

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.

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: Elizabeth Koch read a letter to the Board on behalf of Kim Moyer, asking not to eliminate a World Language teacher at the high school due to larger class size, less flexibility of schedule, and the need for students to have three years of language for college, as well as eliminating the possibility to have a fifth year of language in the high school. She recommended a 60/40 split with the middle school.

Randy LaCasse thanked the Board and administration for being receptive to input from families. He stated that he has felt nothing but sincere consideration for what the taxpayers have brought to the Board, and he appreciates that public input was allowed.

During budget discussion:

- What is the Proquest SIRS Researcher used for? Previously charged to the Media Center Book line, not Media Center software.
- Music instruments: first year lease would be \$19,000 as compared to \$37,000 purchase. If leasing, the District would be leasing new instruments, not used.
- LRES class sizes were redone using the three-year weighted average of 92 students.
- The number of field trips has not changed. The cost paid by the school is increased at the middle and high schools.
- Windows-based computers:
 - 113 computers, 48 student
 - 153 computers, 50 student
 - 146 computers, 30 student
- The cost for adding a new World Language teacher at IHGMS is \$62,171.
- Health Insurance increase is 9.1%, budgeted at 10%.
- After some discussion, it was the general consensus to put in \$15,000 for PC's at RHS and to not purchase Chromebooks for the high school.
- After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to not eliminate a music teacher position.
- It was the consensus of the Board to removed \$2,492 from LRES Replacement Furniture (library chairs.)
- The following wage pool insurance benefits were proposed: increase wage pool employee contribution to 8% for health insurance.
- LRES Office Equipment remove two iPads.
- LRES Safe, remove, use a fireproof file cabinet.
- Remove 75% of water expenditure at the high school.
- Remove a second grade teaching position.
- Decrease PowerSchool University trips by one trip of \$6,000.

- Increase School Board Clerk salary to \$135 per meeting.
- Increase SST tuition \$7,865, estimated budget for next year.
- Decrease number of Department Heads at RHS from 7 to 5. Increase each \$250. Total \$1,250 for added responsibilities.
- Decrease oil from \$2.60 to \$2.50. (\$4,468)

Consensuses regarding initiatives:

- Hire LPN and keep on LNA, but remove two LNA's. Added cost to budget \$43,309.
- Split one math interventionist between IHGMS and LRES.
- Support expanded RHS science offerings.
- Support RHS online teacher.
- Put high school World Languages teacher back in the the budget.
- YEES worker at IHGMS funded by the District.
- Special Education Coordinators workload supported.
- Assistant Principal salaries: include 3% wage pool merit increase in initiative.
- Increase Athletic Trainer from 20 to 40 hours, \$4,500.
- Hold off on main entrance improvement, as the District is applying for a grant for this as a summer project.

It was also the consensus of the Board to Increase breakfast and lunch prices by \$.15 in the next school year.

MOTION: Joseph Saulnier moved, seconded by Jaclyn Serrine, to approve the 2018-2019 operating budget of \$24,226,165. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Adjournment: Joseph Saulnier moved, seconded by Jaclyn Serrine, to adjourn the meeting. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Arsenault,
School Board Secretary