

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 2014, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Chris Guilmett, Mal Murray, Joe Cormier, Mike Persson, Scott Vachon, Stacie Sirois, Business Administrator Ed Emond, Assistant Superintendent Kirk Beitler, and Superintendent Terri Forsten. Absent: Beth Arsenault.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Chris Guilmett called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The agenda was posted on August 7, 2014, at the SAU office and on the district's website, along with being sent to each of our schools, "The Citizen", "Daily Sun", Laconia Library, and City Hall, in accordance with RSA 91-A.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Stacie Sirois to amend the agenda to place Alumni Reunion under Discussion and Action. Motion made by Joe Cormier to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Scott Vachon. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mal Murray, seconded by Scott Vachon, to approve the minutes of July 15, 2014 as presented. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATION

My Learning Plan – Middle/High

Assistant Superintendent Kirk Beitler shared a presentation outlining how middle and high school staff are using My Learning Plan for professional development activities and goals. He showed examples of Professional Learning Community goals, reflections and individual goals and reflections.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Under Facilities, Ed Emond updated the Board on the building renovations at Laconia High School with a short pictorial presentation. The next meeting of the JBC will be held on Thursday, August 21st at 4:00 p.m. at the SAU.

Under Grant Updates, Kirk Beitler presented an overview of the entitlements for the coming school year. These entitlements include Title I Elementary Literacy, Title I Focus School, Title IIA HQT Staff and Training, Title III ESOL, Title VI Rural Education Achievement Program, and IDEA Special Education Focus on Consults ESEA. These entitlements total \$1,845,969.

Public/Administrative Input:

Gail Ober asked if the decrease in entitlements was due to a drop in enrollment. This is not the case and that there was a 10 – 15% drop in allocations from the government and this was expected. She also asked if the high school would be ready for staff and students due to construction and Ed Emond assured that everything would be all set. Ed also explained that the roadway in front of the high school will still be under construction but the pipework will be completed by the start of school. Buses will need to be rerouted and greater staff visibility will need to be provided during high traffic times.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Personnel Committee: This committee has not met.

Facilities Committee: This committee has not met. The outside stairs at Woodland Heights School are almost complete and there was a tree taken down at Elm Street School.

Policy Committee: This committee has not met. The LHS Handbook will be brought forward tonight for discussion and action.

Legislative Update: None

Board Member Input: Mike Persson said that the Strategic Planning Committee met tonight. They are scheduling a meeting for Saturday, October 18 that will include administrators, teachers, board members, students and community members. The committee will meet on 9/16 to come up with an agenda. Mike Persson also shared that the Up with People program is in need of host families.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR

CALENDAR

LHS Joint Building Committee	Thursday, August 21, 2014	4:00 p.m. @ LHS Library
Laconia School Board	Tuesday, September 2, 2014	7:00 p.m. @ SAU Board Room
Strategic Planning Committee	Tuesday, September 16, 2014	6:15 p.m. @ SAU Board Room

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Terri Forsten gave the Board an update on the hiring process. We are almost set with all of our positions. She also shared an update on the hiring of Julie Sackett as the Early Childhood Coordinator for the SAMHSA grant project. Julie will be starting on September 2nd.

Terri presented the schedule for the opening days for staff next week. The District Opening is scheduled for Tuesday, August 19th at 12 noon at Laconia Middle School in the Multipurpose Room. All board members are invited to attend. She also shared the focus of each school and the district for the upcoming school year.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

LHS Handbook – There was discussion on the handbook and revisions presented. Scott Vachon had several questions regarding eligibility for extracurricular activities, asking if this was just sports or all activities. He would like to see more emphasis placed on academic success.

LHS Homecoming and Alumni Reunion – Stacie Sirois asked the board to consider increasing the admission into the homecoming game from \$3 to \$5 with the proceeds from the gate to be donated to the LHS Alumni Scholarship.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Dick Coggon asked if there would be a non-meeting and Chris Guilmett told him there would not be a non-meeting. He also commented on how nice the employment ad in the Concord Monitor was.

ACTION ITEMS

LHS Handbook – Scott Vachon made a motion to accept the handbook with changes proposed, seconded by Mike Persson. Mike Persson asked for discussion to explain the changes. Scott rescinded his motion. After discussion on this topic, the Board recommended that the component of the handbook regarding eligibility for extracurricular activities be revised to more clearly encompass all extracurricular activities – athletics, student clubs and other student extracurricular activities and that the revisions would be drafted by the Administration for review by Stacie Sirois, Policy Committee Chair, to ensure that it was consistent with the Board’s discussion. Scott made another motion to accept the handbook with the changes from this discussion, seconded by Mike Persson and approved unanimously.

LHS Homecoming and Alumni Reunion – Scott Vachon made a motion to approve the proposed increase and donation of funds as presented, seconded by Mike Persson and approved unanimously. Terri will look into the possibility of allocating this on a regular basis annually.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION – RSA 91-A: 3II(c)

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Stacie Sirois, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Beitler
Clerk