

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Chris Guilmett, Mal Murray, Stacie Sirois, Barbara Luther, Mike Persson, Joe Cormier, Business Administrator Ed Emond, Assistant Superintendent Kirk Beitler and Superintendent Terri Forsten. Absent: Scott Vachon.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Joe Cormier called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The agenda was posted on March 13, 2015, 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

Board Chair Joe Cormier asked to have the non-public session moved up to Item #4 on the agenda. Motion made by Mike Persson to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Chris Guilmett. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Barbara Luther, to approve the minutes of March 3, 2015 as presented. The vote unanimous with Mike Persson abstaining.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Mal Murray, to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3II letter c to discuss a Personnel issue. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board went into Non-Public Session at 7:05 PM.

Motion made to come out of Non Public Session by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Mal Murray. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 7:15 PM.

PRESENTATION

2015-2016 Proposed Budget

Superintendent Terri Forsten presented the proposed 2015-2016 budget for discussion. She highlighted the new recommended strategic plan, shared current trends in enrollment and free and reduced population. She discussed the challenges that we are addressing with our students who are living in poverty and/or in transition. She shared the many ways we are supporting our students and their families to ensure success. Business Administrator Ed Emond explained the revenues and expenses with the upcoming proposed budget. On March 23rd Terri will share an overview with Laconia City Council, the proposed budget will be brought to the April 7th School Board meeting and recommended for approval. On May 11th a detailed presentation will be shared with Laconia City Council.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Facilities: Ed Emond updated the Board on the LHS building project. The architects and engineers are reviewing plans and will be meeting this Thursday. The deadline for a plan is the end of May. Ed also said that he is working with RFS to engineer a design for the SAU boiler replacement. When this is complete the RFQ will be posted.

Public Relations: Assistant Superintendent Kirk Beitler shared an article that was featured in the monthly publication "School Nutrition" highlighting the Laconia Food Service program and the dinner meals in particular. This is quite an honor for Food Service Director Tim Goossens who has been the driving force in the dinner program working cooperatively with Project Extra staff.

Public/Administrative Input:

None

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Personnel: This group met tonight and will recommend adopting the 2015-2016 budget at the next board meeting.

Facilities/CIP: This group has not met.

Policy: This group met tonight and will be recommending policies to be brought forward for a 1st reading at the next school board meeting.

Strategic Planning: This committee met on March 5th to continue discussion on the action items that were discussed with the large group and will be putting a recommended Strategic Plan together.

Legislative Update: None

Board Member Input: None

BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR

CALENDAR

Spring Technology Conference
School Board Meeting

Thursday, March 18, 2015
Tuesday, April 7, 2015

3:30 pm @ Laconia Middle School
7:00 pm @ SAU

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Terri Forsten presented her report to the Board. Highlights were an update on a letter that was sent to all employees informing them of the Anthem/Blue Cross/Blue Shield breach and the process for identity monitoring, a dental insurance option that will be offered to staff through Schoolcare, information on Smarter Balanced Assessments that have begun this week in the elementary schools which are connected to the Common Core, and upcoming Board presentations.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Dick Coggon asked if the Board would be having a non-meeting. Joe Cormier said the Board would not be having a non-meeting.

Laconia Citizen Reporter Ed Pierce asked what the status of the proposed Freshman Academy was for Laconia High School. Superintendent Terri Forsten said that discussion was continuing at LHS and that changes would likely be targeted for the fall of 2016. She will keep the Board and public updated.

ACTION ITEMS

None

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

None

PUBLIC SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Chris Guilmett, seconded by Stacie Sirois, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Beitler
Clerk