

Raymond School Board Meeting
November 20, 2020
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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM. Present: School Board Members Joseph Saulnier (via Google Meet), Melissa Sytek (via Google Meet), and Janice Arsenault (via Google Meet); Superintendent of Schools Tina McCoy; Business Administrator Marjorie Whitmore; Technology Director Kevin Federico (via Google Meet).

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

Default Budget: The Board reviewed the default budget, as found in the meeting agenda. Marjorie Whitmore reviewed the summary sheet with the Board. Joe Saulnier shared a letter that was prepared to send to Raymond Residents to explain the change in the default budget.

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved to accept the 2021-2022 default budget as amended, seconded by Melissa Sytek. Voted in the affirmative (3-0).

Adjournment:

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 PM, seconded by Joe Saulnier. Voted in the affirmative (3-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany LHeureux
School Board Clerk

Dear Raymond Residents,

During a meeting on November 18th, 2020 the default budget presented to the board was approved. After this meeting question arose whether it was correct and changes were made. To make sure everything was correct, the Administration called a meeting to go over every line of the Default Budget. During a three hour meeting additional changes were made. Though the School Board is not happy that the initial Default Budget was not correct, we are pleased that the appropriate actions were taken to correct the situation.

Even though our budget is \$148,964 more than the default some of the differences between our budget and the default budget are:

Maintenance Supplies - \$11,572 higher

Wage Pool - \$53,007 Decrease

SAU Computer Software - \$26,050 higher

Technology - \$56,795 higher

HS Computer Replace Equip - \$11,014 higher

These alone account for \$158,438 as other smaller lines decrease the difference by around \$10,000.

I would also like to express that the School Board and Administration made significant changes in the budget as we cut \$428,826 in salaries, but we had significant increases in our NH Retirement contributions, approved raises for support staff, as well as increases to our insurance rates. Please join us on December 1st at 6:30 for our Presentation to the Budget Committee as we go over next year's budget.

If anyone has any questions please feel free to contact the School Board at schoolboard@sau33.com .

Sincerely,

Joe Saulnier

Raymond School Board