

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM. Present: School Board Members Joseph Saulnier, Melissa Sytek, Beth Paris, Tony Clements and Janice Arsenault; Superintendent of Schools Tina McCoy; 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; Technology Coordinator Kevin Federico; Student Services Coordinator Marissa Nerenburg; 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.

Public Input: Dr. Tina McCoy introduced the new Student Services Coordinator Marissa Nerenburg.

Chairman of the Board Joe Saulnier read aloud the following statement, sent in by Raymond Resident John Harmon: "I am disappointed that the District is again considering reducing the amount hours our students will be attending school, as it did last year. Remote learning is not a reason to reduce school hours. If anything, the District should be looking at ways to recoup some of the reduction in learning opportunities caused by remote learning. Learning hours are a precious commodity whether during February 2020 or June 2020. Please School Board, keep the current 178 day schedule."

School Calendar - Potential Adjustments: The Board reviewed the information provided in the meeting agenda regarding possible school calendar changes. Dr. McCoy asked the Board to consider working through the spring break given the circumstances of remote learning during the COVID-19 crisis. The second consideration for the Board was to allow teachers to communicate with parents at any mutually agreeable time and not during specifically scheduled parent-teacher conference time frame.

Janice Arsenault stated that she does not want to stop for a break right now, and believes we should work through what would have been April Vacation and ending the year on June 5th. Ms. Arsnault also believes that parent teacher conferences would be more convenient for parents if they were at a mutually agreed upon time.

Beth Paris spoke with other residents and most stated that they would like to keep going and working through break. Ms. Paris believes we should work through April vacation as well. Joe Saulnier would like to see the school year end on June 12th and to work through April vacation.

Janice Arsnault asked if there were plans for teachers to work with students that need more support after June 5th. Dr. McCoy said that if there were students who did not pass or needed extra support, teachers could support those students at that time.

Beth Paris asked to see what the Student Representative of the School Board thought.

Isabella Dasilva felt that students working through the break would help them from losing motivation and struggling to get back into the swing of things after a break.

Tony Clements agreed with working through April break, which would give students that really need the extra support in that last week more individualized attention.

Melissa Sytek asked to clarify: If we get out on June 5th, do we need to make up the snow days.

Joe Saulnier clarified that we do not. Dr. McCoy stated that we need to meet the requirements of the state, and then it is up to the school Board.

The Board discussed the current hours that students are putting into their work during remote learning.

Dr. McCoy stated that Exeter is getting out on June 4th as well.

Steve Woodward stated that he liked the idea of having teachers around for that extra week to focus on the students that need that extra support.

MOTION: Beth Paris moved to work through April vacation, seconded by Janice Arsenault.

Upon being individually polled, Janice Arsenault, Beth Paris, Joe Saulnier, Melissa Sytek and Tony Clements voted in the affirmative (5-0).

MOTION: Beth Paris moved to end the school year on June 5th, with the following week open for students that need more assistance, seconded by Melissa Sytek. Tony Clements asked how we will determine who needs to complete that extra week. Tina McCoy stated that it would be for students that do not demonstrate proficiency in their competencies. Upon being individually polled, Janice Arsenault, Beth Paris, Melissa Sytek and Tony Clements voted in the affirmative, Joe Saulnier opposed (4-1).

In regards to Preschool and Kindergarten:

Laura Yacek reported that they typically do kindergarten screening for incoming students, and teachers would need time to complete that.

Janice Arsenault agreed with the plan to get preschool and kindergarten out a little earlier.

Marissa Nerenberg stated that remote learning has been hard for students of this age developmentally and it may not be beneficial for students of this age to keep going.

Dorothy Franchini, Assistant Principal at LRES, has been tracking student engagement and reported that Pre-K and Kindergarten have been having the hardest time keeping students engaged.

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved to end Pre-K and Kindergarten on May 29th, 2020 seconded by Beth Paris. Upon being individually polled, Janice Arsenault, Beth Paris, Joe Saulnier, Melissa Sytek and Tony Clements voted in the affirmative (5-0).

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved to allow teachers and parents to schedule parent teacher conferences at a time that is mutually convenient, seconded by Melissa Sytek. Upon being

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individually polled, Janice Arsenault, Beth Paris, Joe Saulnier, Melissa Sytek and Tony Clements voted in the affirmative (5-0).

Adjournment:

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 PM, seconded by Beth Paris. Upon being individually polled, Janice Arsenault, Beth Paris, Joe Saulnier, Melissa Sytek and Tony Clements voted in the affirmative (5-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany LHeureux
School Board Clerk