

RAYMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION

SECOND SESSION

MARCH 12, 2019

The Raymond School District Election, Second Session, was held in the Iber Holmes Gove Middle School Gymnasium. The moderator for the election was the town moderator, Kathleen Hoelzel. Assistant Moderators were Edward French and Timothy Lewis.

The ballot boxes were tested on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, at 9:00 AM, by the town clerk, town moderator, and school district clerk.

On Tuesday, March 12, 2019, Assistant Moderators Edward French and Timothy Lewis opened and inspected the ballot boxes and declared them empty. The ballot boxes were then locked.

Zero total slips were printed and posted at 6:32 AM.

The ballot clerks and election officials were sworn in by the moderator at 6:58 AM.

BALLOT CLERKS:

Adam Beck  
Michelle Dubin  
Jennifer Ferrante  
Kathleen Stockley

The moderator read the rules of the meeting.

The moderator led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The moderator declared the polls open at 7:00 AM.

Absentee ballots were processed at 9:00 AM. There were 47 school absentee ballots.

The ballot box was opened and emptied at 9:50 AM. The count was 227. The ballots were boxed and sealed.

The ballot box was opened and emptied at 11:00 AM. The count was 379. The ballots were boxed and sealed.

The ballot box was opened and emptied at 4:15 PM. The count was 955. The ballots were boxed and sealed.

The moderator declared the polls closed at 7:00 p.m.

Total Number of Ballots:	2,517
Total Absentee Ballots	100

Ballots Cast:	1,376
Absentee Ballots Cast	47
Total Ballots Cast:	1,423

Results of the Election:

<u>School Board for three (3) years</u>	<u>Vote for two (2)</u>
*Janice A. Arsenault	960 votes
*Joe Saulnier	956 votes

Write-Ins:

Tina Thomas	7 votes
John Harmon	3 votes
George Hester	2 votes
Art Wolinsky	2 votes

There were 22 persons receiving one vote each.

**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 \$25,300,796 (twenty-five million, three hundred thousand, seven hundred ninety-six dollars)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$24,953,346 (twenty-four million, nine hundred fifty-three thousand, three hundred forty-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-4; No-0)

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

YES: 791\*                      NO: 598

**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 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</u>
2019-2020	\$75,702
2020-2021	\$83,131
2021-2022	\$72,395

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,702 (seventy-five thousand, seven hundred two 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-5; No-0)

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

YES: 888 \*                      NO: 515

**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?

YES: 726 \*                      NO: 609

**ARTICLE 5** 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 2019-2020 Capital Improvement Program?

Raymond School District Equipment, Facilities Maintenance and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2006)	\$235,365
Technology Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2001)	\$ 75,000
Food Service Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2006)	\$ 22,711
Total	\$333,076

(Recommended by the School Board: Yes-4; No-1)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes-3; No-2)

YES: 834 \*

NO: 552

**ARTICLE 6** Shall the School District vote to discontinue the Textbook Capital Reserve Fund established in 2002, with said fund and accumulated interest to the date of withdrawal (estimated at \$0) to be transferred to the District's general fund?

(Recommended by the School Board: Yes-3; No-0)

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

YES: 1144 \*

NO: 230

**ARTICLE 7** Shall the School District, pursuant to RSA 35:9-A, III authorize the trustees of the trust funds to charge any expenses incurred for professional banking and brokerage services for School District capital reserve funds and trust funds in their custody against the capital reserve or trust funds involved, with this authority to remain in effect until rescinded by vote of the School District provided that a vote to rescind such authority may not occur within five years of the adoption of this article?

(Recommended by the School Board: Yes-3; No-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes-4; No-1)

YES: 938 \*

NO: 429

**ARTICLE 8** 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-3; No-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes-3; No-2)

YES: 874 \*

NO: 518

**ARTICLE 9** Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,000 (twenty-two thousand 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-3; No-0)

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

YES: 1027 \*

NO: 363

**ARTICLE 10** Shall the Raymond School District vote to form a committee of seven members to be appointed by the School Board to study the possibility of the District entering a tuition agreement for Raymond High School students with Pinkerton Academy, with the committee to report its findings to the School Board on or before December 1, 2019; to authorize the School Board to conduct a building needs assessment and design analysis of the potential to convert and renovate Raymond High School into an elementary school; and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for any building needs assessments to convert the high school to an elementary school that the committee may need? Should the article pass, when the study is completed, a vote by the district voters would be required to enter any agreement with Pinkerton or any other school district.

(Not Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes-2; No-4; Abstain-1)

YES: 337

NO: 1064 \*

**Motion:** By Jack Barnes, duly seconded by George Plante to adjourn the School District Election, Second Session.

Voted by those present, Aye or Nay. Voted in the AFFIRMATIVE to adjourn.

The Raymond School District Election (Second Session), of March 12, 2019 adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Hoelzel".

Linda Hoelzel

School District Clerk

A true copy of the minutes of the Raymond School District Election (Second Session), of  
March 12, 2019.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Hoelzel".

Linda Hoelzel

School District Clerk