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<u>Call to Order</u>: The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM. Present: School Board Members John Harmon, Jaclyn Sirrine, Joseph Saulnier; Superintendent of Schools Ellen Small; Business Administrator Ron Brickett; Raymond High School Principal Steve Woodward; Lamprey River Elementary School Principal Bryan Belanger, Iber Holmes Gove Middle School Principal Bob Bickford.

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

Non-Public Session: MOTION: Jaclyn Sirrine moved, seconded by Joseph Saulnier, to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) "Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting." Upon the Board members being individually polled, the motion was voted in the affirmative by Jaclyn Sirrine, Joseph Saulnier, and John Harmon. The Board entered into non-public session at 6:46 PM and resumed public session at 7:00 PM. Other than the vote to exit non-public session (which was moved by Joseph Saulnier, seconded by Jaclyn Sirrine, and upon the Board members being individually polled, was voted in the affirmative by John Harmon, Joseph Saulnier, and Jaclyn Sirrine), no motions were voted during this non-public session.

<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>: All those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

<u>Recognition</u>: The School Board recognized the following District retirees and thanked them for their years in the District:

Paula Chouinard, LRES Health Teacher Irene Kreider, IHGMS Media Specialist David McKinnis, RHS Case Manager Ellen Small, Superintendent

The School Board recognized those employees who were nominated throughout the school year for the *You Make the Difference Award*:

Kitchen Staff at LRES: Linda Burke, Carmella Liggiero, Ellen Mercedes, Lisa Nigl, and Gineen Rollins.

Marie Bell Gail Buckley Paula Chouinard Bernard Cote Noel Cox Christina Dellas Michelle Dowling Jodi Gibbons Gretchen Gott Omayma Hassan Suzanne Ives Jessica Jortberg Irene Kreider Isabelle McDonald Lisa MacDougall Ashley Peabody Dean Plender Rosario St. Germaine

Jerry Sterritt Karen Stuart Amy Tilton

Tricia Wentworth

Public Input: There was no public input forthcoming.

<u>Our Students/Our Schools</u>: IHGMS Class Advisor Tracey Norris and students Kathryn LaCasse and Brynna Hone talked with the Board about their class trip to Washington D.C. They visited various memorials including the

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Lincoln Memorial and the Vietnam Memorial, walked to the White House, visited the Capitol Building, met Senator Shaheen, went to the Washington Nationals Game, attended a dinner/dance cruise, and stopped at the Bronx Zoo on the way home. The students said they learned a lot about the Arlington Cemetery and American history from the Smithsonian Museums.

Request for Inclusion on the School Board Agenda: Patrick Colburn, Project Manager with Keach-Nordstrom Associates, spoke with the Board about the proposed property development at 41 Chester Road. He stated that part of the process for the Planning Board is to visit the Highway Safety Committee, where the question of school bus pickup and dropoff came up. He stated that Mr. Ledoux requested that he, Mr. Colburn, approach the Board about the issue. They are still in the middle of the approval process, so nothing is approved as of yet. He asked that the Board say where the buses will likely pick up and drop off.

Some points during his presentation:

- A secondary access to the community is for emergency vehicles only.
- The roads will be maintained privately.
- If the bus stop is on Route 102, it's been suggested that a pad be provided for students to use.
- If the bus stop is within the community, students can wait at the clubhouse.
- The furthest house is just over ½ mile from Route 102.

During discussion:

- Route 102 is a road that requires a minimum of 400 feet of sight in both directions of the entrance to the community, which this plan meets.
- All the units are proposed two-bedroom units.
- The estimated number of students to live in the neighborhood is 47-52 students.
- Estimated time to complete the project is five years.

Mr. Harmon suggested that if the School Board wants to weigh in on this prior to the project being approved, that the School Board visit the potential bus stop sites. Mrs. Sirrine stated that it might be difficult to make a decision without knowing exact student population in the community. It was the general consensus that the Board do a site walk. Mr. Colburn stated that he'll be sure that the proposed entrance is marked for the Board to see when they do a site walk.

<u>Raymond High School 2017-2018 Student Handbook</u>: Mr. Woodward presented the proposed 2017-2018 Student Handbook. During discussion:

- Suggestion to simplify the graphic of the new daily schedule, possibly in a similar format to the current format.
- Mrs. Small noted that principals will be working together for an absence policy that works for each school but is similar for all.
- Early dismissal note should require a signature of the parent.
- Under Student Information on p. 21, p. 23, and also on p.45, information on grade level and credit requirements should be updated to match the new changes.
- Reword the senior privilege "first period" and "last period."

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- Mr. Harmon stated that he believes summer school students should receive a grade of 65 if that's what
 they have earned, rather than the 70 proposed in the handbook. Mr. Woodward stated that if a student
 has mastered competencies during summer school, then a minimum grade for competent work is 70.
- It was determined to keep the summer school description as it was during 2016-17.
- It was determined to keep the wording of additional offenses of cheating as it was during 2016-17,
- It was determined to keep the wording of the recorded score of 50 as it was during 2016-17.
- P. 49 Exam Policy and Procedure 16.5 credits should be updated to match new requirements.
- JJA will not be stricken out.

<u>MOTION</u>: Joseph Saulnier moved, seconded by Jaclyn Sirrine, to approve the 2017-18 Raymond High School Student Handbook as amended. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

<u>Donations Acceptance</u>: <u>MOTION</u>: Joseph Saulnier moved, seconded by Jaclyn Sirrine, to accept \$1,000 for Raymond High School from Hannaford Helps Schools. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

It was agreed to postpone to the next meeting the acceptance of the donation from the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Fund, as Mr. Saulnier is a member of the Knights of Columbus and would need to recuse himself from the motion, leaving less than a quorum of the Board to take action.

<u>Nominations/Resignations</u>: <u>MOTION</u>: Joseph Saulnier moved, seconded by Jaclyn Sirrine, to accept the resignation of Amy Tilton upon finding suitable replacement. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

<u>MOTION</u>: Joseph Saulnier moved, seconded by Jaclyn Sirrine, to accept the resignation of Natasha Stoyak upon finding suitable replacement. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

<u>MOTION</u>: Jaclyn Sirrine moved, seconded by Joseph Saulnier, to approve the nomination of Karen Franco as a case manager at Raymond High School. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

<u>New/Revised Policies - Second Reading</u>: <u>MOTION</u>: Jaclyn Sirrine moved, seconded by Joseph Saulnier, to approve policy IHBG-R Participation in Public School Activities by Home Educated and Non-Public School Pupils as presented. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

<u>New/Revised Policies - First Reading</u>: The Board read, in their entirety, proposed revised policies IKF HIgh School Graduation Policy and IKFA-R Early Graduation Plan for the first of two readings.

<u>Schedule Superintendents' Meeting</u>: It was the consensus of the Board to authorize a day for incoming Superintendent Tina McCoy to meet with Ellen Small prior to July 1.

Chromebook Purchase from Surplus Funds: Mr. Saulnier stated that he suggests purchasing more Chromebooks for the schools using some of this year's surplus money. Mrs. Sirrine stated that she doesn't feel that surplus funds should be used for this purchase, but should be something that is discussed as part of the budget. Mr. Harmon stated that he agrees with Mrs. Sirrine. Mrs. Sirrine and Mr. Harmon both stated that they understand the need for the additional Chromebooks, but they disagree with the method of using surplus funds for the expenditure because such use of funds was not presented to voters. Mr. Saulnier stated that he feels that as

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elected officials they should be making strategic decisions. Mr. Saulnier stated he would like to remove this item from tonight's agenda and address it on June 21st. Mr. Harmon stated that they have voted as a Board this evening on other decisions and questioned why this vote would be different. MOTION: Joseph Saulnier moved to accept the proposed \$15, 945 for the purchase of 60 Chromebooks and three Chromebook carts. Motion failed for lack of a second.

<u>Committee Reports</u>: Mrs. Sirrine stated that she attended an SST meeting. A Raymond student presented at that meeting regarding the marketing program. More than 50% of the students had applied for scholarships. She also attended the Certificate Ceremony with 212 students.

Mr. Saulnier stated that the Shared Resources Committee met and went over some questions for a survey that might go out at the Town Fair. Mr. Harmon stated that his concern is that people who are not part of the committee are being accepted as decision makers. The School Board and the Selectmen had chosen representatives to be on the committee. Why are people who don't have a voting authority being asked to weigh in beyond public input as part of a consensus? This Committee is an advisory committee to the School Board. The School Board has given authority to six people, and the Selectmen have given authority to five people. At what point should the School Board ask for a meeting with the Selectmen to talk about these issues? Or is the School Board okay with how this is being run? Mrs. Sirrine stated that she also disagrees with people not on the Committee being part of voting or consensus beyond public input. Mr. Saulnier stated that he feels that the committee members may be requesting the School Board and the Selectmen to disband the Shared Resources Committee.

Mrs. Sirrine stated that she would like to be able to attend another meeting before saying whether she feels anything should be addressed with the Selectmen. Mr. Harmon stated that he hopes that the first agenda item at the next meeting would be to approve minutes, as they have to be approved.

<u>Superintendent's Report</u>: Mrs. Small stated that she attended the Empty Bowls Project, which raised \$913 for the Raymond Food Bank.

Mrs. Small congratulated the students who had put so much work into the Celebration of Excellence presentations. She also congratulated Raymond SST students for awards received, and two RHS seniors for the ELO presentations.

RHS teacher Liz Koch was recently named the NH Association of Student Councils Advisor of the Year.

Mrs. Small thanked the Lions Club for the vision screenings done at IHGMS.

A group attempted to locate the Class of 1996 Time Capsule and was unsuccessful. They will be setting up another date to try again.

<u>Correspondence/Other</u>: Mr. Saulnier requested that the Chromebook agenda item be put on the next agenda.

<u>Manifest Signing</u>: A quorum of the Board signed the manifest. Accounts Payable total \$752,314.91. Payroll total \$521,668.52.

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<u>Approval of Minutes</u>: <u>MOTION</u>: Jaclyn Sirrine moved, seconded by Joseph Saulnier, to approve the minutes of May 17, 2017. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

<u>MOTION</u>: Jaclyn Sirrine moved, seconded by Joseph Saulnier, to approve and unseal the non-public minutes of May 17, 2017. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Adjournment: MOTION: Joseph Saulnier moved, seconded by Jaclyn Sirrine, to adjourn the meeting. Voted unanimously in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned at 9:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Heywood, School Board Clerk

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Not voted to be kept confidential.

Present: School Board Members John Harmon, Jaclyn Sirrine, Joseph Saulnier; Superintendent of Schools Ellen Small.

The Superintendent reviewed tonight's nominations/resignations with the School Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Heywood, Raymond School Board Clerk