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<u>Call to Order</u>: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. Present: School Board Members Joseph Saulnier, John Harmon, Ada Vadeboncoeur and Janice Arsenault; Superintendent of Schools Tina McCoy; Curriculum Coordinator Mike Whaland; Raymond High School Principal Steve Woodward; Business Administrator Marjorie Whitmore; Student Representative to the School Board Mason Lord.

<u>Proof of Posting</u>: It was noted that the meeting was properly posted.

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

MS-22 2021-2022 Signing: Marjorie Whitmore presented the Board with the final MS 22 document, which can be found in the meeting agenda.

MOTION: John Harmon moved to sign the MS 22 for 2021-2022, seconded by Janice Arseanult. Voted unanimously in the affirmative (4-0).

Monthly Financial Update: Marjorie Whitmore presented the Board with the Monthly Financial Update, which can be found in the meeting agenda. John Harmon asked for clarification on the Boards decision to accept the amount of unanticipated SchoolCare funds that they did, and revisit if it will need to be corrected. At this time, there is an estimated return to the town of \$225,000. John Harmon asked if the District would be going to Dale Transportation to renegotiate the contract since they were not providing the number of buses that were contracted for. Mrs. Whitmore reported that we only pay Dale per bus by day for regular education students. Mr. Harmon asked for an estimate of what the anticipated savings would be in this area. Mr. Harmon asked for clarification on why the communication lines were over budget. Mrs. Whitmore explained the increased cost of running things like the Technology Hotline due to the pandemic. These are things that the district should be able to use the COVID funding for. Mr. Saulnier asked if it was possible to have an estimate of what would be removed from the budget with this pandemic money. Mr. Saulnier stated that he has seen other districts that are putting out breakfast for all, and would like the District to investigate if this is true and done by other districts in order to be reimbursed.

2019-20 Audit Report Review: Marjorie Whitmore presented the Board with the Audit Report Review as found in the meeting agenda. Ms. Whitmore will bring bound hard copies to next week's meeting for the Board members that would like them. Mr. Harmon would like to see a list of the policies that the auditors are suggesting are updated. Mrs. Whitmore reported that they did not provide a list, but she will ask. She also reported that she would be going over the policies herself. The Board discussed making sure that funds for the Class of 2021 were cleared up before the class left at the end of the year so that it was not a problem for next year. Joe

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Saulnier asked to find out what the gift cards the auditors were referring to were used for. Going forward, gift cards will not be purchased with activity funds.

<u>District 21-22 Calendar</u>: Dr. McCoy presented an adjusted proposed calendar for the 2021-2022 year to the School Board. The changes were a result of SST changing their winter break and the recount of the REA/CBA warrant article. This calendar shows 178 days for students. John Harmon would like to see more days in the calendar for students by using the in service days-specifically March 8th and one from August. Mr. Harmon asked for clarification of the District Transition Day on August 27th. Dr. McCoy explained the purpose of that day was for students to adjust back to school life and come meet teachers and complete other activities. Since students may be coming back this year, there may be less of a need for that than originally anticipated. Joe Saulnier read a comment from Tony Clements that said he would rather see remediation in after school and over the summer than adding more days to the school year.

Mr. Saulnier stated that he doesn't mind adding in March 8th. If they removed a day in August, this day would be made up in June. It would not move the start date in September for students. Mr. Harmon expressed that he does not agree with Raymond always having to change their schedule to adjust for SST. Janice Arsenault reported that she brought to the Governing Board the concern of there not being collaborative scheduling. John Harmon would like to move the first day of school to the 31st. Mr. Harmon would like to leave the RHS graduation off the District calendar until later on. Janice Arsenault stated that she would like to make sure the Board votes on it early enough- before the holidays.

MOTION: John Harmon moved to accept the calendar of 2021-2022 as proposed with the changes to have school start on August 31st, have school on September 3rd, March 8th is a school day, the last day of school is June 15th and February vacation as proposed; seconded by Joe Saunlier. John Harmon stated that it was against current policy for the chair to make a motion or second. Joe Saulnier withdrew his second. The motion was seconded by Janice Arsenault. Voted unanimously in the affirmative (4-0).

Adjournment:

MOTION: John Harmon moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 PM, seconded by Janice Arsenault. Voted unanimously in the affirmative (4-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany L'Heureux School Board Clerk