

Raymond School Board Meeting  
October 26, 2009  
Raymond High School Media Center  
Approved December 2, 2009

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:45pm by Chairperson Diane Naoum.
2. Present were:  
School Board members: Diane Naoum, Chairperson; John Harmon, Christina Vogel and Gretchen Gott  
Kirk Beitler, Principal, Raymond High School  
Ron Brickett, Business Administrator  
Dan LeGallo, Principal, Lamprey River Elementary School  
Dr. Jeannie Richards, Superintendent
3. Proof of Posting: The meeting was properly noticed as a budget work session.
4. Discussion regarding the budget:
  - Insurance: If the insurance costs were increased more than 12.5%, Dr. Richards reported that there would need to be staffing reductions. If the Board decided to agree to base the budget on an increase of 18.5%, Dr. Richards stated that it is her recommendation that there would be a reduction of 7 paraprofessional positions. The Board members, after discussion, reached a consensus that the budget should be built planning for the possibility of an 18.5% increase. John Harmon asked about the impact of decreasing 7 positions. Dr. Richards reported that the following positions would possibly be reduced: a high school and a middle school special education aide, a building aide from each of the 3 schools, and a Physical Education aide from the middle school and from the high school. These deletions resulted in a total savings of \$183, 008 and would mean that the budget would be level funded from year 2009-2010. John Harmon and Dee Naoum asked for cost information from other companies that provide health insurance.
  - Question from a previous meeting: Smart Boards are \$1350.00. Shipping for any number of boards is \$200.00.
  - Questions asked at previous meetings: Dr. Richards and Ron Brickett reviewed the questions asked by the board at previous meetings.
  - Additional questions were asked and the information will be in the Friday packet for review at the next meeting.
  - Discussion regarding the price of pre-school – no consensus was reached about changing the price.
  - Discussion regarding purchasing some computers proposed for purchase next year, from this year's budget to help save on next year's budget. No consensus was reached. Concern was expressed that it may be too early, only 4 month into the year, to expend unplanned money.
  - Discussion regarding wage pool salary increases: An increase of 5% would mean a budget increase of \$80,757 and an increase of 3% would mean a budget increase of \$48, 454. John Harmon suggested an increase of 3.5% and a decrease in district contribution of 1.5% for insurance for wage pool employees. No decision was made.

5. A motion was made by John Harmon and seconded by Christina Vogel to adjourn the meeting. All voted in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Gott