the support from the Office of Extended Learning. Superintendent Tucker continued to report on remote teaching at Laconia Middle School and Laconia High School, the online platforms, Edmentum and VLACS, fiscal support from the Office of Extended Learning, the Office of School Wellness grant to support a fifth block at Laconia High School, school operations, traffic patterns at schools, entry and exit protocols, Remind training for Administrators on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, and emergency planning. Board Member Cormier wanted to reiterate to families that the deadline for the survey of staying in remote learning or face to face learning is October 8<sup>th</sup>. Board Member Hayward inquired about a schedule in case of partial or full remote, Superintendent Tucker the district is finalizing a plan. Business Administrator Blouin reported on transportation saying we have good preliminary data. Board Member Grenon inquired about protocols for families in remote learning who may have concerns, who to direct those concerns to. Superintendent Tucker said currently it would be the Academic Coordinators, but it will be the Principals starting in quarter 2.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sara Dea of Ward 3, Cross Street commented on issues with remote learning, live streaming and 504 plans and IEPs (Individualized Education Plan) being met.

Jeff Greeley, Ward 3 commented that he would like to see the plan to phase in before he takes the survey for quarter 2 learning.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made by Board Member Murray to adjourn, seconded by Board Member Johnson. The vote was unanimous. The Board meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Tucker  
Clerk