

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Present: School Board Members John Harmon, Jaclyn Serrine, Michelle Couture, Joseph Saulnier, and Janice Arsenault; Superintendent of Schools Tina McCoy; Business Administrator Ron Brickett; After School Program Director Patrick Arsenault; Raymond High School Principal Steve Woodward; Iber Holmes Gove Middle School Principal Bob Bickford; Technology Director Kevin Federico.

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

Pledge of Allegiance: All those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2018-2019 Budget Work Session - Department Presentations:

After School Program: Patrick Arsenault

Note: Janice Arsenault recused herself and left the room prior to this presentation.

Mr. Brickett explained that the District picks up 35% of the program costs. The 21st Century grant pays the remaining expenses so they are not included in the budget.

Patrick Arsenault explained the salary for staff associated with the after school program, student transportation and general supplies.

Raymond High School: Steve Woodward

- Eliminated one English teacher (due to low enrollment); teachers currently handling online learning as a teaching responsibility.
- World Language, (Reduce .6 position due to enrollment. Could combine one position to a French/Spanish position) Requested information: Enrollment in all the foreign language classes .
- Music teacher, Will be moved .5 to middle school.
- Eliminated the nurses aide positions. Removing the LNA at the high school and replacing with the hiring of an LPN to work with the RN at each school district wide.
- Discussed why they want to reduce the department heads; in order to better facilitate conversations between connected areas. Request for information comparing Raymond to what other schools our size do.
- Sixth period stipends; ex. A teacher covers a class that would not be able to be covered due to scheduling conflicts.
- Student transportation. Requested information: What trips are included in the increase in transportation and did these trips take place previously.
- Davinney Brazeau spoke on expanding the hours of the athletic trainer to cover games and practices.

Public Comment for High School:

- Randy Lacasse asked about setting up a capital reserve account to purchase musical instruments,
- Elizabeth Koch spoke about keeping the spot for an online teacher. Regarding foreign language; looking at the items at the middle school and high school separately, we need to be sure not to lose FTE of

foreign languages. Request information for two years of which classes students are enrolled in as online classes.

- Dottie Yaris spoke of enrollment of Spanish classes in middle school and high school.
- Deb Papamichael spoke to the benefits of the LNA's at each school. Rebecca Stewart spoke to the duties of the LNA vs. LPN
- Heather Powers spoke in favor of keeping the LNA at each school. She also spoke in favor of keeping music and foreign language positions.
- Beth Paris spoke in favor of the LPN position due to the responsibilities that the LNA's are taking that she thinks is beyond their scope of practice.

Technology: Kevin Federico

Mr. Brickett reviewed that the Technology Department consists of the Director and three technicians in the District. There are no changes in the number of staff.

- Professional development. Information requested: Breakdown of all of the money for professional development.
- Software: Moving PowerSchool to the cloud; Moving to Star testing; Microsoft licenses, Enriching Students, etc. Request: List of what we are budgeting and what we are using.
- Two new Chromecarts in middle school, two in high school, 25 Chromebooks on each cart. Request information on Chromebooks available at each school.
- Replacement equipment: Primary domain control server, 4 desktops at SAU office (windows based PC) 15 replacement computers for teachers at each school (windows based laptops for teachers and desktop for administration, 7 projectors.
- Joseph Saulnier spoke as public citizen in favor of adding Chromebooks to the LRES budget.

District-Wide: Ron Brickett

- Only position change is adding LPN at \$28,000.
- Severance is a three year average.
- Request information: Information on the pay and attendance of the school board clerk.
- Request back up for dues and fees, actuals and what was budgeted.

Initiatives:

- To eliminate three LNA positions, one from each school, and hire one LPN to be housed at LRES but to work district-wide.
- To increase the salary of the assistant principals to make them more competitive with other districts.

Adjournment: MOTION: Joseph Saulnier moved, seconded by Michelle Couture, to adjourn the meeting. Voted unanimously in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned at 9:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Arsenault,
School Board Secretary