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<u>Call to Order</u>: The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM. Present: School Board Members Joseph Saulnier, John Harmon, and Tony Clements; Ada Vadeboncouer joined via google meet at 8:10 PM; Business Administrator Marjorie Whitmore; Raymond High School Principal Steve Woodward (via Google Meet); Iber Holmes Gove Middle School Principal Bob Bickford (via Google Meet); Director of Safety and Facilities Todd Ledoux.

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

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

Non-Public Session:

MOTION: John Harmon moved to enter Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b)(c)(e) at 6:02PM, seconded by Tony Clements. Upon being individually polled, Joe Saulnier, John Harmon, and Tony Clements all voted in the affirmative (3-0).

MOTION: John Harmon moved to exit the non-public session at 7:01 PM, and seal item A. Mr. Harmon amended his motion to seal B as well, seconded by Tony Clements. Upon being individually polled, Tony Clements, John Harmon, and Joe Saulnier all voted in the affirmative (3-0). Other than the motions to enter and exit non-public, one motion was voted on during the non-public session.

<u>Open Public Hearing</u>: Chairman Joe Saulnier open a Public Hearing to consider the following expenditures from capital reserve funds: Up to a total of \$361,193 from the Equipment, Facilities Maintenance and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund to have the security wall built at Raymond High School, bathroom flooring at Raymond High School, update controls for the water line at Raymond High School, upgrades to LRES restrooms, and replacement of 5 energy recovery units at LRES. Up to a total of \$37,855 from the Food Service Capital Equipment Fund for a new dishwasher at Iber Holmes Gove Middle School, a new reach-in cooler at Raymond High School, food warmer at Raymond High School, and POS terminals district-wide. Up to a total of \$8,444 from the Technology Capital Reserve Fund for Category 6 rewiring at Raymond High School. There was no public input at this time.

<u>Close Public Hearing</u>: Chairman Joe Saulnier closed the public hearing.

<u>Approval of CIP Expenditures/Bid Awards</u>: Marjorie Whitmore and Todd Ledoux shared their recommendations for bids/quotes received for projects, which can be found in the meeting agenda.

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The total for the Upgrade two bathrooms at LRES is \$136,115.00. Todd Ledoux shared that this would complete the renovations to bring the students' bathrooms into ADA compliance at LRES.

The next quote was for Resurfacing Existing Epoxy Restroom Floor RHS. The total for this bid is \$54,300 (6 bathrooms) with an extra \$14,775 alternate option to do the gym bathrooms. John Hamon asked if any of this was necessary for safety concerns. Todd Ledoux shared that it was not. Joe Saulnier asked if there was a chance of the costs going down if we wait a year and go out to bid again next year. Todd believes this is a possibility.

The bid for the water controls at the high school, the recommendation is to go with HAWSCO for \$15,904. Todd shared the need for the check valve, which is included with the recommended bid. Todd also shared the amount of \$7,446 for new hydro tanks that are recommended by the plumber. John Harmon asked how that would stand in terms of the public hearing. Marjorie Whitmore shared that those processes would need to be gone through again if it were to come from the CIP funds.

The Security Wall for the high school is a sheetrock wall to block the view into the cafeteria. The low bid for this project is JBC Construction at \$63,996.

The Exterior Ramp Lower Soccer field at IHGMS project had 2 bids. The recommendation is to go with neither bid and price out other alternatives. Todd shared that the alternative option he was considering was to add some parking down closer to the fields for the cars that need it. This would involve some tree work to make it safe. John Harmon asked about night games- is the path lit up enough for that? Todd reported that they did look at it, and there are lights that could be rotated and used for that purpose. Tony Clements asked if the current stairs in question would be removed. Todd shared that they will definitely be removed, and the gate has been locked.

The LRES Energy Recovery Units project bid recommendation is for JBC construction for \$118,508. Todd shared that the current units have been hard to work on as they are from a smaller company with limited parts. John Harmon asked what would happen if these failed. Todd shared that it would become very difficult to bring in any fresh air during the winter months.

The PA/Classroom Speakers at all 3 school project bid recommendation is for Berard Systems for a total of \$349,760. This would be written into the ESSER grant. Todd shared that there are safety concerns tied into this so if it does not happen this year it will come up again. John Harmon shared that he does not support taking the speaker project from ESSER funds.

The RHS Fire Pump Replacement was already done in August of 2020.

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The Phone Cabling quote was for \$8,444, as much work was done in house. It was budgeted for \$40,000 in the CIP. Since it is under \$10,000 it will be taken out of the general fund.

The Dishwasher at IHGMS project bid recommendation is for Kittredge for \$32,085. John Harmon asked if these were the end of life, which Marjorie confirmed.

The Reach in Cooler at the High School project bid recommendation is for Kittredge for \$4,648.

MOTION: John Harmon moved to approve the \$136,115 for the Bathrooms at LRES, seconded by Tony Clements. Voted unanimously in the affirmative (3-0).

John Harmon shared that with the information he has right now he would not support the resurfacing project at RHS. Joe Saulnier was also ok with waiting on that project.

In regards to the water controls, John Harmon asked if the \$15,904 could be taken from capital reserve funds and \$7,446 from the general funds. Marjorie confirmed. **MOTION**: John Harmon moved to approve the water controls at RHS for \$15,904 from Capital Reserve, seconded by Tony Clements. Voted unanimously in the affirmative (3-0).

MOTION: John Harmon moved to approve the security wall at the high school for \$63,996 to come from the Capital Reserve Fund, seconded by Tony Clements. Voted unanimously in the affirmative (3-0).

The Board agreed to wait on the Soccer field.

John Harmon felt that the recovery units would be better suited for ESSER funds. Marjorie Whitmore shared that this would be dependent on these activities being grant approved.

In terms of the PA/Classroom Speakers at 3 schools, the Board would like to bid out the 3 schools separately, specifically the high school. They would like to get dates that this could be possible.

MOTION: John Harmon moved to approve the LRES energy recovery units \$118,508 taken from capital reserve funds if we don't get permission to use ESSER funds, Tony Clements seconded. Voted in the affirmative, Ada Vadeboncouer abstained (3-0-1).

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MOTION: John Harmon moved to spend \$32,085 from capital reserve for dishwasher at IHGMS, seconded by Tony Clements. Voted in the affirmative, Ada Vadeboncouer abstained (3-0-1).

MOTION: John Harmon moved to approve the reach in cooler for RHS \$4,648 from the capital reserve fund, seconded by Tony Clements. Voted in the affirmative, Ada Vadeboncouer abstained (3-0-1).

MOTION: John Harmon moved to amend the agenda to include the manifests at the end of the agenda, seconded by Tony Clements. Voted unanimously in the affirmative (4-0).

MOTION: John Harmon moved to amend the agenda to include the acceptance of the resignation of a School Board member prior to filling School Board Vacancy, seconded by Tony Clements. Voted unanimously in the affirmative (4-0).

Nominations/Resignations:

Marjorie Whitmore presented the nomination of Melissa Gardner Reading Interventionist at IHGMS at MA Step 2 for a salary of \$38,174.

MOTION: John Harmon moved to accept the nomination of Melissa Garner, reading interventionist at IHGMS at MA Step 2, seconded by Tony Clements. Voted in the affirmative, Ada Vadeboncouer abstained (3-0-1).

Marjorie Whitmore presented the nomination of Laura Pierce, Reading Interventionist at LRES on MA Step 14 for a salary of \$63,483.

MOTION: John Harmon moved to accept the nomination of Laura Pierce for reading interventionist at LRES on MA Step 14, Seconded by Tony Clements. Voted in the affirmative, Ada Vadeboncouer abstained (3-0-1).

Marjorie Whitmore presented the nomination of Emily Watts, IHGMS Math Interventionist on MA Step 1 for a salary of \$36,589.

MOTION: John Harmon moved to accept the nomination of Emily Watts, Math Interventionist at IHGMS for Step 1 MA, seconded by Tony Clements. Voted in the affirmative, Ada Vadeboncouer abstained (3-0-1).

Marjorie Whitmore presented the nomination of Hailey Endyke, Special Education Teacher/Case Manager at IHGMS on BA Step 1 for a salary of \$34,840.

MOTION: John Harmon moved to accept the nomination of Hailey Endyke special education teacher/case manager at IHGMS on Step 1 BA, seconded by Tony Clements. Voted in the affirmative, Ada Vadeboncouer abstained (3-0-1).

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Marjorie Whitmore presented the nomination of Robin Lee for LRES Math Specialist on MA Step 11 for a salary of \$55,903.

MOTION: John Harmon moved to accept the nomination of Robin Lee for math specialist at LRES Step 11 MA, seconded by Tony Clements. Voted in the affirmative, Ada Vadeboncouer abstained (3-0-1).

Marjorie Whitmore presented the resignation of Michale Whaland, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment.

MOTION: John Harmon moved to accept the resignation of Michael Whaland , effective June 30, 2021, seconded by Tony Clements. Joe Saulneir wished to thank Mike for his years of service here. Voted in the affirmative, Ada Vadeboncouer abstained (3-0-1).

Marjorie Whitmore presented the resignation of Gwen Reed, IHGMS Teacher. **MOTION**: John Harmon moved to accept the resignation of Gwen Reed , effective June 30, 2021, seconded by Tony Clements. Voted in the affirmative, Ada Vadeboncouer abstained (3-0-1).

Mr. Bickford raised concern that a special education teacher was nominated at IHGMS that was supposed to be at LRES. The teacher has the incorrect school name on the backup sheet, though it says LRES on her hiring packet. John Harmon clarified that the Board has hired the teacher, and the district can move the teacher to another school if needed.

Authorization for School Board Chair to Sign General Assurances FY 2022:

Each year, the NH Department of Education requires "assurances" from School Districts that certain procedures and requirements are being met. Superintendent and School Board Chair signatures are required.

MOTION: John Harmon moved to authorize the Board Chair to sign the general assurances for FY 2022, Tony Clements seconded. Voted in the affirmative (4-0).

<u>Resignation of a Board Member</u>: Joe Saulnier read the resignation letter of Janice Arsesnualt. **MOTION**: John Harmon moved to accept the resignation of Janice Arsenault effective June 16, 2021, seconded by Tony Clements. Voted unanimously in the affirmative (4-0).

<u>Process to Fill School Board Vacancy</u>: The next School Board meeting is July 21st. Letters of interest can be sent to Jennifer Heywood by July 19th. There would be in person interviews during the public session on July 21st, and then the Board would go into non public to discuss.

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MOTION: John Harmon moved to accept applications for the open position on the School Board to be submitted to Jennifer Heywood by July 19th at 4pm, candidates will then come to the Board meeting on July 21st at 6pm, for interviews, seconded by Tony Clements. Voted unanimously in the affirmative (4-0).

<u>Manifest Signing</u>: Marjorie Whitmore presented the Board with the Manifests. Payables totaling \$40,199.95, Payroll totaling \$244,206.39 for a total of \$284,406.34.

Adjournment:

MOTION: John Harmon moved to adjourn at 8:29PM, seconded by Tony Clements. Voted unanimously in the affirmative (4-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany L'Heureux School Board Clerk