

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 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 7:03 PM. The agenda was posted on June 13, 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 as presented, seconded by Mal Murray. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mike Persson, seconded by Stacie Sirois, to approve the minutes of June 3, 2014 as presented. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATION

Project EXTRA! Dinner Program

Project EXTRA Assistant Program Director Beth Vachon described the PE! Dinner Program. This program was initiated at Woodland Heights School last fall through a grant and then added later to Elm Street and Pleasant Street Schools. With the collaboration of Laconia Food Services Director Tim Goossens 9291 dinners were served this year. These meals were provided free of charge to eligible students. In addition, Laconia Food Services also provided 21,000 snacks, 101,000 breakfasts and 226,000 lunches. Health and Wellness Academy Coordinator Tammy Levesque offered a course, Cooking Matters, to families at Woodland Heights. This program taught families how to prepare nutritious meals and provided families with the ingredients to take home and prepare a meal at home. Tammy had started to offer this to high school students but the schedule of after school proved to be an obstacle for students to attend.

Wellness at Pleasant Street School

Pleasant Street School Principal Dave Levesque briefed the board about health and wellness initiatives in the past school year at PSS. The program included everything from "Fitness Fridays" to "Taste Test Tuesdays" to organized walks for students before school. This has proven so successful that teachers are now asking for more health-related activities. He said the three components of the PSS effort are focused on exercise, nutrition, and community involvement. School Board Chairman Chris Guilmett said the program is impressive.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Under Facilities, Ed Emond told the board that construction work on ceiling replacement at Laconia High School has already begun.

Under Professional Development, Kirk Beitler the district's Professional Development Master Plan for staff. He said the plan adheres to seven standards, including learning communities, leadership, resources, data, learning designs, implementation, and student outcomes. He also shared a community survey form with the board regarding the district's technology plan. It has gone out to parents to get immediate feedback and is due back by June 20th. So far 90 survey responses have been received by the district.

Public/Administrative Input:

None

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Personnel Committee: This committee met tonight and will continue their meeting after the regular board meeting.

Facilities Committee: This committee has not met.

Policy Committee: This committee will meet on June 25th at 7:30 am to complete the review of the Laconia High School Student Handbook. They will be bringing this forward for discussion and action upon completion of review.

Legislative Update: None

Board Member Input: Scott Vachon commented on how well the high school graduation went. Mike Persson said that he will be scheduling a meeting with the Strategic Planning Committee in the coming week. He also reminded the Board that the Financial Stability Committee will be hosting the showing of the moving "American Winter" on June 25th at 4 pm at Lakes Region Community College.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR

Board Chair Chris Guilmett also commended the high school administration on the graduation ceremony.

CALENDAR

Policy Committee Meeting	Wednesday, June 25, 2014	7:30 a.m. @ SAU Board Room
Showing of American Winter film Laconia School Board	Wednesday, June 25, 2014	4:00 p.m. @ Lakes Region Community College
	Tuesday, July 15, 2014	7:00 p.m. @ SAU Board Room

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Safety in Our Schools: Terri Forsten said a review of how the district handled recent safety threats at LHS will be conducted with the Laconia Police Department after Laconia Motorcycle Week ends. She said the threat was challenging for school administrators because it came on the first day of finals for high school students.

Update on Contracts: Terri Forsten stated that all contracts have been distributed at this time.

Professional Development June 17 – 20: Terri stated that Laconia staff are involved in several professional development opportunities this week.

Summer Board Meetings: Terri asked the Board what was their pleasure for meeting this summer. It is traditional that there is one meeting in July and one in August. The Board agreed to meet July 15th and August 12th.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Gail Ober, Daily Sun, asked about attendance during the safety threat. Terri Forsten stated that attendance that first day of the threat was 74 percent districtwide and then the second day attendance returned to normal levels.

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 Stacie Sirois, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Beitler
Clerk