

The Laconia School Board held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, at the Harvard Street, SAU Board Room. Present: Chris Guilmett, Mal Murray, Joe Cormier, Beth Arsenuault, 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 7:03 PM. The agenda was posted on March 14, 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**

Mike Persson asked to amend the agenda to move discussion and action items to follow the presentation. Scott Vachon also asked to amend the agenda to include under discussion and action the proposed 2014-15 budget. Motion made by Joe Cormier to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Stacie Sirois. The vote was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Stacie Sirois, to approve the minutes of March 4, 2014 as presented. The vote was unanimous.

**PRESENTATION**

**PSS Art Program**

Jasmyn Gray, Art Educator at PSS and ESS, gave a brief description of the Arts Alive program currently being held at the Belknap Mill through the end of March. Student art is featured throughout the mill. She presented a short video showing the art work on display. Three Pleasant Street students shared their art work with the board.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

The following policies were presented for discussion for a 2nd Policy Reading: Policy EEAE: School Bus Safety Program, Policy EEA: Student Transportation, Policy EGAD: Copyright Compliance, Policy EHAA: Computer Security, E-Mail and Internet Communications Policy.

The proposed 2014-15 budget was presented for discussion.

**ACTION ITEMS**

A motion was made by Mal Murray, seconded by Joe Cormier to accept the following policies as presented: Policy EEAE: School Bus Safety Program, Policy EEA: Student Transportation, Policy EGAD: Copyright Compliance, Policy EHAA: Computer Security, E-Mail and Internet Communications Policy. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Beth Arsenuault, seconded by Mal Murray to accept the proposed 2014-15 budget to present to the City Council. The vote was unanimous.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Under Community Based Education, Terri Forsten reiterated that Arts Alive is currently underway at Belknap Mill until the end of March. Students from all of our schools have art work on display.

Under Facilities, Ed stated that the Joint Building Committee for the LHS renovation project will look to meet on Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. A notice will be posted.

Under Professional Development, Kirk Beitler presented a chart outlining summer learning opportunities for staff which will include Understanding by Design, Math Instruction, Department of Education conference, i3 High School work and a STEM institute.

**Public/Administrative Input:**

None

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget and Personnel Committee:** This committee met tonight before the board meeting to discuss the proposed 2014-15 budget. They worked through some items that were presented on Super Saturday and will reconvene on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 to continue the discussion.

**Facilities Committee:** This committee has not met. JBC will look to meet next Monday.

**Policy Committee:** This committee will be bringing forward four policies for a second reading and approval tonight. The "F" policies will be discussed at the next meeting which will be held on April 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**Legislative Update:** None

**Board Member Input:** None.

**BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR**

Board Chair Chris Guilmett reminded board members that Arts Alive is open through March 30<sup>th</sup> at the Belknap Mill.

**CALENDAR**

JBC Meeting (tentative)	Monday, March 24, 2015	3:00 p.m. @TBD
Laconia City Council budget presentation	Monday, March 24, 2014	6:00 p.m. @ City Hall
Budget and Personnel Meeting	Tuesday, March 25, 2014	6:00 p.m. @SAU Board Room
City Wide Chess Tournament	Saturday, March 29, 2014	9:00 a.m. @ MVSb Cafe
Policy Meeting	Tuesday, April 1, 2014	6:00 p.m. @SAU Board Room
Laconia School Board	Tuesday, April 1, 2014	7:00 p.m. @ SAU Board Room

**SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

**CLif Grant:** Terri Forsten reported that Pleasant Street School, is one of the eight schools that has been awarded a CLiF Year of the Book grant for 2014-2015. This \$25,000 grant helps create a culture of literacy in schools and communities by building great enthusiasm for reading and writing, and by supporting our staff in reaching their literacy goals for the classroom.

**Chess Tournament:** Janet Brough invited everyone to come to the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual City Wide Chess Tournament that will be held on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the MVSb Café. Several local businesses have donated prizes as well as an autographed John Farrell Red Sox baseball that will be given out as a door prize.

**Laconia High School Graduation:** LHS graduation is set to be held on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at LHS and Laconia Academy graduation will be held on Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Snow Days:** Terri Forsten briefed the board on how decisions are made in regard to no school, delayed openings and early releases due to weather. We have had five snow days already but she believes that we are on track to keep the last day for students as Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. She has looked at number of hours versus number of days and she feels comfortable that we will not have to move the last day.

**ESS Principal Search:** Terri Forsten shared with the board that the ESS Principal position will be advertised beginning this week. Interviews will be held the week of April 14<sup>th</sup> and candidates will visit ESS the week of May 5<sup>th</sup>. She is hopeful that a new principal will be confirmed by May 14<sup>th</sup>.

**GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENT**

Gail Ober, Laconia Daily Sun, asked Ed Emond to explain how the budget number is reached. Ed explained how the number is arrived at. She also asked who was on the JBC Committee from the school board and Ed stated that the members are Mal Murray, Beth Arsenault and Joe Cormier.

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

None

**PUBLIC SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Scott Vachon, seconded by Joe Cormier, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Beitler  
Clerk