

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

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Chris Guilmett called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The agenda was posted on February 27, 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 Mal Murray to approve the agenda, seconded by Scott Vachon as presented. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mike Persson, seconded by Scott Vachon, to approve the minutes of February 4, 2014 as presented. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATION

LEEF Grant Awards

LEEF Chair Joan Leroux and Secretary Carole Davis presented LEEF grants to 4 groups which included Liz Rosenfeld, Jamie Spulick, Donna Marie Gamblin, Leigh Buliung, Chris Cook and Bobbi Storman. They were very happy to have been able to fund all that applied.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Under Community Based Education, Terri Forsten reported out on the Health Fair that was held on February 18th at HealthFirst Family Care Center. While the weather was less than cooperative, this fair offered families with young children developmental screenings, information on a variety of programs and resources, interactive activities and health snacks. It is the goal to make this an annual event that will become even bigger and better in the future.

Under Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Kirk Beitler along with Academic Coordinators of Teaching and Learning Steve Tucker, Alison Bryant and Gail Bourm presented the latest NWEA midyear data. This data is used to inform instruction with whole classes, small groups and individual students. Gail reviewed the Descartes Statements and curriculum ladders. The overall RIT and goal strand data was also reviewed. Also discussed was how Descartes is used for intervention.

Public/Administrative Input:

None

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Personnel Committee: This committee will meet on March 18th at 5:30 p.m. The previously scheduled meeting for February 18th was cancelled due to weather.

Facilities Committee: This committee has not met.

Policy Committee: This committee met tonight and will be bringing forward four policies for a first reading tonight. The "F" policies will be discussed at the next meeting.

Legislative Update: None

Board Member Input: None.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT/CALENDAR

Board Chair Chris Guilmett gave a brief report on the NHSBA conference that he attended last month with Terri and Mike.

CALENDAR

Budget and Personnel Committee Meeting	Tuesday, March 18, 2014	5:30 p.m. @ SAU Board Room
Laconia School Board	Tuesday, March 18, 2014	7:00 p.m. @ SAU Board Room

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

AASA Conference: Terri Forsten reported out to the Board on her attendance at the AASA, the School Superintendents Association annual conference in Nashville last month. Topics that were discussed were Federal Legislation – Accountability, Federal Funding – Entitlements, Principal – Leader Skill Development, Principal – Leader Evaluations, Supporting a Community with Poverty and Networking – National, State.

NHSBA Workshop: Terri Forsten reported on the NH School Boards Association workshop that she, Chris and Mike attended in February. Strategic Planning & Goal Setting, Self-Evaluation by School Board, Strategic Planning and Goal Setting were presented. She also shared a history of our Strategic Plan. A new mission statement was adopted in the fall of 2002 and a strategic plan was developed in the spring of 2003. There has been an annual review of Strategic Plan from 2004 – 2009. She posed several questions to the board which will be discussed at a later date. The board will look at revising the strategic plan in the future.

Inocente: This movie was presented to the community in February and over 100 people attended. There was collaboration with several local agencies and conversations about local resources for homeless individuals.

ESS Principal Search: Terri Forsten shared with the board that we are looking at any internal candidates that may be interested in applying for this position. She will report back on this at the March 18th board meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The following policies were presented for discussion for a 1st Reading: Policy EEAE: School Bus Safety Program, Policy EEA: Student Transportation, Policy EGAD: Copyright Compliance, and Policy EHAA: Computer Security, E-Mail and Internet Communications Policy.

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

None.

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 8:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Beitler
Clerk