

Raymond School Board Meeting
January 20, 2021
Remote Meeting
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Approved February 3, 2021

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. Present: School Board Members Joseph Saulnier, Melissa Sytek, Tony Clements and Janice Arsenault ; Superintendent of Schools Tina McCoy; Business Administrator Marjorie Whitmore; Curriculum Coordinator Mike Whaland; Director of Student Services Michael Hatfield; Iber Holmes Gove Middle School Principal Bob Bickford; Raymond High School Principal Steve Woodward; Lamprey River Elementary School Principal Laura Yacek; Technology Director Kevin Federico; Director of Facilities and Maintenance Todd Ledoux; Director of Student Behavioral Health Jessica Caron; Student Representative to the School Board Isabella daSilva. All were present via Google Meet.

Proof of Posting: It was noted that the meeting was properly posted.

Pledge of Allegiance: Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input: Joe Saulnier reported that there was an email received by the School Board from Malinda McCusker about planning for senior festivities, which was read aloud.

Our Students/Our Schools: 3rd Grade teacher Carolyn Malo, along with 3rd grade students Ella Forsythe, Jakoby Luquette and Emilea Small, shared with the Board and community their role in providing virtual morning announcements to all classes at LRES each day.

School District Moderator & Deliberative Session Preparation & Planning: School District Moderator Edward French came to the Board to discuss the upcoming deliberative session. A copy of the plan can be found in the meeting agenda.

Overnight Field Trip Approval: IHGMS teacher Felicia Formisano and Principal Bob Bickford presented the Board with a Class Trip Proposal that can be found in the meeting agenda. Janice Arsenault asked how it would work with deposits in regards to any shifts with circumstances. Mr. Bickford stated that this information would be shared with families once the Board had made their decision.

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved to allow the Middle School to go forward with the proposed 8th grade trip to Adventurebound, seconded by Melissa Sytek. Voted unanimously in the affirmative (4-0).

RHS Graduation Ceremony Considerations: Principal Woodward joined the Board to discuss the RHS graduation ceremony scheduled for June 11th. Joe Saulnier asked if Isabella daSilva had any insight for what the senior class may like. Isabella stated that they just want a graduation, nothing virtual or a drive by. Mr. Woodward stated that a committee would begin looking into plans to host a ceremony outside on school grounds.

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RHS Prom Planning: Principal Woodward came to the Board to review some initial plans for the high school prom, which can be found in the meeting agenda. If necessary, this could be a prom for the senior class only to limit numbers due to social distancing.

Operating Budget Warrant Article: The School Board discussed the possible cuts that have been suggested after the budget committee voted to recommend an operating budget that is \$200,000 below the School Boards proposed Budget. At this time they were all just ideas for discussion. Janice Arsenault and Joe Saulnier reiterated that making these cuts would have a negative impact on students' education. If this is changed in any way at the deliberative session, the School Board would be revoting.

MOTION: Joe Saulnier moved "Shall the School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$26,186,721 (twenty six million, one hundred eighty six thousand, seven hundred twenty one dollars)? Should this article be defeated, the default, budget shall be \$26,237,757 (twenty six million, two hundred thirty seven thousand, seven hundred fifty seven dollars), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Raymond School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. ", Janice Arsenault seconded the motion to recommend. The Board voted unanimously against the motion (0-4).

Approval of Warrant Articles: The Board reviewed the final draft warrant articles, as found in the meeting agenda.

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved to accept the warrant articles as stated, seconded by Joe Saulnier. Voted unanimously in the affirmative (4-0).

Approval of School District Warrant for Signature: The Board reviewed the final warrant for signature, which will be available at the SAU Office on Thursday for Board members to sign.

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved to approve that the Board go to the SAU to sign the warrant articles, seconded by Melissa Sytek. Voted unanimously in the affirmative (4-0).

Warrant Article Speaking Schedule: The Board discussed what members would speak to each article at the Deliberative session. Janice Arsenault will speak on the budget (Article 2). Joe Saulnier will read the school teacher articles (3 and 4). Tony Clements will do the two treasurer articles (5 and 6). Janice Arsenault will do the CIP article (article 7). Joe Saulnier will do the \$75,000 one (8). And Melissa Sytek will do article 9. Beth Paris will do Article 10, or Janice Arsenault as a backup reader.

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Monthly Financial Update: Marjorie Whitmore presented the Board with the financial update for months ending December 31, 2020, as found in the meeting agenda. Joe Saulnier asked Mr. Hatfield about the over budget lines on out of district placements. Mr. Hatfield explained that these shifts have been planned for in next year's budget.

Committee Reports: Janice Arsenault reported that the SST Governing Board is continuing with internships, some of which are paid. They are also looking at doing a JROTC program. Janice Also reported that there was an RCFY meeting. Raymond students have two petitions this year with warrant articles that have gone through the Planning Board. The Gala has been cancelled again for this year. There may be an online event or raffle created instead.

Student Representative's Report: Isabelle daSilva reported that a few student council members will be helping with the 8th grade open house which is coming up. The penguin plunge will also be coming up soon. Finals will be held next week, virtually.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. McCoy reported that the district was happy to have grades 1-5 back in the building. The district is still in significant need of substitutes, paraeducators and classroom monitors that can come on site to work. There have been a few more applicants lately which is great news. There is hope that remaining remote grade students will be able to return on site on February 1st.

Correspondence/ Other: None

Manifest Signing: Marjorie Whitmore presented the Board with the numbers on the Manifests. Accounts payables totaled \$624,760.45, Payroll totaling \$445,957.13. For a total of \$1,070,717.58.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved to accept the minutes of January 6, 2021, seconded by Joe Saulnier . Voted unanimously in the affirmative (4-0).

Adjournment:

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM, seconded by Joe Saulnier. Voted unanimously in the affirmative (4-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany LHeureux
School Board Clerk