Raymond School Board Meeting March 8, 2018 Raymond High School Room 109 Minutes Page 1 Approved March 21, 2018

<u>Call to Order</u>: The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM. Present: School Board Members John Harmon, Jaclyn Sirrine, Michelle Couture, Joseph Saulnier, and Janice Arsenault; Student Representative to the School Board Jeff Rivard; Superintendent of Schools Tina McCoy; Business Administrator Ron Brickett; Lamprey River Elementary School Principal Bryan Belanger; Lamprey River Elementary School Assistant Principal Laura Yacek.

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

<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>: All those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Non-Public Session: MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved, seconded by Michelle Couture, to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) "The hiring of any person as a public employee" and (c) "Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting." Upon the Board members being individually polled, the motion was voted in the affirmative by Joseph Saulnier, John Harmon, Jaclyn Sirrine, Janice Arsenault, and Michelle Couture. The Board entered into non-public session at 6:46 PM and resumed public session at 7:01 PM. Other than the vote to exit non-public session (which was moved by Joseph Saulnier, seconded by Janice Arsenault, and upon the Board members being individually polled, was voted in the affirmative by Joseph Saulnier, Michelle Couture, Janice Arsenault, John Harmon, and Jaclyn Sirrine), no motions were voted during this non-public session.

<u>Public Input</u>: Alison LaCasse approached the Board and asked that, since she didn't realize there was an action item this evening regarding the Unified Arts schedule at LRES, she be able to provide comment after the presentation this evening.

Randy LaCasse approached the Board and stated that he was disappointed with the School Board's decision to not take into account all the data provided regarding moving graduation to a Saturday. He feels that the Saturday option was a good one, and that the data supported that.

<u>Recognition</u>: Student Representative to the School Board Jeff Rivard was recognized for his year of service on the School Board.

Jaclyn Sirrine was recognized for her service since 2014 as a School Board Member.

John Harmon was recognized for his service since 2006 as a School Board Member.

<u>Unified Arts/Master Schedule - LRES</u>: LRES Principal Bryan Belanger and LRES Assistant Principal Laura Yacek presented information about their current Unified Arts Schedule. They reviewed the evolution of the schedule, including: the creation of the core schedule in 2015 and the transition to full day kindergarten in 2016; the current schedule; and results of surveys of 33 schools and of staff members.

During discussion:

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- Mr. Saulnier stated he would like to see the computer lab at LRES used more than it is now. Mrs. Yacek stated that classroom teachers have been asked to book computer time a certain number of times per week to use that space. Mr. Belanger stated that mobile technology is also brought to the classrooms.
- Mr. Harmon stated that the Board has asked for recommendations of a change to the schedule, and asked if administration has a recommendation. Mr. Belanger stated they found through their research that 79% of similar schools are using the same model. While other options are available, Raymond is doing what other schools with similar resources are already doing. Mr. Harmon stated some of the problems are the rigidity of the schedule and the need for UA teachers to input 500 entries into PowerSchool. He stated that he feels that because another school is doing something doesn't mean that the same approach is right for Raymond. Ms. Sirrine also expressed concern for planning for that many students.
- Mrs. Yacek stated that the fixed schedule is more for the students; that at elementary school, consistency is important. She noted that of the schools they surveyed, there was often more than one UA teacher, which is another solution to be considered. The quarters could be an idea, but then the challenge may be providing planning time as per the REA CBA. Mrs. Arsenault questioned the very short blocks of time currently being called "planning time."
- LRES Music Teacher Alison LaCasse was invited to share her thoughts. She stated that grading is
 difficult and daunting, that UA teachers see students 36 times a year, and there is a concern for holidays
 and missing classes.
- RHS Music Teacher Randy LaCasse stated that while the class load is important, the bigger challenge is competencies and the need to assess competencies just like core classes.
- Mr. Harmon asked what the Board would like to do moving forward. He stated that the Board's expectation was that they would hear a recommendation on a change. Mr. Saulnier suggested that administration see if they could visit schools that don't have two UA teachers. Mrs. Arsenault suggested that the schedule be kept as it is for now, and that they continue to work with staff and look at the schedule. Mr. Rivard stated that he would like to see how UA teachers specifically feel, as part of the survey and information gathering, instead of including them with other teachers. Ms. Sirrine stated that she hopes the discussion doesn't stop today, and that a recommendation comes to the Board after consultation with the UA teachers. Mrs. Couture stated that she would like administration to look more at what other schools are doing.
- It was agreed that administration would come to the School Board at one of the June meetings, which would allow some time for revision to the schedule if necessary.

<u>Donation Acceptance</u>: <u>MOTION</u>: Michelle Couture moved, seconded by Jaclyn Sirrine, to accept the donation from I.C. Reed & Sons in the amount of \$500 toward the Raymond High School baseball program. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

<u>Retirement</u>: <u>MOTION</u>: Michelle Couture moved, seconded by Joseph Saulnier, to accept the retirement of Walter Anacki effective June 30, 2018. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

<u>Committee Reports</u>: Mr. Harmon reported that the Library Media Focus Group met prior to the last Board meeting. They're looking at how to do things differently in the library, including how it will potentially impact the schedule at IHGMS and LRES.

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Mr. Harmon reported that the Survey Committee hasn't met recently, but the survey has been finalized and the UNH Survey Center anticipates mailing out the survey in late March or early April. The Selectme and/or the School Board should hear back in late May with results. Each home will receive one copy of the survey. If a household would like more copies, they can contact the SAU or Town Hall.

Mr. Saulnier stated that the Cable Committee met last week and discussed some technological issues that they had at the School District Deliberative Session and how to prevent the same next year.

Mr. Rivard stated that the Student Council and Site Council held a joint meeting to discuss doing something in remembrance of the students at Parkland.

<u>Superintendent's Report</u>: Dr. McCoy thanked Mr. Harmon and Ms. Sirrine for their service on the School Board. She also thanked Mr. Rivard, stating that his student perspective is important.

Dr. McCoy thanked Mr. Belanger and Mrs. Yacek for all they've accomplished since arriving at LRES. She stated that the Fundations programs is beginning to yield some great results.

Dr. McCoy thanked the Epping Grange for providing third grade students with dictionaries.

Dr. McCoy stated that Rafflemania is coming up and if anybody can provide donations or would like to volunteer their time, to contact IHGMS to talk with Carla or Tracey.

Dr. McCoy stated that Parent Forums on Competency Based Grading will be held on May 4, May 14, and May 21, each at 6:00 PM.

Correspondence/Other: None.

<u>Manifest Signing</u>: A quorum of the Board signed the manifest. Accounts Payable Total \$526,518.33. Payroll total \$397,428.18.

<u>Approval of Minutes</u>: <u>MOTION</u>: Michelle Couture moved, seconded by Joseph Saulnier, to approve the minutes of June 21, 2017 - Site Visit. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

<u>MOTION</u>: Jaclyn Sirrine moved, seconded by Michelle Couture, to approve the minutes of January 17, 2018. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

<u>MOTION</u>: Michelle Couture moved, seconded by Janice Arsenault, to approve the minutes of February 8, 2018 with the following amendment: page 2, revise second to last paragraph to indicate that it was the consensus of the Board to assign a Board member to work with the Conservation Commission. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

<u>MOTION</u>: Jaclyn Sirrine moved, seconded by Michelle Couture, to approve the minutes of February 12, 2018. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

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<u>MOTION</u>: Jaclyn Sirrine moved, seconded by Michelle Couture, to approve the minutes of February 21, 2018. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Non-Public Session: MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved, seconded by Joseph Saulnier, to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) "Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting."

Upon the Board members being individually polled, the motion was voted in the affirmative by Joseph Saulnier, John Harmon, Jaclyn Sirrine, Janice Arsenault, and Michelle Couture. The Board entered into non-public session at 8:47 PM and resumed public session at 9:40 PM. Other than the vote to exit non-public session and seal the minutes (which was moved by Joseph Saulnier, seconded by Michelle Couture, and upon the Board members being individually polled, was voted in the affirmative by Joseph Saulnier, Michelle Couture, Janice Arsenault, John Harmon, and Jaclyn Sirrine), no motions were voted during this non-public session.

<u>Adjournment</u>: <u>MOTION</u>: Joseph Saulnier moved, seconded by Michelle Couture, to adjourn the meeting. Voted unanimously in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned at 9:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Heywood, Raymond School Board Clerk

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> > Not voted to be kept confidential.

Non-Public Session A

<u>Present</u>: School Board Members John Harmon, Jaclyn Sirrine, Michelle Couture, Joseph Saulnier, and Janice Arsenault; Superintendent of Schools Tina McCoy.

Dr. McCoy reviewed this evening's retirement.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Heywood, Raymond School Board Clerk Raymond School Board Meeting March 8, 2018 Raymond High School Room 109 Minutes Page 5 Approved March 21, 2018

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Not voted to be kept confidential.

Non-Public Session B

<u>Present</u>: School Board Members John Harmon, Jaclyn Sirrine, Michelle Couture, Joseph Saulnier, and Janice Arsenault.

The School Board reviewed the Superintendent's evaluation.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Arsenault, Raymond School Board Secretary