

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. Present: School Board Members Joseph Saulnier, Melissa Sytek, Tony Clements and Janice Arsenault; Superintendent of Schools Tina McCoy; Business Administrator Marjorie Whitmore; Iber Holmes Gove Middle School Principal Bob Bickford; Lamprey River Elementary School Principal Laura Yacek; Raymond High School Principal Laura Yacek; Curriculum Coordinator Mike Whaland; Nutrition Services Director Judy DiNatale; Technology Coordinator Kevin Federico; Student Representative to the School Board Isabella Dasilva.

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.

Recognition: The Board wished to recognize students that received High Honors at IHGMS during the second trimester.

Grade 5 students:

Madelyn Alfonso, Nikola Amovic, Emma Bailey, Allie Bronson, Lyric Cinelli, Abigail Gordon, Sawyer King, Paige Lemire, Allison McLaughlin, Jacob Mensinger, Graciella Palomar, Ella Sabato, Alyssa Tilton, Logan Woods

Grade 6 Students:

Nathan Holt, Claire Michalak, Rachel Ni, Theodore Pekalsky, Casey Peters, Jezleana Rosa-Fuentes, William Saulnier, Daniel St. Germaine

Grade 7 Students:

Anna Karcz, Jordan Pasterczyk, Tucker Sopha, Riley Ward

Grade 8 Students:

Madison Ambrose, Chloe Borkush, Olivia Foglietta, Acadia Gafford, Timothy Garrant, Jack Harmon, Elliott King, Alexis Mckenney, Vicky Ni, Jonathan Pasterczyk, Kylie Potter, Violet Reynolds, Emma Rives, Brianna Tilton

Public Input: Joe Saulnier read the following statement received from Raymond Citizen John Harmon. "It is mystifying that the Superintendent has decided to reduce the school week to 4 academic days, which is a 20% reduction in learning opportunities. Since remote learning has started, I have noticed a reduction in the amount of work my children have been asked to do. As Mr. Bickford states in his March 31st email to parents, "we all realize that we are not going to be able to cover nearly as much of the curriculum as we usually would..." This is definitely not the time to reduce learning opportunities, which will only exacerbate the problem. How is it constructive for students to go a whole day without any schoolwork, as my two middle schoolers did today? The District needs to do all it can during this time to ensure a rigorous and relevant education for our children. Please, School Board do not allow this schedule change to continue."

IHGMS and LRES Principals' Reports to the Board:

Laura Yacek presented her principal's report for LRES as found in the meeting agenda.
Bob Bickford presented his principal's report for IHGMS as found in the meeting agenda.

2020-2021 School Meal Prices: The Board reviewed the current meal prices to determine if prices will remain the same for the upcoming school year. Current meal prices, the USDA Paid Lunch Equity Guidance for 2020-2021 and the Paid Lunch Equity Tool can be found in the meeting agenda. Judy DiNatale mentioned that families could also apply for free and reduced lunch now due to a change in situation, which would carry over to their accounts in the fall of next school year as well.

Given the uncertainty of the economy at this time, the district does not recommend price increases for lunches for the 2020-21 school year. However, the district does believe that increases of ten cents for breakfasts at all schools should be considered. As always, the district defer to the judgement of the Board.

Janice Arsenault believes that the Board should go along with what the district has proposed, as she believes they have done the appropriate research.

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved to increase the breakfast prices at all schools by ten cents, seconded by Melissa Sytek. Upon being polled, Melissa Sytek, Janice Arsenault, Tony Clemets and Joe Saulnier all voted in the affirmative (4-0).

Preschool Playground Bid Award: The Board reviewed the analysis and recommendation for the Preschool Playground bid, as found in the meeting agenda. Fencing, paved sidewalk and site work will be an additional cost for this project. Facilities Director Todd Ledoux spoke with the Board about the differences between the larger and smaller units.

Janice Arsenault asked if we are still on track to get the high school ready for the preschool to move in in the fall. Tina McCoy stated that things were still on track for this project. Todd Ledoux believes that the students not being in the school will actually be helpful to getting projects done. Joe Saulnier is concerned with not having all bids ready for the preschool project. Todd Ledoux would like to get the site work done, so that the preschool move can happen in the future.

Janice Arsenault asked to clarify how important it was to vote on this playground bid tonight. To clarify, if they vote tonight, it does not tie them into the project. Joe Saulnier stated that his understanding was if you accepted the bid, then you have accepted the contract to do the work. Marjorie Whitmore clarified that they would need to reach out and find out how long the contractors would honor these prices.

Todd Ledoux reported that middle to end of May, possibly June before all of the project bid numbers would be returned.

Tony Clements, Joe Saulnier, Janice Arsenault do not feel that it is a good idea to move forward with this at this time not having the money for this playground.

Tina McCoy asked if the Board would allow the district to move forward with the site work to begin. All other work totals around \$16,500, but it would be more like \$5,000-\$6,500 for the site work alone (no fencing or paving). The Board reported that they would be more comfortable with this, and would like to put the playground bid on hold.

IHGMS 2020-2021 Schedule: The Board reviewed the IHGMS 2020-2021 schedule, as found in the meeting agenda.

MOTION: Janice Arseanult moved to accept the IHGMS 2020-2021 master schedule as presented, seconded by Joe Saulnier. Upon being individually polled, Joe Saulnier, Melissa Sytek, Janice Arsenault and Tony Clements all voted in the affirmative (4-0).

Remote Learning Schedule: Dr. McCoy reviewed the information provided in the meeting agenda with the Board about the remote learning schedule. Laura Yacek, Bob Bickford and Steve Woodward all spoke to how a shift in schedules would benefit staff and students at their schools. Joe Saulnier stated that he wants to make sure students have work to do on that day off and it isn't only to help lower achieving students. Janice Arsenault stated that remote learning will never mirror a regular school day and that teachers are putting in many more hours than they were under normal circumstances. Dr. McCoy stated that if parents would like more activities for their students to work on, parents should reach out to their child's teachers. The Board is in support of these changes.

New/Revised Policies - First Reading:

The Board reviewed Policy BEDG Minutes, as found in the meeting agenda. There were no concerns at this time.

The Board reviewed Policy BEDG-R Access to Minutes and Public Records (Withdraw Policy), as found in the meeting agenda. There were no concerns at this time.

The Board reviewed Policy EH Data Management, as found in the meeting agenda. There were no concerns at this time.

The Board reviewed Policy EH-R Administrative Procedures for Public Access to District Records, as found in the meeting agenda. There were no concerns at this time.

Authorization for Supt to Enter into Contracts with the State: The Board reviewed the Certificate of Authority, as found in the meeting agenda.

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved to authorize the Chairman of the School Board to sign the Certificate of Authority for the superintendent to enter the contract, seconded by Melissa Sytek.

Upon being individually polled, Janice Arsenault, Joe Saulnier, Melissa Sytek and Tony Clements voted in the affirmative (4-0).

Committee Reports: There were no committee reports.

Student Representative's Report: New Student Representative to the School Board Isabella Dasilva spoke with the Board about the current remote learning conditions. Isabella told the Board that students were settling in now that all teachers were using Google Classroom.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. McCoy thanked the technology team. The bagged meal system is now online. LEAP program will be available to all students free of charge during this time of remote learning. Dr. Michael Whaland, Curriculum Coordinator, successfully defended his dissertation this weekend. The Director of Student Behavior Health has been working with everyone to support families behind the scenes. Human Resources has been working to make sure staff know their new rights, as well as working with the technology team to make time sheets electronic. Lamprey River Elementary School Building Committee will be meeting next week VIA email communication and will meet again in May.

Correspondence/Other: None.

Manifest Signing:

Marjorie Whitmore asked the auditors for clarification of manifest signing remotely. The Board can read this into the minutes, as currently done, and approve it. They can then be signed at a later date. Payroll total \$430,411.70. Accounts Payable total \$ 150,741.04 for a grand total of \$ 581,152.81.

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved to accept the manifest amounts as presented, seconded by Melissa Sytek. Upon being individually polled, Joe Saulnier, Melissa Sytek, Tony Clements, and Janice Arsenault all voted in the affirmative (4-0).

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved to accept the meeting minutes of February 19, 2020 as presented, seconded by Melissa Sytek. Upon being individually polled, Joe Saulnier, Meliisa Sytek and Janice Arseanult voted in the affirmative. Tony Clements abstained. (3-0-1).

MOTION: Janice Arseanult moved to accept the meeting minutes of March 4, 2020, keeping the non-public meeting minutes sealed, seconded by Melissa Sytek. Upon being individually polled, Joe Saulnier, Meliisa Sytek and Janice Arseanult voted in the affirmative. Tony Clements abstained. (3-0-1).

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Non-Public Session:

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved to enter Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b)(c), seconded by Melissa Sytek. Upon being individually polled, Janice Arsenault, Joe Saulnier, Melissa Sytek and Tony Clements voted in the affirmative (4-0).

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved to exit non-public session keeping the minutes sealed, seconded by Melissa Sytek. Upon being individually polled, Joe Saulnier, Melissa Sytek, Tony Clements and Janice Arsenault voted in the affirmative (4-0).

Adjournment:

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 PM, seconded by Joe Saulnier. Upon being individually polled, Janice Arsenault, Joe Saulnier, Melissa Sytek and Tony Clements voted in the affirmative (4-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany LHeureux
School Board Clerk