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**RAYMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE TOWN OF RAYMOND,
NEW HAMPSHIRE, QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS:**

FIRST SESSION

You are hereby notified to meet at Raymond High School Cafetorium in said District, on Saturday, the **30th** day of **January, 2021 at 10:00 AM in the morning**. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion and deliberation of the warrant articles numbered **2** through **10**. The warrant articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended, (b) warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion as amended, and (c) no warrant article shall be amended to eliminate the subject matter of the article.

SECOND SESSION

Voting Session to act on all Warrant Articles as amended, including the proposed budget, as a result of the action of the "FIRST SESSION" will be held Tuesday, March 9th, 2021 at the Iber Holmes Gove Middle School Gymnasium. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM.

- 1) Article 1, Election of Officers
To choose the following School District Officers:
 - a.) To choose two School Board Members for the ensuing three years.
 - b.) To choose one School District Moderator for the ensuing three years.
 - c.) To choose one School District Clerk for the ensuing three years.
 - d.) To choose one School District Treasurer for the ensuing three years.

- 2) Shall the School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$26,186,721 (twenty six million, one hundred eighty six thousand, seven hundred twenty one dollars)? Should this article be defeated, the default, budget shall be \$26,237,757 (twenty six million, two hundred thirty seven thousand, seven hundred fifty seven dollars), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Raymond School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (This article does not include appropriations proposed under any other warrant article.)

(Recommended/Not Recommended by the School Board: Yes – ____; No - ____)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes – 4; No - 3)

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(The estimated tax impact of passing this article is an increase of \$ per \$1000 assessment.

The estimated tax impact of not passing this article is an increase of \$1.10 per \$1000 assessment.)

- 3) Shall the School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Raymond School Board and the Raymond Education Association, which calls for the following changes in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels from those paid in the prior fiscal year:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2021-22	\$ 91,286
2022-23	\$459,316
2023-24	\$392,262

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$91,286 (ninety one thousand, two hundred and eighty six dollars) for the upcoming fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels?

(Recommended by the School Board: Yes – 4; No - 0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes – 5; No - 2)

(The estimated tax impact of this article is an increase of \$0.10 per \$1000 assessment.)

- 4) Shall the School District, if article 3 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address article 3 cost items only?

- 5) Shall the district vote to increase the district treasurer’s stipend by \$750 to \$3,750? (The amount to fund this increase is included in the district’s operating budget.)

(The estimated tax impact, which is included in the operating budget, is \$0.000784)

- 6) Shall the district vote to add a stipend of \$500 for training purposes for a deputy treasurer to be appointed by the district treasurer, subject to the approval of the school board in accordance with RSA 197:24-a? (The amount to fund this stipend is included in the district’s operating budget.)

(The estimated tax impact, which is included in the operating budget, is \$0.000523)

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- 7) Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$375,000 (in total) so that the following amounts can be added to the following previously established Capital Reserve Funds in order to implement the School District's 2021-2022 Capital Improvement Program?

Raymond School District Equipment, Facilities Maintenance And Replacement Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2006)	\$183,998
Technology Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2001)	\$151,992
Food Service Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2006)	\$ 39,010
Total	\$375,000

(Recommended by the School Board: Yes – 5; No - 0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes – 5; No – 2)

(The estimated tax impact of this article is an increase of \$0.04 per \$1000 assessment.)

- 8) Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate up to \$75,000 (seventy five thousand dollars) to be placed in the existing Equipment, Facilities Maintenance and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2006), this sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised by taxation.

(Recommended by the School Board: Yes – 5; No - 0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes – 5; No – 2)

(No additional tax impact)

- 9) Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,003.00 (ten thousand and three dollars) to be added to the Raymond School District Equipment, Facilities Maintenance and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2006) with this sum to come from the income generated by the water easement conveyed to the town and no amount is to be raised from taxation?

(Recommended by the School Board: Yes – 5; No - 0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes – 7; No – 0)

(No additional tax impact)

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- 10) Shall the district adopt the revisions to RSA 198:4-b, II approved by the legislature in 2020 to allow the district to retain up to 5% of the district's net assessment in any year and to allow the expenditure of any amount retained after a public hearing?

(Recommended by the School Board: Yes – 5; No - 0)

(Not Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes – 3; No – 4)

(No additional tax impact)

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Please Note: All of the above articles as amended, will be inserted on the "Official Ballot" to be voted on Tuesday, March 9th, 2021, at the so-called "Second Session."

THERE WILL BE NO EXPLANATION, DISCUSSION, OR DEBATE ON ANY WARRANT ARTICLE AT THE "SECOND SESSION," AND NO ARTICLE MAY BE AMENDED.

Approved by the School Board on _____ at its virtual meeting that date.

RAYMOND SCHOOL BOARD

Joseph Saulnier, Chairperson

Date

Janice Arsenaault

Date

Anthony Clements

Date

Elizabeth Paris

Date

Melissa Sytek

Date

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