

RAYMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT

FIRST SESSION (DELIBERATIVE SESSION)

February 8, 2020

The Raymond School District First Session (deliberative session) was called to order at 10:04 AM in the Raymond High School Cafetorium by the School District Moderator, Edward French.

The moderator led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The moderator stated the meeting was properly posted.

Supervisors of the Checklist

Aimee Hayes
Kathleen McDonald
Lisa Morrell

Ballot Clerks

Arleen French
Wayne Welch
Elizabeth Wynne
Michael Wynne

The moderator stated that Wayne Welch would be the Assistant Moderator for the meeting and introduced Linda Hoelzel, School District Clerk.

Joseph Saulnier, School Board chair, introduced the members of the school board, SAU administrators, the school district attorney, school principals and other school district officials.

Budget Committee chair, Carol Watjus called the Budget Committee to order and introduced the members of the Budget Committee.

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

The moderator read and explained the rules of the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The moderator announced that the Raymond Coalition for Youth is providing coffee, yogurt, and snacks in the hallway.

ARTICLE 1

Election of Officers

To choose the following School District Officers:

To choose one School Board Member for the ensuing three years

To choose one School Board Member for the ensuing year

The moderator stated that Article 1 would be voted on at the School District Election on March 10, 2020. The moderator moved Article 1 to the ballot.

ARTICLE 8 MOVE UP

Motion: By Janice Arsenault, duly seconded by Beth Paris to move that Article 8 be taken up before Article 2.

Janice Arsenault stated that it was important to take up Article 8 before the budget (Article 2). Janice Arsenault stated that Joseph Saulnier would explain why Article 8 should be brought up before the budget.

Joseph Saulnier stated on February 7th, the DRA brought to the School District's attention that the school board overstated their one-time grant funding by putting it into two different spots. The two spots being the annual budget and Article 8. The board believed the adequacy grant and the one-time grant were separate and did not realize the one-time grant was on the warrant twice. One time in the adequacy grant and one time in Article 8.

Amending Article 8 to 0 dollars will avoid counting the one-time grant twice.

Joseph Saulnier stated he would like to thank the citizen who helped them find this error and apologized for this error on behalf of the school board and administration.

Voted by a show of cards to move Article 8 before Article 2. Voted in the AFFIRMATIVE to move Article 8 before Article 2.

ARTICLE 8 MOVED UP

Shall the Raymond School District vote to raise and appropriate \$320,669 (three hundred twenty thousand, six hundred sixty-nine dollars) for the purpose of school facility infrastructure projects with the sum to be offset by a one-time grant of "fiscal disparity" funds in the amount of \$320,669 (three hundred twenty thousand, six hundred sixty-nine dollars) as part of the State's adequacy aid to the District. No amount to be raised by additional taxation. This Article is a special warrant article.

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

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes-5; No-2)

Motion: By Janice Arsenault, duly seconded by Joseph Saulnier to amend Article 8.

Shall the Raymond School District vote raise and appropriate \$0 dollars (zero dollars) for the purpose of school facility infrastructure projects with the sum to be offset by a one-time grant of "fiscal disparity" funds in the amount of \$320,669 (three hundred twenty thousand, six hundred

sixty-nine dollars) as part of the State's adequacy aid to the District. No amount to be raised by additional taxation. This Article is a special warrant article.

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

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes-5; No-2)

Amendment to Article 8 voted by a show of cards. Voted in the AFFIRMATIVE to amend Article 8.

Janice Arsenault spoke to Amended Article 8. The moderator then opened Amended Article 8 to the floor for discussion.

Motion: By Jack Barnes, duly seconded by Joseph Saulnier to move the question.

Voted by a show of cards to move the question on Article 8. Voted in the AFFIRMATIVE to move the question on Article 8.

The moderator declared Amended Article 8 moved to the ballot.

Motion: By Carol Watjus, duly seconded by Dawn Merryman to restrict reconsideration of Amended Article 8.

Voted by a show of cards. Voted in the AFFIRMATIVE to restrict reconsideration of Amended Article 8.

The moderator stated we would now go back to Article 2.

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 \$25,902,672 (twenty-five million, nine hundred two thousand, six hundred seventy-two dollars)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$25,674,781 (twenty-five million, six hundred seventy-four thousand, seven hundred eighty-one 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-4; No-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes-5; No-2)

School Board Member Joseph Saulnier presented Article 2 along with a slide presentation. Article 2 was then opened to the floor to discussion.

The moderator moved Article 2 to the ballot.

Motion: By Michelle Couture, duly seconded by Jack Barnes to restrict reconsideration of Article 2.

Voted by a show of cards. Voted in the AFFIRMATIVE to restrict reconsideration of Article 2.

ARTICLE 3

Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$333,076 (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 2020-2021 Capital Improvement Program?

Raymond School District Equipment, Facilities Maintenance and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2006)	\$265,951
Technology Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2001)	\$ 55,000
Food Service Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2006)	\$ 12,125
Total	\$333,076

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

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes-5; No-2)

Janice Arsenault spoke to Article 3. Article 3 was then opened to the floor for discussion.

The moderator declared Article 3 moved to the official ballot.

Motion: By Kathleen Hoelzel, duly seconded by Jack Barnes to restrict reconsideration of Article 3.

Voted by a show of cards. Voted in the AFFIRMATIVE to restrict reconsideration of Article 3.

ARTICLE 4

Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate up to \$75,000 (seventy-five thousand dollars) to be placed in the existing Equipment, Facilities Maintenance and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2006), with such amount to be funded from the year-end fund balance available on July 1?

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

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes-6; No-1)

Janice Arsenault spoke to Article 4. Article 4 was then opened to the floor for discussion.

The moderator declared Article 4 moved to the official ballot.

Motion: By Janice Arsenault, duly seconded by Beth Paris to restrict reconsideration of Article 4.

Voted by a show of cards to restrict reconsideration of Article 4. Voted in the AFFIRMATIVE to restrict reconsideration of Article 4.

ARTICLE 5

Shall the School District vote to authorize the School Board to enter into a multi-year lease purchase agreement for the installation of up to \$1,743,064 (one million, seven hundred forty-three thousand, sixty-four dollars) of energy saving equipment and associated building and facility improvements at Raymond High School and Iber Holmes Gove Middle School, and further to raise and appropriate \$125,216 (one hundred twenty-five thousand, two hundred sixteen dollars) for annual lease payments to be partially offset by energy savings and a resulting reduction in costs? This lease agreement will contain a non-appropriation clause. Lease payments in future years will be \$125,216 (one hundred twenty-five thousand, two hundred sixteen dollars), guaranteed energy savings will be \$65,738 (sixty-five thousand, seven hundred thirty-eight dollars), so the estimated future budget impact, if this article passes is \$59,478 (fifty-nine thousand, four hundred seventy-eight dollars).

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

(Not Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes-3; No-3; Abstention-1)

Michelle Couture spoke to Article 5. Article 5 was then opened to the floor for discussion.

The moderator declared Article 5 moved to the official ballot.

Motion: By Michelle Couture, duly seconded by Joseph Saulnier to restrict reconsideration of Article 5.

Voted by a show of cards to restrict reconsideration of Article 5. Voted in the AFFIRMATIVE to restrict reconsideration of Article 5.

ARTICLE 6

Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate up to \$150,000 (one hundred fifty thousand dollars) to be placed in the existing Equipment, Facilities Maintenance and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2006), for the purpose of energy saving equipment and building improvements, with such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on July 1? No amount to be raised by additional taxation. This warrant article is contingent upon the passing of Article 5.

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

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes-4; No-3)

Michelle Couture spoke to Article 6. Article 6 was then opened to the floor for discussion.

The moderator declared Article 6 moved to the official ballot.

Motion: By Michelle Couture, duly seconded by Beth Paris to restrict reconsideration of Article 6.

Voted by a show of cards. Voted in the AFFIRMATIVE to restrict reconsideration of Article 6.

ARTICLE 7

Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,997 (fifty-five thousand, nine hundred, ninety-seven dollars) to be added to the Raymond School District Equipment, Facilities Maintenance and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2006) with this sum to come from the income generated by the water easement conveyed to the town and no amount is to be raised from taxation?

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

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes-7; No-0)

Beth Paris spoke to Article 7. Article 7 was then opened to the floor for discussion.

The moderator declared Article 7 moved to the official ballot.

Motion: By Janice Arsenault, duly seconded by Michelle Couture to restrict reconsideration of Article 7.

Voted by a show of cards. Voted in the AFFIRMATIVE to restrict reconsideration of Article 7.

ARTICLE 8

See Article 8 above. Article 8 was taken up before Article 2.

ARTICLE 9

Citizens Petition: Shall the Raymond School District, SAU 33 vote to require that the annual budget and all special warrant articles having a tax impact, as determined by the governing body shall contain the notation stating the estimated tax impact of the article pursuant to RSA 32:5 V-b.

(Recommended by the School Board: Yes-4; No-0)

Kathleen Hoelzel, as the petitioner, spoke to Article 9. Discussion was then opened to the floor.

The moderator moved Article 9 to the official ballot.

Motion: By Michael DiTommaso, duly seconded by Dawn Merryman to restrict reconsideration of Article 9.

Voted by a show of cards. Voted in the AFFIRMATIVE to restrict reconsideration of Article 9.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The moderator thanked the Raymond Coalition For Youth for providing refreshments. The moderator also thanked the RCTV volunteers for their work in simulcasting this meeting.

Candidates Night will be held on Wednesday, February 12th, from 7:00-9:30 PM in the Raymond High School Media Center. Snow date is Thursday, February 13th. For more information contact Christina Vogel at 895-1532.

The moderated stated that there are town and school positions that no one has signed up for. He urged anyone interested to declare a write-in candidacy.

School Board Chair, Joseph Saulnier took a moment to thank the school administration, school board members and the budget committee for all their hard work getting ready for today's session.

Joseph Saulnier also congratulated the following students:

The Iber Holmes Gove Middle School Girls' Basketball Team on their 2nd place finish in the State Finals.

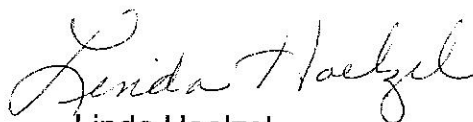
The Raymond High School Bowling Team for winning the State Championship.

All the high school students who participated in the Polar Plunge. They raised \$46,247. for Special Olympics.

Motion: By Joseph Saulnier, duly seconded by Dawn Merryman to adjourn the Raymond School District First Session (deliberative session).

The moderator declared the Raymond School District First Session (deliberative session) of February 8, 2020 adjourned at 12:30 PM.


Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Linda Hoelzel".

Linda Hoelzel
School District Clerk

A true copy of the minutes of the Raymond School District First Session (deliberative session) of February 8, 2020.

Attest:


Linda Hoelzel
School District Clerk