

RAYMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT

FIRST SESSION (DELIBERATIVE SESSION) February 10, 2024

The Raymond School District First Session (Deliberative Session) was called to order at 10:00 AM in the Raymond High School Cafetorium by the Moderator Jonathan Wood.

The moderator led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The moderator stated that Edward French would be the Assistant Moderator for the meeting. Assisting the moderator for vote counts would be Doug Vogel and Christina Vogel.

Supervisors of the Checklist

Kathleen McDonald, Chair
Amy Hayes
Lisa Morrill

School District Clerk

Linda Hoelzel

Ballot Clerks

Elizabeth Wynne
Michael Wynne

The moderator recognized Christina Vogel who stated that Candidates' Night would be held on Tuesday, February 20th in the high school from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Candidates for town and school positions have been invited to attend and speak.

Christina Vogel, Director of Miss Raymond Scholarship Program and Little Miss Raymond, Camilla Occhipinti are proud to announce that the program was able to get a comfort dog for the Raymond Police Department. They were able to raise, with community help, \$7,000. to support the dog, named Cruiser.

Bronson and Ella from Raymond Coalition for Youth stated they had a bake and food sale in the hallway during the meeting. All proceeds will go to Raymond Coalition for Youth.

Jim McLeod, chairman for the Water Planning Committee, stated there was an information booth in the hallway and asked attendees to stop by and pick up a brochure.

The moderator introduced Budget Committee Chair, Julie Laughner, who introduced budget committee members Jeffrey Roy, Rani Merryman, selectmen representative, and Tony Clements, school board representative. Cody Cramer, vice chair and Nick Longo were unable to attend the meeting.

John Harmon recognized Linda Hoelzel, school district clerk, for her 41 years as school district clerk.

School Board Chair, John Harmon, introduced School District Attorney Mike Elwell, Superintendent Terry Leatherman, Business Administrator Marjorie Whitmore, School Board Vice Chair Tony Clements, School Board Member Cindy Bennett, School Board Member Joseph Saulnier, School Board Secretary Steve Scarfo, and Student Representative Tyler Duncan. John Harman then introduced the principals and directors of each school.

Method of Voting: Any article or motion needing to be voted upon by the meeting would be voted by those in attendance raising “yellow” colored voting cards with the letter “L” printed on them, unless declared otherwise by the moderator.

The moderator read and explained the rules of the meeting.

ARTICLE 1

Election of Officers

To choose the following School District Officers:

- To choose two School Board Members for the ensuing three years
- To choose one School District Moderator for the ensuing three years
- To choose one School District Clerk for the ensuing three years
- To choose one School District Treasurer for the ensuing three years

The moderator stated that Article 1 would be voted on at the School District Election on March 12, 2024. The moderator moved Article 1 to the ballot.

ARTICLE 2 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 \$30,723,861 (thirty million, seven hundred twenty-three thousand, eight hundred sixty-one dollars)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$31,392,336 (thirty-one million, three hundred ninety-two thousand, three hundred thirty-six 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. **(This article does not include appropriations proposed under any other warrant article.)**

(Recommended by the School Board: Yes-5; No-0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes-6; No-0)

(The estimated tax impact of passing this article is an increase of \$1.58 per \$1,000 assessment.)
(The estimated tax impact of not passing this article is an increase of \$2.07 per \$1,000 assessment.)

Joseph Saulnier read and explained Article 2. He stated that there was an error in calculating the tax impact on this article. It was originally posted as \$1.59. The correct amount is \$1.58.

The moderator opened the floor for discussion on Article 2.

There was no discussion and the moderator moved Article 2 to the ballot.

Motion: By Dana Zulager, duly seconded by John Harmon to restrict reconsideration on Article 2.

Voted by a show of cards.

Voted in the AFFIRMATIVE to restrict reconsideration on Article 2.

ARTICLE 3 Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$499,125 (four hundred ninety-nine thousand, one hundred twenty-five dollars) (in total) so that the following amounts can be added to the following previously established Capital Reserve Funds in order to implement the School District's 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Program?

Raymond School District Equipment, Facilities Maintenance and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2006)	\$ 403,526
Technology Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2001)	\$ 57,832
Food Service Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2006)	\$ 37,767
Total	\$ 499,125

(Recommended by the School Board: Yes - 5; No - 0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes - 4; No - 2)

(The estimated tax impact of passing this article is an increase of \$.03 per \$1000 assessment.)

School Board John Harmon read and explained Article 3. He stated that there was an error in calculating the tax impact on this article. It was originally posted as \$.06. The correct amount is \$.03.

The moderator opened the floor for discussion on Article 3.

After discussion the moderator moved Article 3 to the ballot.

Motion: By John Harmon, duly seconded by Arlene French to restrict reconsideration on Article 3.

Voted by a show of cards.

Voted in the AFFIRMATIVE to restrict reconsideration on Article 3.

ARTICLE 4 Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate up to \$400,000 from surplus funds with 25% (up to \$100,000) to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund for the Purpose of Educating Educationally Disabled Children (established in 2005) and 75% of that amount (up to \$300,000) to be placed in the existing Equipment, Facilities Maintenance and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2006) and with such sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1 (surplus)? No amount to be raised by additional taxation.

(Recommended by the School Board: Yes - 5; No - 0)

(Not Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes - 3; No - 3)

School Board member Tony Clements read and explained Article 4.

The moderator opened the floor for discussion on Article 4.

After discussion the moderator moved Article 4 to the ballot.

Other Business The moderator asked if there was any other business or discussion.

Susan Hilchey asked how to make a donation to the High School Penguin Plunge.

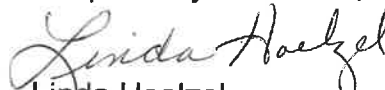
The answer to her question was that anyone can donate online at the New Hampshire High School Penguin Plunge website.

Motion: By John Harmon, duly seconded by Arlene French to adjourn to adjourn the First Session (Deliberative Session) of February 10, 2024.

Motion to adjourn voted by a show of cards. Voted in the AFFIRMATIVE to adjourn the Raymond School District First Session (Deliberative Session).


The moderator declared the Raymond School District First Session (Deliberative Session) of February 10, 2024 adjourned at 10:37 AM.

Respectfully submitted,


Linda Hoelzel
School District Clerk

A true copy of the minutes of the Raymond School District First Session (deliberative session) of February 10, 2024.

Attest:


Linda Hoelzel
School District Clerk