

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; Student Representative to the School Board Jeff Rivard; Superintendent Tina McCoy; Business Administrator Ron Brickett; Raymond High School Principal Steve Woodward; Facilities Director Todd Ledoux; Special Education Director Walter Anacki; Raymond High School Special Education Coordinator Scott Riddell.

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: There was no public input forthcoming.

Overnight Field Trip Request: RHS Class Advisor Tricia Wentworth, along with students Kelsey Morasse and Kyle Dube, presented their request for approval of the Senior Class Trip. The trip is planned for May 19-May 21, 2018 and the destination is Lake George, NY. The students reviewed the agenda, which includes a visit to the Great Escape Park & Splash Water Kingdom, a cruise on the lake, and a visit to the Great Escape Indoor Water Park. Mrs. Wentworth stated that the approximate cost is \$560 per person, which includes the cost of chaperones, but that the hope is that cost will be offset by fundraising, such as the Yankee Candle sale and the Mr. Raymond Pageant.

MOTION: Joseph Saulnier moved, seconded by Janice Arsenault, to accept the overnight field trip request to Lake George, New York from May 18 - May 21, 2018. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Overnight Field Trip Request: Mr. Woodward presented a request for an overnight field trip for a Raymond High School JAG student to attend the 2017 National Student Leadership Academy in Washington D.C. The agenda includes public speaking and employability skills events, leadership sessions, and a project-based learning event.

MOTION: Joseph Saulnier moved, seconded by Jaclyn Serrine, to accept the overnight JAG field trip to Washington D.C. for November 28 - December 2, 2017. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Our Students/Our Schools: Special Education Director Walter Anacki, RHS Special Education Coordinator Scott Riddell, RHS Teacher Karen Franco, and RHS Para-Educator Carli Hughes discussed the Raymond Educational Alternate Placement (REAP) Program. This program provides alternative educational opportunities for students to utilize a non-traditional approach. Opportunities offered through REAP include experiential learning, Adventurelore, credit recovery, teacher assistance, and calming breaks. Many of these students are behind on credits and utilize the credit recovery option to advance. Every student in REAP is also enrolled in JAG. All REAP students are also part of Youth Educational Employment Service (YEES), which provides an opportunity for increased family engagement.

During discussion:

- Whether a student moves on from REAP or stays in REAP throughout their high school career is dependent on the individual student and the level of support needed.
- This is just the first year for the program, so they are not providing support past high school. However, they are looking to work with appropriate agencies in the future to provide support post high school.

- Currently there are six students in the program, but the need is greater and so they expect the program to expand.
- Mrs. Arsenault stated that a student asked that it be known how much this program has done for this student and how the contact with the family has been of great assistance.

RHS Robotics Team Stipend: Mr. Woodward stated that earlier in the year he was approached by a teacher who wanted to start up a high school Robotics Team. A Robotics Team had been in place in the past. The teacher has written a grant for some funding, which has been awarded. Mr. Woodward requested condensing the stipend amounts for clubs that have had no membership for a few years into a stipend for a Robotics Club. Robotics does include some competitions. The grant covers the cost of the kit for the robot and part of the registration fee for the competition. Mr. Rivard stated that he went to the second Robotics Club meeting today and things look like they're moving ahead with a good basis. Mr. Woodward said that they're still looking for grant funding to fund registration costs, and that they could also access student activity funds.

Mr. Harmon stated he will not support this request as he feels that these types of requests should be part of the budget process. Mr. Woodward stated part of the reason for the timing is that they weren't officially notified by the State that grant funding was available until after budget season. Mr. Saulnier and Mrs. Couture stated that they would support the request.

MOTION: Joseph Saulnier moved, seconded by Jaclyn Serrine, to accept Mr. Woodward's recommendation to reallocate funds of \$1,400 to the Robotics Team stipend. Mr. Harmon stated that he doesn't look at this as a reallocation of funds, but as budgeting for something that we're not doing. Ms. Serrine stated that she feels that they had budgeted for stipends, and this funding is being moved to another type of stipend. Motion passed with Janice Arsenault, Joseph Saulnier, Michelle Couture and Jaclyn Serrine voting in the affirmative and John Harmon voting in opposition.

RHS Schedule Update: Mr. Woodward thanked RHS Guidance Counselor Sue Puchacz and Technology Director Kevin Federico, as well as the REA and the teachers involved in the process of revising the schedule. Mr. Woodward reviewed the schedule, which includes a "skinny day" each Monday during which each class meets for a short time, and longer periods throughout the rest of the week. Teacher feedback is that the schedule works well for teachers and students, resulting in more time for students and less wandering the halls. Possible modifications suggested include eliminating the skinny day or moving that skinny day to the end of the week. A poll of students resulted in 63% preferring this year's schedule as opposed to 37% preferring last year's.

Ram Time options for student include:

- Enrichment
- Online Credit Recovery
- Research/Computer Labs
- Reteach - Content Specific

Mr. Woodward reviewed upcoming proposed enrichment activities, and the total numbers of students who had signed up for various activities today as a snapshot of what students are doing during Ram Time.

During discussion:

- Mr. Rivard suggested providing notice ahead of time of what Ram Time activities will be upcoming so that students can plan ahead. He suggested reaching out to Student Council to help post the activities.
- Ms. Serrine stated that she had a lot of feedback about the potential to move the skinny day to Friday; that jumping into that schedule at the beginning of the week is difficult.
- Mr. Saulnier asked if any schools have a continuing longer period schedule rather than a day with shorter periods. Mr. Woodward stated that he will look into it.
- When school was cancelled this past Monday, they simply didn't hold the skinny day that week. For other closings, such as the Friday for Veteran's Day, the block days would take precedence and the skinny day would drop.
- Mr. Harmon asked for the numbers for this full week similar to the numbers provided this evening regarding how many students participated in each Ram Time activity, by day.
- Mr. Harmon asked if a student who is struggling with a subject is automatically assigned to extra help. Mr. Woodward stated that teachers would direct them to extra help.

ADA Compliance at IHGMS Polling Site: Mr. Ledoux reviewed the architect suggestions to address the ADA compliance issues at IHGMS. The issue was the route from the parking lot to the gymnasium entrance. The ramp is too steep and the approach from the bus lane to the parking lot is not adequate. Mr. Ledoux stated that he had an architect look into it. The solution suggested was to create a speed table across the crosswalk from the parking lot ramp to the sidewalk; a wide speed bump. That makes the entry to the sidewalk flat. However, this creates a large speed bump in the bus lane which creates problems for plowing. Mr. Ledoux and Town of Raymond Public Works Director Steve Brewer then suggested adding a ramp in the median area, so ADA spots would be pushed down 5-6 spots and the ramps would be parallel with the bus lane. The approximate cost is \$35,000. The next step is to get engineered drawings to see if either plan is possible.

During discussion:

- The issue is that if a wheelchair was coming from the left or right on the sidewalk and wanted to turn into the gym sidewalk, there's nowhere for them to turn. Off of the crosswalk from the bus lane we could create a flat pad and push each of the tapers back.
- Mr. Ledoux prefers the second solution without the speed table. He stated that the architect agreed that it would work.
- Ms. Serrine asked if the speed table is less expensive, what would the cost be for plowing? Mr. Ledoux responded that some more handwork would be needed to remove snow.

Mr. Harmon suggested getting engineering drawings for both options so that they could get quotes for both. Mr. Ledoux suggested getting the drawings to make sure that the plan will actually work. There was some discussion about whether two drawings would cost much more than one, but it was noted that the biggest cost is for them to come out to do the survey in the first place, whether they're doing one or two drawings.

Mr. Ledoux offered to get information regarding the cost to do one or two drawings. He will come back to the next board meeting with estimates for engineering costs for one and two drawings.

New/Revised Policies - Second Reading: MOTION: Michelle Couture moved, seconded by Janice Arsenault, to redact policy GBAB Staff-Student Relations. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

2017-18 Bus Routes: MOTION: Joseph Saulnier moved, seconded by Jaclyn Serrine, to accept the 2017-18 bus routes as presented. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Committee Reports: Mr. Saulnier stated that the Cable Committee met but he was not able to attend.

Mrs. Arsenault stated that the Survey Committee met. Some committee members would be reaching out to UNH to create a survey. Mr. Harmon stated that there was a meeting this morning that Dr. McCoy attended, during which they learned that the high end of an estimate conducted through UNH was \$12,000. UNH stated that a January 15th completion date was probably not realistic for them to form the survey, send it out, have it returned, and tabulate results. Later this month, the Survey Committee hopes to have a firmer estimation with more details on the survey.

Mr. Harmon stated that the CIP Committee met to go over questions on the Town side of things. Next Tuesday, they'll deliberate and make recommendations on the Town CIP.

Mr. Saulnier stated that the Shared Resources Committee held their Call-In Event, and that some people called in after the end of the event. He noted that Monday's meeting was cancelled.

Mr. Harmon asked if a Budget Committee email address had been created, as he understands there was a request to be able to email the Budget Committee but there was no email address for the Committee.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. McCoy stated that the REAP presentation and the enrichment schedule update show a strong commitment to being creative to help students become increasingly involved and invested in their education.

Dr. McCoy encouraged parents in grades 5-9 to sign up for Technology Fun Night at SST.

Dr. McCoy stated that she visited classrooms and saw middle school students engaged in literary discussion and commended those students.

Dr. McCoy stated that though the windstorm took its toll, all of the schools had power.

Dr. McCoy thanked those who have provided feedback during budget process, stating that schools should reflect values of the community. She stated that public discourse is very important and helps the Board stay in tune with what the public wants.

Correspondence/Other: Mr. Saulnier stated that there is an email address for the Budget Committee that goes to Deborah Intonti.

Manifest Signing: A quorum of the Board signed the manifest. Accounts Payable total \$814,173.64. Payroll total \$450,845.20.

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Approval of Minutes: MOTION: Joseph Saulnier moved, seconded by Michelle Couture, to approve the minutes of September 21, 2017 with the following amendment: page 1, third bulleted item, should be “bonding to fund the roofing needs at the *elementary school*.” Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

MOTION: Michelle Couture moved, seconded by Jaclyn Serrine, to approve the minutes of October 16, 2017 with the following amendment: correct spelling of Jaclyn Serrine’s name. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

MOTION: Joseph Saulnier moved, seconded by Jaclyn Serrine, to approve the public minutes of October 18, 2017. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

MOTION: Jaclyn Serrine moved, seconded by Janice Arsenault, to approve and unseal the non-public minutes of October 18, 2017. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Adjournment: MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved, seconded by Jaclyn Serrine, to adjourn the meeting. Voted unanimously in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Heywood,
Raymond School Board Clerk