

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Present: School Board Members John Harmon, Jaclyn Sirrine, Michelle Couture, Joseph Saulnier, and Janice Arsenault; Student Representative to the School Board Jeffrey Rivard; Superintendent of Schools Tina McCoy; Business Administrator Ronald Brickett; Raymond High School Principal Steve Woodward; Iber Holmes Gove Middle School Principal Bob Bickford.

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

Pledge of Allegiance: All those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input: Dana Hansen approached the Board and expressed concern that the graduation rate wasn't readily known at the prior night's Budget Committee meeting. She stated that she was concerned about community members being able to sell their homes, and that she would not support the School District budget.

Our Students/Our Schools: Iber Holmes Gove Middle School Band Teacher Alicia Rockenhauser and Music Teacher Deb Potter, along with students Jessica Currier, Helene Cote, S.G., Payton Hartlen, Brayden Lopez, Evelyn Murphy, Nicole Pulak, Gabrielle Powell, Mercedes Saunders, Madison Sheppard, Stasja Sytek, and Teresa Wolcott, performed several pieces for the School Board and discussed the music program at the middle school. Approximately 50% of the student population at the middle school is involved with the music program.

Students who presented this evening: Jessica Currier, S.G., Helene Cote, Payton Hartlen, Brayden Lopez, Evelyn Murphy, Nicole Pulak, Gabrielle Powell, Mercedes Saunders, Madison Sheppard, Stasja Sytek, Teresa Wolcott.

Raymond High School Program of Studies: Mr. Woodward presented the 2018-19 Raymond High School Program of Studies. During discussion:

- Mr. Woodward confirmed that the timing to choose the Valedictorian and the Salutatorian is correct in practice.
- There is money in the budget for all of the offerings in the program. Computers use mostly freeware, and some classes have been offered before so they have all the materials. It may be noted on certain classes that the offering is pending approval of the district's operating budget.
- It was suggested that statistics not be cancelled, but instead to offer it every other year.
- It was noted that the \$20 fee in SES Food and Nutrition is new, not in the current program. Mr. Harmon stated that if the District is going to start implementing fees, then all fees should be reviewed.
- There was some discussion about summer school grading. Mr. Woodward stated that summer school is focused on the competencies a student did not master, not the entire course. The summer school grade for those competencies would be calculated in with the others from the school year.
- SST now allows sophomores. Handbook language will be updated to reflect that.
- Mr. Bickford recommended stating that the Class of 2022 will be the last class to earn high school credit for a middle school computer class. It was suggested to word that in such a way to make it clear that it is not exclusive just to incoming freshmen.

MOTION: Jaclyn Sirrine moved, seconded by Joseph Saulnier, to approve the 2018-2019 Raymond High School Program of Studies as amended. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Annual Meeting Information to the Public: The School Board reviewed the matrix of how and when to distribute information about the annual meeting to the public. It was agreed that Janice Arsenault would meet with parents at IHGMS on January 25, Joseph Saulnier would meet with parents at RHS on January 29, and John Harmon would meet with parents at LRES on either January 26 or February 2. Michelle Couture stated she might be able to meet with parents at LRES if Mr. Harmon was unable to.

Michelle Couture volunteered to write a Letter to the Editor to be submitted to Raymond Area News. It was noted that letters were no longer submitted to Carriage Towne News or Union Leader due to limitations on length.

Regarding filming warrant article presentations with RCTV:

Budget: Joseph Saulnier
REA: John Harmon
CIP: Jaclyn Serrine
Energy (if approved): Michelle Couture
Surplus Funds: Jaclyn Serrine

New Hampshire School Boards Association Delegate Assembly Resolutions: The School Board reviewed the resolutions and voted to direct their Delegate Representative, Jaclyn Serrine, as to how to represent Raymond when voting at the Delegate Assembly.

Resolution proposed by the Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative School Board relative to hiring of veterans and members of the armed forces: MOTION: Joseph Saulnier moved, seconded by Jaclyn Serrine, to support the resolution submitted by Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative School Board. Motion failed, all opposed.

Resolution proposed by the Goshen School Board relative to false information for residency requirements: MOTION: Michelle Couture moved, seconded by Joseph Saulnier, to support the recommendation of NHSBA for the proposed resolution submitted by the Goshen School Board. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Resolution proposed by the Hampstead School Board relative to electioneering: MOTION: Michelle Couture moved, seconded by Joseph Saulnier, to support the resolution submitted by the Hampstead School Board. Motion failed, all opposed. MOTION: Joseph Saulnier moved, seconded by Michelle Couture, to support the resolution put forth by NHSBA regarding the Hampstead resolution. Motion failed, all opposed.

Resolution proposed by the Keene School Board relative to publication of statewide assessment results: MOTION: Michelle Couture moved, seconded by Jaclyn Serrine, to support the resolution submitted by the Keene School Board. Motion failed, all opposed.

Resolution proposed by the Keene School Board relative to data sharing system: MOTION: Michelle Couture moved, seconded by Joseph Saulnier, to support the Keene School Board resolution. Motion failed, all opposed.

Continuing Resolution #1 relative to sexual abuse prevention education: MOTION: Michelle Couture moved, seconded by Joseph Saulnier, to support Continuing Resolution #1. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Continuing Resolution #2 relative to false information for residency requirements: MOTION: Michelle Couture moved, seconded by Jaclyn Serrine, to support Continuing Resolution #2. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Continuing Resolution #3 relative to document imaging: MOTION: Joseph Saulnier moved, seconded by Jaclyn Serrine, to support Continuing Resolution #3. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Continuing Resolution #4 relative to criminal background checks: MOTION: Joseph Saulnier moved, seconded by Jaclyn Serrine, to support Continuing Resolution #4. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Continuing Resolution #5 relative to the New Hampshire Retirement System: MOTION: Joseph Saulnier moved, seconded by Michelle Couture, to support Continuing Resolution #5. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Continuing Resolution #6 relative to opt-out and opt-in language: MOTION: Joseph Saulnier moved, seconded by Jaclyn Serrine, to support Continuing Resolution #6. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Continuing Resolution #7 relative to school building aid: MOTION: Michelle Couture moved, seconded by Jaclyn Serrine, to support Continuing Resolution #7. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Continuing Resolution #8 relative to publishing results of statewide assessments: MOTION: Michelle Couture moved, seconded by Jaclyn Serrine, to support Continuing Resolution #8. Voted unanimously in the affirmative. (Motion reconsidered below.)

Continuing Resolution #9 relative to funding for full day kindergarten: MOTION: Jaclyn Serrine moved, seconded by Michelle Couture, to support Continuing Resolution #9. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Mrs. Couture asked to reconsider Continuing Resolution #8, as their initial vote resulted in support of the resolution which they did not want to support. MOTION: Michelle Couture moved, seconded by Joseph Saulnier, to support Continuing Resolution #8. Motion failed, all opposed.

Continuing Resolution #10 relative to additional aid for public pre-kindergarten: MOTION: Joseph Saulnier moved, seconded by Jaclyn Serrine, to support Continuing Resolution #10. Motion failed, all opposed.

Strategic Plan Update: Dr. McCoy presented the updates to the Strategic Plan. During discussion:

- Dr. McCoy clarified that during the pilot of the grading system, teachers will not be required to keep two books (unless they've volunteered to do so as part of the pilot). They'll be trained in March and then professional development will be offered to use it, and they can use it on a limited basis, but they won't need to do two of everything.
- Administration will be certain that there are no other events happening that would conflict with public forums on competency-based grading in the spring.
- Mrs. Couture suggested that students be involved in demonstrating how competency grading works.
- Mr. Harmon asked to have the public forum dates far enough in advance so that parents can plan for them.

Energy Efficient Investments: Michael Davey from Energy Efficient Investments was present to talk with the Board about the possible funding for projects throughout the district as part of a long term energy efficiency plan. During discussion, there was concern about the savings after the first year possibly not being as large as projected. There was also concern about bringing a warrant article forward this year when the School Board had already stated that they had no new initiatives, and that it could be considered to bring to voters next year.

MOTION: Joseph Saulnier moved, seconded by Jaclyn Serrine, to create a warrant article for the energy efficiency investments. Motion failed with Joseph Saulnier and Michelle Couture voting in the affirmative and John Harmon, Jaclyn Serrine, and Janice Arsenault voting in opposition.

Warrant Article Recommendations/Approvals: MOTION: Michelle Couture moved, seconded by Jaclyn Serrine, to place the warrant article for Capital Reserve Funds on the warrant as presented this evening. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

MOTION: Michelle Couture moved, seconded by Jaclyn Serrine, to place the warrant article for Undesignated Fund Balance on the warrant as presented this evening. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Schedule Additional Board Meetings: The School Board scheduled a meeting on January 24th at 7:00 PM to address the budget warrant article and the signing of the warrant.

New/Revised Policies - Second Reading: MOTION: Jaclyn Serrine moved, seconded by Joseph Saulnier, to approve policy ILDA (ILD) Non-Educational Questionnaires, Surveys, and Research as presented this evening. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

MOTION: Joseph Saulnier moved, seconded by Michelle Couture, to approve policy ILD-R Protection of Pupil Rights Amendments - Supporting Forms as presented this evening. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

SchoolCare Holiday Refund: Mr. Brickett stated that this year's premium refund is \$107,080.41. In past years, the School Board has voted to return to members their contribution percentage of their premium refund. MOTION: Michelle Couture moved, seconded by Jaclyn Serrine, to refund to employees the funds received from the SchoolCare Holiday Refund in the amount of \$7,852.83. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Committee Reports: Mr. Rivard stated that the Winter Carnival was interrupted by weather. Today was "Bring 'Em Back Day," when the high school brings back graduates to talk with students about life after high school.

Mrs. Arsenault stated that she was unable to attend the upcoming Raymond Coalition for Youth meeting.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. McCoy stated that school would be closed the following day. She appreciates the patience and support during inclement weather, as decisions are sometimes difficult to make.

The new website is up and running. A lot of work has gone into it, and any links that need fixing are being corrected as they're found.

The most recent official high school graduation rate, as calculated by the NH Department of Education, is from the 2015-16 school year. The graduation rate is not a simple calculation, and is the rate of students who graduate within four years. The Raymond high school graduation rate is 79.61%. The state rate is 88.23%.

Mr. Harmon asked for a write-up in the Board's Friday Memo about what happened yesterday with the buses, the timing of information, which schools had delays, and information about who was notified when of the issue.

Mr. Saulnier added, regarding the graduation rates, that if a student went to summer school and then graduated, or graduated during their fifth year, then they are not included in the graduation rate. He asked for information in the Friday Memo about what pieces of data are considered when calculating the graduation rate.

Correspondence/Other: None.

Manifest Signing: A quorum of the Board signed the manifest. Accounts Payable total \$1,010,433.62. Payroll total \$436,147.70.

Approval of Minutes: MOTION: Jaclyn Serrine moved, seconded by Michelle Couture, to approve the minutes of October 25, 2017 as presented. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

MOTION: Michelle Couture moved, seconded by Jaclyn Serrine, to approve the minutes of October 26, 2017 with the following amendment: note that Janice Arsenault returned after the after-school presentation. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

MOTION: Jaclyn Serrine moved, seconded by Michelle Couture, to approve the minutes of November 8, 2017 as presented. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Adjournment: MOTION: Michelle Couture moved, seconded by Joseph Saulnier, to adjourn the meeting. Voted unanimously in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned at 9:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Heywood,
Raymond School Board Clerk