

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Stacie Sirois, Mal Murray, Chris Guilmett, Heather Lounsbury, Mike Persson, Barbara Luther, Superintendent Brendan Minnihan, Assistant Superintendent Amy Hinds, and Business Administrator Christine Blouin. Absent: Scott Vachon

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Stacie Sirois called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The agenda was posted on September 2, 2016, at the SAU office and on the district's website, along with being sent to each of our schools, "The Citizen", Laconia Library, and City Hall, in accordance with RSA 91-A.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Barbara Luther, to approve the agenda. The vote was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Heather Lounsbury to approve the minutes of August 16, 2016, as presented. The vote was unanimous, with Mike Persson and Barbara Luther abstaining.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act:** SS/HS Grant Administrator McKenzie Harrington-Bacote and Families in Transition Coordinator Mollie Greeley presented to the Board on a new grant awarded to Laconia School District which will assist with our families in transition. The funds will support transportation costs, school supplies, hygiene supplies, and other costs associated with supporting families in transition. Mollie Greeley spoke to the Board on what our families in transition population looks like and the needs they have. McKenzie Harrington-Bacote, informed the Board that the Laconia School District will receive a new Grant, the NH FAST Forward 2020 Grant. This Grant will assist in supporting and enhancing initiatives already occurring in the District. Mike Persson thanked McKenzie Harrington-Bacote for all her work in securing Grant funding in the District. He also asked if there as a way to recoup costs from funds from other School Districts when their students transfer to Laconia, while homeless. Ms. Greeley, informed him that under the law this is not possible, we can only sharing transportation costs.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget & Personnel:** This committee had a non-meeting on August 31, 2016 to discuss negotiations.

**Facilities/CIP:** This committee met on September 6, 2016. They discussed cameras at the entrance of the Elementary Schools and the SAU building. They also discussed adding newer cameras at the elementary schools. Mr. Murray informed the Board that Bill Caruso will look into the costs for these projects.

**Policy:** This committee has not met.

**Strategic Planning:** This committee has not met. Mike Persson, informed the Board that he met with Superintendent Minnihan and he will meet with him again in 3-4 weeks to discuss Strategic Planning.

**Legislative Update:** There was no Legislative Update.

**Board Member Input:** There was no Board Member Input.

**BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR**

School Board Meeting	Tuesday, September 20, 2016	7:00PM @ SAU
Homecoming Parade	Friday, September 23, 2016	4:30PM @ LHS

**SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

Superintendent Minnihan thanked Staff for a great start to the school year. He commented there is a lot of Laconia Pride in the Laconia School District. He also updated the Board on a computer course Dave Warrender will be implementing at the Huot Technical Center for the Spring Semester. The funding for this program will come from the Perkins Grant. Dr. Minnihan informed the board that this morning they have found a means/individual to teach band to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders afterschool. This individual is already a teacher in the district and has offered and agreed to assist for the year or until another individual is hired. Dr. Minnihan also shared that Dave Bartlett and Dave Warrender have agreed to facilitate a substitute training.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Nomination/Election of Staff:** The School Board was given the name of one new staff member being hired.

**GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dick Coggon asked if there would be any action taken place after non-public. Stacie Sirois informed Mr. Coggon there would be no action after non-public. Mr. Coggon asked there would be a non-meeting. Stacie Sirois informed Mr. Coggon there would be no non-meeting. Mr. Coggon asked how many teachers have applied for early retirement and how many would be granted. He was informed he can receive that information after it is decided in non-public. Mr. Coggon asked how many collective bargaining agreements have been signed. He was informed 2 out of 3 contracts have been signed. He asked how close they are with the LEA agreement. He was informed they cannot comment on that.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Nomination/Election of Staff:** Motion made by Chris Guilmett to approve the Nomination/Election of staff, as presented, seconded by Mal Murray. The vote was unanimous.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Heather Lounsbury, 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 7:25PM.

Motion made to come out of Non Public Session by Mal Murray, seconded by Mike Persson. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 7:49PM.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Motion made by Mike Persson, seconded by Heather Lounsbury, to seal the non-public minutes of September 6, 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.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Heather Lounsbury, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hinds  
Clerk