

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:45 PM. Present: School Board Members Joseph Saulnier, Janice Arsenault, Beth Paris, and Michelle Couture; Student Representative to the School Board Jeffrey Rivard; Superintendent of Schools Tina McCoy; Business Administrator Marjorie Whitmore; Curriculum Coordinator Mike Whaland; Raymond High School Principal Steve Woodward; Iber Holmes Gove Middle School Principal Bob Bickford; Lamprey River Elementary School Principal Interim Principal Laura Yacek.

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.

Non-Public Session: MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved, seconded by Moe Titcomb, to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) "The hiring of any person as a public employee" Upon the Board members being individually polled, the motion was voted in the affirmative by Janice Arsenault, Michelle Couture, Beth Paris, and Joseph Saulnier. The Board entered into non-public session at 5:45 PM and resumed public session at 5:54 PM. Other than the vote to exit non-public session (which was moved by Beth Paris, seconded by Janice Arsenault, and upon the Board members being individually polled, was voted in the affirmative by Janice Arsenault, Michelle Couture, Beth Paris, and Joseph Saulnier), no motions were voted during this non-public session.

Public Input: There was no public input forthcoming.

Overnight Field Trip Request: RHS Student Council Members C.T., Nick Brazeau, and Jackson Dyer, who were joined by RHS Student Council Advisor Liz Downes, to present their request for an overnight field trip for Student Council members to the NH Association of Student Councils State Conference in Waterville Valley November 9-10, 2018. Each of the students discussed a little bit about the benefits of the conference, which is held annually. Usually about 16-20 students from Raymond High School attend. As part of the request, the School Board was asked to consider waiving the policy requiring approval for each trip annually and to approve this trip, which is the same each year, in perpetuity. It was suggested by Mr. Saulnier and Mrs. Paris that the Board not waive their policy but instead look at rewriting the policy to make such an allowance. MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved, seconded by Michelle Couture, to approve the Student Council trip to Waterville Valley. Voted unanimously in the affirmative. It was also suggested that the Board review the policy regarding recurring trips having to come before them every year.

Motion to Amend the Agenda: MOTION: Michelle Couture moved, seconded by Beth Paris, to amend the agenda to move "Nominations/Resignations" to be the next item on the agenda, prior to the Presidential Roundtable discussion. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Nominations/Resignations: MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved, seconded by Beth Paris, to accept the nomination of Laura Yacek as Principal at Lamprey River Elementary School. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Presidential Roundtable Discussion: Raymond Coalition for Youth's Celeste Clark and Savannah Coomey discussed their trip to Washington D.C. during which they met with the President at the White House. RCFY had done a significant amount of work in 2016 to address the opioid crisis, with funding provided through a drug-free communities grant. They were invited to go to Washington D.C. due to the success they've had in bringing those numbers down, specifically, in Raymond. They were one of five coalitions invited to attend a roundtable discussion with President Trump.

Principals'/Curriculum Opening Day Reports: Raymond High School Principal Steve Woodward reported on the opening of school, including the following: 130 students are participating in fall athletics; NEASC Committees are completing final drafts of their reports; lunches are slightly larger in size this year - they are offering an alternative location for lunches for students who become overwhelmed in crowds; enrollment total 387; enforcement of no hats in the dress code has not been much of an issue, however there is a petition going around to bring it to the Site Council; they're behind the normal enrollment using online registration, but the district is engaging parents to complete it.

Mr. Saulnier noted that there doesn't seem to be updated news or announcements on the LRES or IHGMS web pages.

Iber Holmes Gove Middle School Principal Bob Bickford reported on the opening of school, including the following: benchmark assessments in reading in math are complete for all students; the new security entrance to the school is not yet complete, but parents and students are getting accustomed to the new layout; enrollment total 379.

Mr. Saulnier asked to have some information about what percentage of fundraising (product sales) is coming back to the schools.

Lamprey River Elementary School Principal Laura Yacek reported on the opening of school, including the following: having all 4th grade classrooms in the main building has had a positive impact on the school community; students are adjusting well to the six-day rotation for Unified Arts; the Social Emotional Learning classes are underway; STAR and Dibels benchmark assessments are being administered; enrollment total 500.

Curriculum Coordinator Michael Whaland reported on the opening and school and curriculum and professional development activities, including the following: Title I reading and math interventions at LRES and IHGMS will begin in mid-September; Responsive Classroom training was offered in August

and will complete with two more meetings in October; Depth of Knowledge training was delivered to all staff on August 23; the Curriculum Steering Committee will seek membership this fall to formulate curriculum and establish curriculum review protocols. This will be a district-wide committee.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment - The Work Underway: Mr. Whaland discussed further the state of curriculum, instruction, and assessment throughout the District. He reviewed the Strategic Plan goals regarding curriculum: master of grade level standards in reading, writing, and mathematics; development and implementation of a STEM program; restructuring of the library/media program. He discussed the Work Study Practices rubrics and the four-phase data inquiry process.

Mr. Saulnier suggested that a notice be put on school websites to inform parents to call or email their teacher if they have a question about the schedule rotation.

NHSBA Call for Resolutions: The School Board discussed some possible resolutions to be proposed at the New Hampshire School Boards Association Delegate Assembly in January.

Mrs. Arsenault stated that the Governor would like to make a stated decision that school start after Labor Day. She's not necessarily opposed to that, but she feels it should be a local decision.

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved, seconded by Michelle Couture, to present that resolution. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Mr. Saulnier stated that he would like to propose a resolution relative to the amendment to SB 342 about the default budget and how, now, if something is taken out of the budget it comes out of the default budget. He stated that it's a one-sided deal, and would like an amendment to SB 342 that when it's necessary to increase teachers, in the budget, then that increase also goes into the default budget. During discussion, it was agreed to state "additional staff" rather than "increase teachers." MOTION: Joseph Saulnier moved, seconded by Janice Arsenault, to present that resolution.

Dr. McCoy stated that as of July 24th, two RSA's were amended. One part places an undue burden on school districts. Students can be exempted from statewide assessments with an opt-out form, which is fine, but the challenge is that the school must provide an appropriate alternative educational activity while the assessment is administered and the activity must be agreed upon by administration and parents. Logistically, it would be a challenge. During discussion, it was noted that low participation rates do count against the District.

Mrs. Couture stated that she would love to see that public school money cannot be used to fund religious or private schools. MOTION: Michelle Couture moved, seconded by Janice Arsenault, to make the resolution that public funding not be used to support religious or private education. Motion

passed with Joseph Saulnier, Michelle Couture, and Janice Arsenault voting in the affirmative and Beth Paris voting in opposition.

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved, seconded by Beth Paris, to submit a resolution that if a parent opts out of standardized testing, [the District] needs to provide an adequate alternative but it does not have to be approved by the parent. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Committee Reports: Mrs. Arsenault stated that she went to the district opening day and everyone seemed happy to be back and she stayed for the keynote speaker. What she saw was very positive.

Dr. McCoy stated that at the SST meeting, they looked over some proposed budgets. She talked with SST Principal Margaret Callahan about having Raymond SST students at the next School Board meeting. She stated she was surprised to learn that the culinary arts program is one they need to build up their membership in. Mrs. Paris stated that she believes students think it's either honors classes or SST - that they have to choose.

Mr. Saulnier stated that he will send out the Budget Committee calendar of meeting dates. The Capital Improvements Committee is meeting on September 18th and will review the District CIP then.

Mr. Rivard stated that the RHS Site Council wants to move forward with proposing the greenhouse at the next meeting.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. McCoy stated that the high school water hookup to town water has been more challenging than anticipated.

This week, employees are working hard to encumber whatever funds they can for an accurate number for finances, and then a budget freeze will go into effect on September 7th.

ALICE training for staff will take place on September 11th; students will be trained after that point.

Breathe N.H. is sponsoring a parent presentation on Vapin, which is emerging as a serious health risk. This presentation will be on September 25th at 6 PM.

Correspondence/Other: Mr. Saulnier stated that he walked with Mrs. Whitmore today about Keno, and that Raymond will received around \$1,100 per kindergarten student. It will go to the general fund, and can be budgeted for in the future.

Manifest Signing: A quorum of the Board signed the manifest. Accounts Payable total \$898,05354  
Payroll total \$ 405,57314

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Adjournment: MOTION: Michelle Couture moved, seconded by Janice Arsenault, to adjourn the meeting. Voted unanimously in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Heywood,  
Raymond School Board Clerk

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*Not voted to be kept confidential.*

Present: School Board Members Joseph Saulnier, Janice Arsenault, Beth Paris, and Michelle Couture;  
Superintendent of Schools Tina McCoy.

Dr. McCoy reviewed this evening's nomination with the School Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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