

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Present: School Board Members John Harmon, Jaclyn Serrine, Joseph Saulnier, Diane Naoum and Susan Pettigrew; Ron Brickett, Ellen Small, Patrick Arsenaault, Walter Anacki, Bailey Rigg, Todd Ledoux in attendance for the school district.

Proof of Posting: It was noted that the meeting was properly posted.

The School Board reviewed department presentations of the proposed 2017-18 budget: After-School Program, Student Services, Technology, and Maintenance. During discussion:

- The \$4,000 increase in the after-school program professional development line is for conferences throughout the state specifically designed for after-school programming.
- There are 26 special education aides at LRES this year compared to 24 budgeted for next year.
- There are 22 special education aides at IHGMS this year compared to 20 budgeted for next year.
- RHS special education aides will stay the same at 14.
- The district is bidding out for special education transportation, but they did budget for the 7% increase that would be in place with the Safeway contract if the district renews with them.
- Mr. Anacki stated that the lowest cost for an out-of-district placement is \$40,000.
- Mr. Harmon asked for clarification on the allotted placement amount. He would like to know if it's a just-in-case scenario or a definite student leaving the district.
- Mr. Harmon asked to see the numbers of students who have gone out of district for the past five years plus this year, as well as how many students the district is providing services for in-district and the money being spent.
- Mr. Brickett explained the overtime pay that will be new this year; that a new law that took effect this year makes it so our tech support will need overtime pay if they work over 40 hours.
- The technology new equipment line includes planning to purchase 20 new Chromebooks at \$250 per Chromebook and \$1,000 with the cart. The goal is one cart per grade. The replacement equipment line includes 15 computers at each school at \$450 each and 7 projectors for each school at \$750 each.
- The increase in maintenance contracted services is due to using a new company which charges on the amount of units the district has, not a flat fee.
- Mr. Harmon inquired about the middle school electricity line and whether it covers field lighting. He suggested more night games if the district is already paying for the lighting.
- Mr. Brickett stated that a ballpark amount for health insurance was \$3,588,359, but the 2017-18 health and dental premiums have yet to come in.

Adjournment: MOTION: John Harmon moved, seconded by Diane Naoum, to adjourn the meeting. Voted unanimously in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Saulnier
Raymond School Board Secretary