

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Present: School Board Members Joseph Saulnier, Beth Paris (via Google Meet); Melissa Sytek (at 7:04 PM), Tony Clements and Janice Arsenault; Superintendent of Schools Tina McCoy; Business Administrator Marjorie Whitmore; Curriculum Coordinator Mike Whaland; Director of Student Services Michael Hatfield; Lamprey River Elementary Principal Laura Yacek; Iber Holmes Gove Middle School Principal Bob Bickford; Raymond High School Principal Steve Woodward; Technology Director Kevin Federico; Director of Student Behavioral Health Jessica Caron; Director of Safety and Facilities Todd Ledoux.

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.

2021-2022 Budget: The Board reviewed the updated draft budget documents, as found in the meeting agenda. A draft of the projected default budget can also be found in the meeting agenda.

Janice Arsenault stated that it was brought to her attention this week that the YEES worker at the high school was similar to the Middle School, and no students had the YEES worker written into their IEPs. Due to this, Janice Arsenault proposed to move \$62,115 out of the special education lines, and \$26,621 from contracted services/ JAG for a total of \$88,736 to remove the high school YEES worker. If the YEES worker is removed at both schools, this is a savings of \$159,709 for the district. Tony Clements, Joe Saulnier and Beth Paris agreed; Melissa Sytek did not agree. Mike Hatfield stated that there are 2 students that are identified that use the YEES worker services. In the past, the special education department was told to not write these services into IEPs. There is concern that the contracted employee can only work with a certain number of students.

5th grade teacher Rebecaa Boucher wrote a letter to request that the YEES worker be kept at the Middle School, as read by Joe Saulnier.

Janice Arsenault stated that it was brought to her attention that the state would not help fund the JAG program as much as they have in years past. Janice Arsenault proposed that the Board add the necessary money (\$14,000) to keep the JAG program. Melissa Sytek, Tony Clements and Joe Saulnier agreed; Beth Paris said no.

Janice Arsenault proposed to add \$15,000 for Project Lead The Way to the High School budget. Beth Paris, Melissa Sytek, Tony Clements and Joe Saulnier all agreed.

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The new budget amount would be \$26,548,696. Marjorie Whitmore will double check the need to change the default budget to reflect these changes if necessary.

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved to approve the 2021-2022 school district operating budget in the amount of \$26,548,696, Joe Saunier seconded. Voted unanimously in the affirmative (5-0).

Adjournment:

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 PM, seconded by Joe Saunier. Voted unanimously in the affirmative (5-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany LHeureux
School Board Clerk