

Raymond School Board Meeting

October 7, 2020

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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. Present: School Board Members Joseph Saulnier, Melissa Sytek, Tony Clements (via Google Meet), Beth Paris (via Google Meet) and Janice Arsenault; Superintendent of Schools Tina McCoy; Business Administrator Marjorie Whitmore; Director of Student Services Mike Hatfield; Raymond High School Principal Steve Woodward; Iber Holmes Gove Middle School Bob Bickford (via Google Meet); Lamprey River Elementary School Principal Laura Yacek; Curriculum Coordinator Mike Whaland.

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.

Public Input: None at this time.

Our Students/ Our Schools: Girl Scout troop #10427 installed a Little Free Library at LRES to provide more reading options during the pandemic. A few of the girls and the troop leader spoke with the Board about their project.

LRES Building Committee Recommendations: LRES Building Committee Chair Ken Hajjar came to speak with the Board, with backup information as found in the meeting agenda. At this time, the Committee is recommending that the LRES Building Committee can remain in place so that they can continue to pursue alternatives in much greater detail since they do not feel they are in a place to make a recommendation at this time. Architect Kyle Barker explained that at this time, the committee was unable to state that one option was better than the other due to a lack of information. Ken Hajjar would like to see Kyle Barker continue to work on two solid plans to present to the School Board in the future. Janice Arsenault would like to extend the life of the committee. Dr. McCoy clarified that these additional plans would come at a cost of \$5,000, which can be found in the LRES Proposal Add Services document found in the meeting agenda. The Board also clarified that the 4th grade move to IHGMS was temporary, so the plans would include adding 4th grade back to LRES in the long run. Mr. Barker gave the Board an overview of the process to get state funds if building new.

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved to let the Lamprey River Elementary School Building Committee continue their work and fund the \$5,000 to make that happen, seconded by Joe Saulnier. The Board discussed that the Charge for the Committee will include moving the 4th grade back to LRES. Voted unanimously in the affirmative (5-0).

RHS Sports Eligibility Requirements: Mr. Woodward presented proposed changes to the Athletic & Co-Curricular Handbook in line with the changes to the current school year schedule. The proposed changes can be found in the meeting agenda.

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved to accept the changes proposed for the Raymond Athletic Eligibility, seconded by Melissa Sytek. Voted unanimously in the affirmative (5-0).

Student Services Update: Student Services Director Michael Hatfield presented the Board with an update, as found in the meeting agenda.

Review of Reopening Plan: Dr. McCoy presented the Board with proposed edits to the reopening plan, after reviewing and learning from the first 30 days of school. The proposed edits can be found in the meeting agenda. The Board discussed how the District can support families that may need to pull their students from hybrid learning and transition to remote as necessary. Students will still not be able to return to hybrid until the start of a new term. The language will reflect that exceptions will be made on a case by case basis. On page 16, there will be changes to the language about VLACs, and a list added of RHS courses that are available remotely. The Note at the bottom of page 16 will also be removed.

Tina Thomas emailed to ask if the Board could take off their masks when speaking. Mr. Saulnier stated that the Board would try to speak louder and move closer to the microphones.

The language on page 21 will reflect that the District is using guidance from the CDC and DHHS for these recommendations.

Janice Arsenault stated that she would like to see masks required for students in grades K-3, with accommodations for students with special needs. Joe Saulnier asked Laura Yacek how masks have been working for students at the elementary school. Mrs. Yacek reported that students are doing a great job with their masks, though there have been mask breaks as needed, while distanced. Melissa Sytek stated that where she is working, masks are required for K-4 and the students are doing so well with their masks. The language will be changed to reflect masks will be mandated, while also leaving the new language for mask breaks in place.

The language about district owned devices being required for students grade 6 and above was discussed in detail. Kristin Wallace emailed in to say that she has lost much time with her fully remote students due to frozen screens and other things that have been resolved by students switching to their own device. Due to this, she would like to see this policy not enforced just yet. The language will be adapted to say strongly encouraged instead of required. The district will work to communicate out which browser, extensions, etc that will be needed if a parent chooses to use their own device. Students will still not be able to bring their own devices to school.

The Board also discussed creating written criteria for determining if and when students could join an extra day of in person learning when available.

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved to accept the Reopening Plan as amended, seconded by Melissa Sytek. Tony Clements was not available for the vote, otherwise voted unanimously (4-0).

New/Revised Policies - First Reading:

The Board reviewed proposed revisions to Policy IHAM Health Education and Exemption from Instruction, as found in the meeting agenda.

The Board reviewed proposed revisions to Policy GBGA Staff Health, as found in the meeting agenda.

The Board reviewed proposed revisions to Policy EBCE School Closings and Cancellations, as found in the meeting agenda.

The Board reviewed proposed revisions to Policy EBCE-R School Closings and Cancellations, as found in the meeting agenda.

The Board reviewed proposed revisions to Policy JLCI Coordinated School Health Program, as found in the meeting agenda.

There were no concerns from the Board at this time.

New/Revised Policies - Second Reading:

The Board reviewed proposed revisions to Policy IKF-R High School Graduation-State Standards Diploma, as found in the meeting agenda.

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved to accept Policy Policy IKF-R High School Graduation-State Standards Diploma, seconded by Melissa Sytek. Voted unanimously in the affirmative(5-0).

The Board reviewed proposed revisions to Policy JLCG Exclusion of Students Who Present a Hazard, as found in the meeting agenda.

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved to accept Policy JLCG Exclusion of Students Who Present a Hazard, Seconded by Melissa Sytek. Voted unanimously in the affirmative(5-0).

The Board reviewed proposed revisions to Policy EBCG Communicable & Infectious Diseases, as found in the meeting agenda.

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved to accept Policy EBCG Communicable & Infectious Diseases, seconded by Melissa Sytek. Voted unanimously in the affirmative(5-0).

The Board reviewed Policy EBA HIV/AIDS, to be rescinded, as found in the meeting agenda.

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved to rescind policy EBA HIV/AIDS, seconded by Melissa Sytek. Voted unanimously in the affirmative(5-0).

The Board reviewed proposed revisions to Policy EBBB Accident Reports, as found in the meeting agenda.

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved to accept Policy EBBB Accident Reports, seconded by Melissa Sytek. Voted unanimously in the affirmative(5-0).

Donation Acceptance: Raymond High School has received a donation of \$9,837.12 from Special Olympics New Hampshire. This is a reward donation from the Penguin Plunge earlier this year.

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved to accept the donation of \$9,837.12 as a result of the Penguin Plunge and Special Olympics of NH, seconded by Melissa Sytek. Voted unanimously in the affirmative (5-0). The Board thanked everyone for their participation in this event.

Signing of Affidavit - Drinking Water Lead Removal Plan: Dr. McCoy presented the Project Completion & Request for Payment Form for a project done at LRES to be signed.

MOTION:Janice Arsenault moved to approve the Board signing the document, seconded by Joe Saulier. Voted unanimously in the affirmative (5-0).

Committee Reports: Janice Arsenault reported that there was recently an SST committee meeting. They will be reviewing schedules of sending schools to hopefully increase the number of students that can attend. The tuition rate will be set October 15th. They do not expect there to be a change large from the \$3,182 per student amount given as an estimate earlier in the year. There was also a Capital Improvements Plan meeting last night. There was discussion about the controls for the boilers that need to be updated.

Tony Clements reported that there was an RCTV Committee meeting recently.

Beth Paris had to resign from the CIP Committee and the Board is in need of another member. Tony Clements offered to take that place.

Joe Saulnier reported that there was a budget committee meeting last week. One of the things that came up was about lunch reimbursement. At this time, the State will be reimbursing the school for students to get breakfast and lunch.

Student Representative's Report: Isabella daSilva was not present.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. McCoy reported that in terms of transportation, they are currently down one driver and about to be down a second driver. All schools have hosted virtual open

houses recently. The free and reduced lunch applications are still available and are very important to the district, as many things in the district are based on those applications even though the meals are free right now. The district appreciates all the feedback as they continue to make adjustments due to the current situation.

Correspondence/ Other: Joe Saulnier stated that parents would like to see more online content for students to stay busy during their days at home. Dr. McCoy would like parents to continue communicating these requests with teachers.

Manifest Signing: Majorie Whitmore presented the Board with the Manifests. Accounts payables totaled \$677,764.05 Payroll totaling \$445,570.65. For a total of \$ 1,123,334.70.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved to approve the minutes of September 16, 2020 as presented and keep the non-public minutes sealed, Joe Saulnier seconded. Voted unanimously in the affirmative (5-0).

Non-Public Session:

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved to enter Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b)(c), seconded by Melissa Sytek. Upon being individually polled, Janice Arsenault, Joe Saulnier, Melissa Sytek, Beth Paris and Tony Clements voted in the affirmative (5-0).

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved to exit non-public session, seconded by Melissa Sytek. Upon being individually polled, Joe Saulnier, Melissa Sytek, Beth Paris, Tony Clements and Janice Arsenault voted in the affirmative (5-0).

Adjournment:

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 PM, seconded by Joe Saulnier. Upon being individually polled, Joe Saulnier, Melissa Sytek, Beth Paris, Tony Clements and Janice Arseanult voted in the affirmative (5-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany LHeureux

School Board Clerk

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Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3 II (b)(c)
Not Voted to be sealed

Present: School Board Members Joe Saulnier, Janice Arsenault, Tony Clements (via Google Meet), Beth Paris (via Google Meet) and Melissa Sytek; Superintendent of Schools Tina McCoy.

Dr. McCoy presented the Board with the nomination of Sandra Decato for IHGMS & RHS Social Worker.

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved to approve the nomination of Sandra Decato for IHGMS and RHS Social Worker, seconded by Melissa Sytek. Voted unanimously in the affirmative (5-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany LHeureux
School Board Clerk