

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Present: School Board Members John Harmon, Daniel Chouinard, Stephen Reardon, and Tina Thomas (7:13 PM); Administrator in Charge of Superintendent Services Ellen Small; Business Administrator Ron Brickett; Iber Holmes Gove Middle School Principal Bob Bickford; Facilities Director Todd Ledoux.

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: Frank Bourque approached the Board. On behalf of the Town of Raymond, the School Board and others were invited to the Wreaths Across America event on Monday morning at 8:00 at the Town Common. He also suggested contacting the bus company because downtown will be limited with the tractor trailers.

Mr. Bourque stated that he has some concerns on the potential bond issue for the roof for Raymond High School. He feels using one manufacturer is a mistake. He stated that there are several companies that manufacture the same type of roof and he suggested that the District could bid out for the product.

Mr. Bourque stated that he thought looking at ways to bring tuition students into the District is important for the future of the town. If school enrollment continues to decrease, it will become difficult for the town to afford. He suggested that the Board consider making Raymond a regional high school to bring in revenue.

Our Students/Our Schools: IHGMS teacher Jen Datilio and students Kaitlyn Bergeron, Kathryn LaCasse, and Jeni Plender talked with the Board about how they use their own devices in the classroom for instruction as part of the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program, including:

- Online access allows more up-to-date information to be available, as well as much larger amounts of information being available
- Games allow for fun learning
- BYOD allows for single access to computers/devices
- Many free educational apps
- Moodle is used for the classroom website.

Request for Inclusion on School Board Agenda: Peg Louis brought to the Board the winners of the student artwork contest for the *Raymond 250th Anniversary Cookbook*. She stated that she also wanted to highlight the collaboration of the Town and the School, and that this was a classic example of "My Town, Your Town, and Our Town." All the childrens' work will be on display in businesses around town. The following are the recognized students:

Mhrissa Emery
Arielle Bostaph
Keegan Jardine
Tia Frotton

Danny Hutchinson
Marissa Cegelis
Bailey Lopez
Will Harmon

Abby Longo
Taylor Gemma
Trevor McManus
Nick Smith

Request for Inclusion on School Board Agenda: Frank Bourque and Kathy Hoelzel approached the Board regarding the potential re-opening of Carroll Lake Beach. Mr. Bourque requested to know whether the Board is in agreement that the beach re-opening is a good thing. If the School Board considers it to be a good idea, then the Selectmen can move forward with a warrant article. He stated that this would be with the understanding that the Town bears the exclusive cost of the beach program. The estimate is based on keeping all the same as it was when the beach was previously open - same hours, lifeguard, keeping it closed in the morning for a swim program. Mr. Harmon stated that the general feeling of the Board at the last meeting was that they are in favor of moving forward with the opening, dependent on the test results of the water. At that meeting, Town Manager Craig Wheeler had stated it would take 12-18 months for permitting. Mr. Bourque stated that Mr. Wheeler had been mistaken; that the time frame would not be that long. Mr. Harmon stated that it has already been the consensus of the Board to move forward, knowing that they were still waiting for some items to be addressed by the attorney.

During discussion with the Board, Mr. Bourque stated:

- Water testing is regulated by the State and cannot be done now; it must be done just prior to opening the beach.
- Any improvements needed to the beach to open it could be funded by the CIP plan with the Recreation Department.
- A path can be set to keep people on and to be ADA compliant.
- A User Agreement can be drafted by the Town.
- The Shore Land Protection Act does present issues for new construction, but not existing areas that can be cleaned up without heavy equipment.
- Portable toilets would be maintained by the Town.
- Beach could be open on weekends and from 1-6 PM on weekdays.

Mr. Harmon stated that the biggest issue would be if there is any additional cost to the District for liability insurance. Mrs. Small will look into it.

MOTION: Stephen Reardon moved, seconded by Tina Thomas, to move forward for the Town to pursue a warrant article for the ballot in March regarding re-opening the Carroll Lake Beach, with the understanding that insurance liability is yet to be determined and the expectation that insurance, as well as other conditions, are met. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Overnight Field Trip Approval: 8th Grade Class Advisor Tracey Norris asked the Board for approval for the 8th grade field trip to Washington D.C. This year, added to the agenda will be a trip to the White House. Ms. Thomas stated that she would want to see the fundraising begun after the trip approval, rather than before. MOTION: Stephen Reardon moved, seconded by Tina Thomas, to approve the 8th Grade field trip to Washington D.C., May 19-May 22, 2014. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Nominations/Resignations: MOTION: Tina Thomas moved, seconded by Stephen Reardon, to accept the retirements of Thomas O'Brien and Eileen Legg, effective at the end of the 2013-14 school year. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

SST – NH Scholars: Mrs. Small reviewed the email from Seacoast School of Technology Principal Margaret Callahan in which she describes the ability for School Boards to now choose whether their SST students will be able to participate in the New Hampshire Scholars Initiative through SST this current school year or wait until next year. MOTION: Tina Thomas moved, seconded by Stephen Reardon, to enter into the NH Scholars Initiative for SST for 2013-14. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Committee Reports: Mr. Reardon stated that he met with the Cable Committee, where they discussed opportunities to increase communication between the school system and RCTV regarding event coverage.

Mr. Harmon stated that the Budget Committee met and reviewed the Town and School budgets. It was noted there was an error in the town operating budget, and the budget is an increase of approximately 4%.

Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Small stated that the portables will be repaired over a two-week period this month. During the repairs, students will be moved out of the classrooms. A letter had been sent home to parents of students affected by the repairs.

Mary Kate Hartwell will be presenting two workshops in January on Performance Assessments. She is also creating a survey for teachers regarding their use of Google Apps.

SST midterms will be held December 12th and 13th.

LRES partnered with the Raymond Rotary to provide coats for families in need. IHGMS has partnered with the Children's Chamber Fund and are collecting donations to purchase coats and mittens for area families.

Correspondence: Ms. Thomas stated that parents have expressed to her their concerns about the report cards and the absence of a letter grade in grade reporting.

Manifest Signing: A quorum of the Board signed the manifest. Accounts Payable total \$476,462.30. Payroll \$404,278.55.

Approval of Minutes: MOTION: Tina Thomas moved, seconded by Daniel Chouinard, to approve the public minutes of November 6, 2013 as written and to approve and keep sealed the non-public minutes of November 6, 2013 as the divulgence would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself. Voted unanimously in the affirmative with Stephen Reardon abstaining.

MOTION: Tina Thomas moved, seconded by Daniel Chouinard, to approve the public minutes of November 20, 2013 with the following amendment: page one, correct "weekend" to "building"; and to approve and keep sealed the non-public minutes of November 20, 2013 as the divulgence would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself.

Non-Public Session: MOTION: Tina Thomas moved, seconded by Stephen Reardon, to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) "The hiring of any public employee." Upon the Board members

being individually polled, the motion was voted in the affirmative by Tina Thomas, John Harmon, Daniel Chouinard, and Stephen Reardon. The Board entered into non-public session at 8:41 PM and resumed public session at 8:54 PM. Other than the vote to terminate non-public session and seal the minutes because it was determined that divulgence of information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the public body itself (which was moved by Tina Thomas, seconded by Daniel Chouinard, and upon the Board members being individually polled, was voted in the affirmative by John Harmon, Tina Thomas, Stephen Reardon, and Daniel Chouinard), one motion was voted during this non-public session.

Adjournment: MOTION: Tina Thomas moved, seconded by Daniel Chouinard, to adjourn the meeting. Voted unanimously in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Gillespie,

Raymond School Board Clerk

Raymond School Board Non-Public Session

December 4, 2013

Approved and voted to be unsealed January 15, 2014

Personnel

Present: School Board Members John Harmon, Daniel Chouinard, Tina Thomas, and Stephen Reardon.

The Board discussed a successor agreement for Administrator in Charge of Superintendent Services Ellen Small. MOTION: Tina Thomas moved, seconded by Daniel Chouinard, to move forward with a successor agreement for Ellen Small with item #9, vacation reimbursement, to be grandfathered to keep it at 25 days. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

All agreed that Mr. Harmon would contact the attorney to work out the salary part of the contract language.

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