

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 2014, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Chris Guilmett, Joe Cormier, Mal Murray, Beth Arsenaault, Scott Vachon, Mike Persson, Stacie Sirois, Business Administrator Ed Emond, Assistant Superintendent Kirk Beitler, and Superintendent Terri Forsten.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Chris Guilmett called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The agenda was posted on January 31, 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 Scott Vachon to approve the agenda, seconded by Mal Murray as presented. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mike Persson, seconded by Scott Vachon, to approve the minutes of January 21, 2014 as presented. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATION

What's Happening with SAMHSA?

Superintendent Terri Forsten made a presentation to the Board regarding the district's partnership with the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration as well as the New Hampshire Department of Education, Concord School District and Rochester School District. The grant program, known as SAMHSA, provides funding to local education agencies that work in partnership with law enforcement and juvenile justice programs as well as social service, behavioral health agencies and other community organizations. A goal is to improve the social and emotional skills and preparedness for long term education success of young children. It would also address improving the mental, emotional and behavioral health of children by early identification of needs. This includes reductions in school violence, bullying, behavior problems, suspensions and substance abuse. On Feb. 18, there will be a Core Management Team Meeting, followed by a national conference March 4- 5 in Washington and a state-level Leadership Team meeting on March 11.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Under Community Based Education, Terri Forsten shared information on the upcoming Health Fair that is sponsored by the Belknap County Early Childhood Council. This event is geared towards families with young children and will offer interactive activities, developmental screenings as well as information and resources on a variety of programs. This event will be held on Tuesday, February 18th from 1:00 – 6:00 pm at the HealthFirst Family Care Center.

Under Facilities, Ed Emond gave an update on the LHS renovation project. We will be looking to hearing from Harvey Construction for cost and scope of work and will reform the JBC Committee to oversee this project. There will be 3 City Council representatives and 3 School Board members. Chris made a motion to have Beth Arsenaault, Mal Murray and Joe Cormier be on this committee, seconded by Mike Persson and approved by all.

Public/Administrative Input:

None

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Personnel Committee: This committee met on February 1st for Super Saturday.

Facilities Committee: This committee met tonight and discussed the LHS project.

Policy Committee: This committee met tonight and will be bringing forward three policies for a second reading and approval tonight.

Legislative Update: Beth Arsenaault that the Governor has cancelled her State of the State address due to weather and will reschedule for Thursday, February 6th.

Board Member Input: None.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR

Board Chair Chris Guilmett thanked everyone for their participation in making Super Saturday so successful.

CALENDAR

Budget and Personnel Committee Meeting	Tuesday, February 18, 2014	6:15 p.m. @ SAU Board Room
Laconia School Board	Tuesday, February 18, 2014	7:00 p.m. @ SAU Board Room
Policy Committee Meeting	Tuesday, March 4, 2014	6:00 p.m. @ SAU Board Room

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

NECAP Fall 2013 Results: Terri Forsten told the Board that the NECAP Fall 2013 scores were released yesterday and will be released to the public tomorrow at 10 am. She will review these at an upcoming March school board meeting.

Super Saturday Recap: Terri Forsten presented a recap of Super Saturday and asked the board for any questions. Scott Vachon asked about the Technology Plan for the district and how budget requests fit into it. Terri will review this and respond. Beth Arsenault asked about doing a new facility study as all buildings have been renovated or newly constructed. Stacie Sirois had a concern about the security of the LHS entrance.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The following policies were presented for discussion for a 2nd Reading: Policy EEAA: Video and Audio Surveillance on School Property, Policy EEAEA: Mandatory Drug and Alcohol Testing, Policy EH: Data Management.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Dick Coggon asked if the Board would be holding a Non-Meeting. Chris said that they would not be having a Non-Meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Scott Vachon made a motion to approve Policy EEAA: Video and Audio Surveillance on School Property, Policy EEAEA: Mandatory Drug and Alcohol Testing, Policy EH: Data Management as presented, seconded by Stacie Sirois and approved unanimously.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION – RSA 91-A: 3II

None

PUBLIC SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Stacie Sirois, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Beitler
Clerk