

RAYMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT

FIRST SESSION (DELIBERATIVE SESSION)

February 2, 2019

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.

Supervisors of the Checklist

Aimee Hayes
Kathleen McDonald
Lisa Morrell

Ballot Clerks

Gail Ernst
Eileen French
Elizabeth Wynne
Michael Wynne

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

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

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.

Method of Voting: Any article or motion needing to be voted upon by the meeting would be voted by those in attendance raising "buff" 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The moderator announced that 109 Raymond High School students participated this morning in the Polar Plunge and raised 24,964. for Special Olympics.

ARTICLE 1

Election of Officers

To choose the following School District Officers:

To choose two School Board Member for the ensuing three years

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 \$25,235,171 (twenty-five million, two hundred thirty-five thousand, one hundred seventy-one 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-3; 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.

ARTICLE 2 – AMENDMENT

Motion: By Michelle Dubin, duly seconded by Cheryl Killam to Amend Article 2 by 65,000. to add a case worker at the middle school.

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.)

At the end of the Deliberative Session, the School Board went into session and the Budget Committee, already in session, voted to recommend or not recommend Amended Article 2 as follows:

**(Recommended by the School Board: Yes-4; No-0)
(Not Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes-3; No-2)**

The moderator reminded the audience that if this amendment passed and the 65,625. was added to the budget and the budget passed at election, the school board was not under any obligation to use this money for a case worker. However, the audience could certainly indicate that is how they wanted the money to be used.

Michelle Dubin spoke to the amendment to Article 2. The moderator opened the floor to discussion for the amendment to Article 2.

Amendment to Article 2 was voted by a show of cards. Amendment to Article 2 voted in the AFFIRMATIVE.

The moderator moved Article 2, as amended, to the official ballot.

Motion: By Cheryl Killam, duly seconded by Joshua Mann to restrict reconsideration on Article 2 as amended.

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

ARTICLE 7 MOVED UP

Kevin Woods, Trustee of the Trust Funds, asked if the body would be willing to discuss Article 7 at this time. He would like to speak to Article 7 and because of a work commitment he would not be here later.

The moderator asked all those in favor of moving up Article 7.

Voted by a show of cards. Voted in the AFFIRMATIVE to move up Article 7.

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)**

Kevin Woods spoke to Article 7.

The moderator moved Article 7 to the official ballot.

Motion: By Joshua Mann, duly seconded by Cheryl Killam to restrict reconsideration on Article 7.

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

The moderator stated we would now go back to Article 3.

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)

School Board Member Michelle Couture spoke to Article 3.

Article 3 was opened to the floor for discussion.

The moderator reminded the assembly that Article 3 could not be amended because it is a bargaining issue.

The moderator declared Article 3 moved to the official ballot.

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?

Michelle Couture spoke to Article 4.

The moderator declared Article 4 moved to the official ballot.

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)

School Board member Joseph Saulnier presented Article 5.

Article 5 was opened to the floor for discussion.

The moderator declared Article 5 moved to the official ballot.

Motion: By Cheryl Killam, duly seconded by Jack Barnes to restrict reconsideration on Articles 3, 4, and 5.

Voted by a show of cards to restrict reconsideration of Articles 3, 4, and 5.

Voted in the AFFIRMATIVE to restrict reconsideration of Articles 3, 4 and 5.

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)

School Board member Michelle Couture presented Article 6.

Article 6 was opened to the floor for discussion.

The moderator declared Article 6 moved to the official ballot.

Motion: By Jack Barnes, duly seconded by Joshua Mann to restrict reconsideration on Article 6.

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

ARTICLE 7

See Article 7 above. Article 7 was taken up after Article 2.

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)

Michelle Couture spoke to Article 8.

The moderator moved Article 8 to the official ballot.

Motion: By Joshua Mann, duly seconded by Cheryl Killam to restrict reconsideration of Article 8.

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

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 to be raised from taxation?

(Recommended by the School Board: Yes-3; No-0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes-5; No-0)

School Board member Janice Arsenault spoke to Article 9. Discussion was then opened to the floor.

The moderator moved Article 9 to the official ballot.

Motion: By Cheryl Killam, duly seconded by Jack Barnes 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 stated that because the budget (Article 2) was amended, the Budget Committee and School Board will take up the amended amount to either recommend or not recommend Article 2 at the conclusion of the Deliberative Session.

Candidates Night will be held on Tuesday, February 19th, from 7:00-9:30 PM in the Raymond High School Media Center.

RECESS

The moderator stated that the meeting would recess at 11:30 AM for 20 minutes and reconvene at 11:50 AM. The moderator stated that the Raymond Coalition for Youth was selling refreshments in the hallway.

The moderator recessed the meeting at 11:30 AM.

The moderator called the meeting back to order at 11:50 AM

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 up to \$50,000 for any building needs assessments to convert the high school to an elementary school that the committee may need?

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

School Board Member Janice Arsenault spoke too Article 10 which included a slide presentation.

The moderator then opened Article 10 to the floor for discussion.

ARTICLE 10 – AMENDMENT 1

Motion: By Jane Bailey, duly seconded by Wayne Watjus to amend 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, or other public

high schools within a 20 mile radius of Raymond and for the School Board to report back to school district voters with recommendations at the 2020 deliberative session.

Jane Bailey spoke to Article 10-Amendment 1. Discussion was then opened to the floor.

After some discussion, Jack Barnes made a motion to move the question.

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

Article 10 – Amendment 1 voted by a show of cards. Article 10 – Amendment 1 voted in the NEGATIVE.

ARTICLE 10 – AMENDMENT 2

Motion: By Dawn Merryman, duly seconded by Jane Bailey to amend 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?

Dawn Merryman spoke to Article 10-Amendment 2. Discussion was then opened to the floor.

Article 10 – Amendment 2 voted by a show of cards. Article 10 – Amendment 2 voted in the NEGATIVE.

ARTICLE 10 – AMENDMENT 3

Motion: By Norman Lord, duly seconded by Jack Barnes to amend 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 up to \$50,000 for any building needs assessments to convert the high school to an elementary school that the committee may need? Should the amendment pass, when the study completes, a vote by the towns people would be required to enter any agreement with Pinkerton or any other school district.

Norman Lord spoke to the amendment. Discussion was then opened to the floor.

Attorney Gordon Graham, recommended a friendly amendment to clarify the language in Article 10-Amendment 3. The amended section would read: 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.

Gordon Graham asked that the minutes reflect that the sense of the meeting was that Article 10 did not apply to emergency situations.

The moderator asked if it was the sense of the meeting that Article 10 did not apply to emergency situations.

Voted by a show of cards. Voted the AFFIRMATIVE that it was a sense of the meeting that Article 10 did not apply to emergency situations.

Attorney Graham suggested another friendly amendment. Where the wording in Article 10-Amendment 3 says “the sum of up to \$50,000” be changed to “the sum of \$50,000.”

Motion: By Joseph Saulnier, duly seconded by Josh Mann to make the following friendly amendment to Article 10 – Amendment 3: to change the wording from “the sum of up to \$50,000” to “the sum of \$50,000.”

Article 10 – Amendment 3 will now read: 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.

Article 10 – Amendment 3 was voted by a show of cards. Article 10 – Amendment 3 voted in the AFFIRMATIVE.

The moderator declared Article 10, as amended, moved to the official ballot.

Motion: By Josh Mann, duly seconded by Joseph Saulnier to restrict reconsideration of Article 10.

Voted by a show of cards. Voted in the AFFIRMATIVE to restrict reconsideration on Article 10.

Motion: By Cheryl Killam, duly seconded by Joshua Mann to adjourn the Raymond School District First Session (deliberative session).

The moderator declared the Raymond School District First Session (deliberative session) of February 2, 2019 adjourned at 1:35 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 2, 2019.

Attest:

Linda Hoelzel
School District Clerk