

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; Iber Holmes Gove Middle School Principal Bob Bickford; Raymond High School Principal Steve Woodward; Lamprey River Elementary School Principal Bryan Belanger; 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 School District Budget: Mr. Harmon stated that the plan for the evening is for administration to review the questions that the School Board had, and then there will be public input.

Dr. McCoy and Mr. Brickett reviewed the information provided to the Board in response to their questions from the October 25 and October 26 department budget presentations. During discussion:

- Regarding PowerSchool University the Board inquired as to whether there were less expensive alternatives, such as online training, Mr. Federico stated that in order to be certified, one must attend the PowerSchool University.
- Regarding the SchoolCare Contribution Holiday refund as part of estimated revenues: \$60,000 is an estimate; it could be any amount, even \$0.
- Regarding projected kindergarten enrollment, Mr. Harmon recommended using the three-year weighted average number of 92.
- Regarding Postage accounts:

Last year:	LRES \$2,800	IHGMS \$2,700	RHS \$2,000
Current Year:	LRES \$2,000	IHGMS \$2,000	RHS \$3,000
Next Year:	LRES \$2,800	IHGMS \$2,000	RHS \$2,000
- Regarding Publications at LRES, it was noted that some of these items may be available electronically. Mr. Belanger stated that may be an option with 1:1 technology, and that it may be something to investigate in the future.
- Regarding Technology for Regular Education, Mr. Harmon inquired about purchasing PC's, adding that some Board members think the District should continue to update Windows. Mrs. Couture asked about the number of Windows-based machines. Mr. Federico responded that the teacher's desktop computer and the Smartboard computers are Windows-based.
- Regarding the computer quote from CDW, Mr. Federico stated that the quote does not include monitors, but that our current monitors should still be usable with new computers.

The meeting was opened to Public Input.

Randy LaCasse approached the Board and confirmed, as a point of clarification, regarding the proposed elimination of the middle school music teacher, that the salary is approximately \$41,000 and approximately \$20,000 in benefits. He had figured an estimated tax impact using a figure of \$51,000 total, and estimated that tax impact at .06 per thousand. Mr. Harmon stated that the tax impact of the total cost of that middle school music position with salary and benefits (\$61,644) is \$.0667 per thousand.

Mr. LaCasse asked that if the curriculum is revised due to changes to the middle school music program, that the Curriculum Coordinator be involved.

Mr. LaCasse stated that field trips that he requests are not always approved, so that if a field trip looks to be “new,” it might not actually be new but may have not been approved last year.

Mr. LaCasse stated that there are schools similar in size to Raymond that have four music teachers and have thriving music programs. They are unique in the way that they share between schools.

Mr. LaCasse stated that it would be interesting to see if the salaries of the department heads salaries compared to other schools are a direct comparison. He asked if the position is full time and what is the student load?

Mr. Saulnier asked if an LNA position is eliminated, might parents request tuition to other schools due to no longer getting the same care. Dr. McCoy stated the elementary school has many more nurse visits than the other schools, which is why she is suggesting that the LPN is housed at LRES. Needs of special education students is a separate issue. She stated that looking at what is required and what other schools do, she doesn't see an argument to tuition a student to another school.

Adjournment: MOTION: Joseph Saulnier moved, seconded by Michelle Couture, to adjourn the meeting. Voted unanimously in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Arsenault,  
School Board Secretary