

RAYMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT

FIRST SESSION (DELIBERATIVE SESSION)

February 12, 2022

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

The moderator gave an overview of the warrant and what we would be voting on today and stated the meeting was properly posted.

The moderator led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wayne Welch was the assistant moderator. Douglas Vogel and Christina Vogel were assisting the moderator, when necessary, in counting votes.

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

The moderator introduced Linda Hoelzel, School District Clerk.

Budget Committee chair, Christine Harris called the Budget Committee to order and asked the members of the Budget Committee to introduce themselves. Budget Committee members attending the deliberative session were Vice Chair Michael DiTommaso, Selectmen Representative Kathleen Hoelzel, School Representative Anthony Clements, Dennis Garnham, Cody Cramer and Julie Laughner.

Joseph Saulnier, School Board Chair, Introduced members of the school board. School Board Vice Chair John Harmon, Anthony Clements, Dawn Leamer, Ada Vadeboncoeur and Student Representative Mason Lord. He then introduced School District Attorney Gordon Graham, Business Administrator Marjorie Whitmore and Interim Superintendent Dr. David DeRousi. Dr. DeRousi then introduced the principals and directors of each school.

Supervisors of the Checklist

Kathleen McDonald
Amy Hayes

Ballot Clerks

Elizabeth Wynne
Michael Wynne

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

The moderator stated that Article 1 would be voted on at the School District Election on March 8, 2022. 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 \$26,798,318 (twenty-six million, seven hundred ninety-eight thousand, three hundred eighteen dollars)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$26,780,772 (twenty-six million, seven hundred eighty thousand, seven hundred seventy-two 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.) (This article will be reduced by \$51,658 if Article 1 is adopted.)

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

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

(The estimated tax impact of passing this article is an increase of \$0.36 per \$1,000 assessment.)

(The estimated tax impact of not passing this article is an increase of \$0.34 per \$1,000 assessment.)

The moderator opened the floor for discussion on Article 2.

Anthony Clements spoke to Article 2.

After discussion the moderator moved Article 2 to the ballot as read.

Motion: By John Harmon, duly seconded by Edward French 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 approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Raymond School Board and the Raymond Education Association, which calls for the following changes in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels from those paid in the prior fiscal year:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2022-2023	\$409,659
2023-2024	\$437,208
2024-2025	\$458,938

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$409,659 (four hundred nine thousand, six hundred fifty-nine dollars) for the upcoming fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels?

(Recommended by the School Board: Yes-3; No-2)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes-7; No-0)

(The estimated tax impact, of this article is an increase of \$0.31 per \$1,000 assessment.)

Motion: By Arlene French, duly seconded by Susan Hilchey to move Article 3 to the floor for discussion.

John Harmon spoke to Article 3.

After discussion the moderator moved Article 3 to the ballot as read.

Motion: By John Harmon, duly seconded by Edward French 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, if article 3 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address article 3 cost items only?

Motion: By Edward French, duly seconded by Douglas Vogel to move Article 4 to the floor for discussion.

There being no discussion on Article 4 the moderator moved Article 4 to the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 5

Shall the School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Raymond School Board and the Raymond Educational Support Staff, which calls for the following changes in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels from those paid in the prior fiscal year:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase/Decrease</u>
2022-2023	\$ (51,658 decrease)
2023-2024	\$171,930
2024-2025	\$127,535
2025-2026	\$162,371

and further to reduce the amount appropriated in Article 2, the operating budget, by the sum of \$51,658 (fifty-one thousand, six hundred fifty-eight dollars) for the upcoming fiscal year, such sum representing the savings attributable to the decrease in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels?

(Recommended by the School Board: Yes-5; No-0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes-7; No-0)

(The estimated tax impact, of this article is an increase of \$0.04 per \$1,000 assessment.)

Motion: By Arlene French, duly seconded by Brady Ward to move Article 5 to the floor for discussion.

Joseph Saulnier spoke to Article 5.

After discussion the moderator moved Article 5 to the ballot as read.

Motion: By John Harmon, duly seconded by Kristin Wallace to restriction reconsideration on Article 5.

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

ARTICLE 6

Shall the School District, if article 5 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address article 5 cost items only?

Motion:

By Joseph Saulnier, duly seconded by Michael DiTommaso to move Article 6 to the floor for discussion.

There being no discussion on Article 6 the moderator moved Article 6 to the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 7

Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$412,500 (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 2022-2023 Capital Improvement Program?

Raymond School District Equipment, Facilities Maintenance and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2006)	\$160,305
Technology Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2001)	\$150,000
Food Service Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2006)	\$ 102,195
Total	\$412,500

(Recommended by the School Board: Yes-4; No-0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes-6; No-1)

(The estimated tax impact of passing this article is an increase of \$0.03 per \$1,000 assessment.)

The moderator moved Article 7 to the floor for discussion.

Dawn Leamer spoke to Article 7.

After discussion the moderator moved Article 7 to the ballot.

Motion: By John Harmon, duly seconded by Joseph Saulnier to restrict reconsideration of Article 7.

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

ARTICLE 8

Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate up to \$400,000 (four hundred thousand dollars) to be placed in the existing Equipment, Facilities Maintenance and replacement Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2006), this sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1? No amount to be raised by additional taxation.

(Recommended by the School Board: Yes-4; No-0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes-7; No-0)

(No additional tax impact.)

Motion: By Kathy Pouliot, duly seconded by Arlene French to move Article 8 to the floor for discussion.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Edward French, duly seconded by Tony Clements to move the question.

Motion to move the question voted by a show of cards. Voted in the AFFIRMATIVE to move the question.

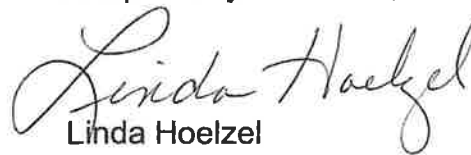
The moderator moved Article 8 to the ballot as read.

Motion: By Kiera Clements, duly seconded by Brady Ward to adjourn to adjourn the First Session (deliberative session) of February 12, 2022.

Motion to adjourn voted by a voice vote, Aye or Nay. Voted in the AFFIRMATIVE.


The moderator declared the Raymond School District First Session (deliberative session) of February 12, 2022 was adjourned at 12:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Linda Hoelzel
School District Clerk

A true copy of the minutes of the Raymond School District First Session (deliberative session) of February 12, 2022.

Attest:


Linda Hoelzel
School District Clerk