

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 15, 2014, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Chris Guilmett, Mal Murray, Joe Cormier, Mike Persson, Scott Vachon, Beth Arsenaault, 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 July 10, 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 approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Mal Murray. The vote was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Joe Cormier, to approve the minutes of June 17, 2014 as presented. The vote was unanimous.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Under Community Based Education, Assistant Superintendent Kirk Beitler reported on student summer programming. Laconia High School programming began and includes two sessions daily in the areas of Math, English, Science and Social Studies. At the elementary level sessions run from 8:00 am to 10:00 am with approximately 100 students involved. Extended Year Programming began on July 13<sup>th</sup> for 15 elementary students. Project EXTRA! summer programs have an average of 105 students participating daily in various enrichment activities. Laconia Middle School is also offering summer school for approximately 40 students.

Under Facilities, Ed Emond updated the Board on the building renovations at Laconia High School and the follow up sod and erosion prevention at the new athletic stadium. The next meeting of the JBC will be held on Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at the SAU.

Under Professional Development, Kirk Beitler informed the Board on the Summer Institutes that have been offered to staff including Math with Marina McDonald, Responsive Classroom, Understanding by Design and Math Intervention.

**Public/Administrative Input:**

Gail Ober asked if the sodding of Bobotas Field was funded through the school budget. Ed Emond reported that the District paid \$15,000, half of this cost from the 13-14 budget while the contractor covered the remaining half.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget and Personnel Committee:** This committee has not met, however the City Council had asked that we adjust our budget by cutting \$60,000. The City Council passed the final budget on July 15<sup>th</sup> with these changes.

**Facilities Committee:** This committee has not met. The outside stairs at Woodland Heights School are being reconstructed from last year's budget as this was a safety issue.

**Policy Committee:** This committee met on June 25<sup>th</sup> to continue reviewing the LHS handbook. We are waiting on proposed language changes and will bring forward for Board approval soon.

**Legislative Update:** None

**Board Member Input:** Mike Persson said that he will be scheduling a meeting with the Strategic Planning Committee soon and apologized for the delay.

**BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR**

**CALENDAR**

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| LHS Joint Building Committee | Friday, July 18, 2014  | 4:00 p.m. @ SAU Board Room |
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**SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

**My Learning Plan:** Terri Forsten gave a presentation on My Learning Plan, an online program used by staff to track professional development. This plan targets the seven areas of professional development including professional learning communities, leadership, resources, data, learning designs, implementation and outcomes. The district cost for this program is \$5000 annually. Board member Scott Vachon said that this is money well spent and helps teachers self-evaluate their teaching practices and strategies.

**Update on Hiring:** Terri Forsten updated the Board on current filled and vacant positions.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

None.

**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.

**ACTION ITEMS**

None.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION – RSA 91-A: 3II(c)**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Mal Murray, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Beitler  
Clerk