

Raymond School Board Meeting

December 16, 2020

Raymond High School Media Center: Held remotely via Google Meet

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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. Present: School Board Members Joseph Saulnier, Melissa Sytek, Beth Paris, Tony Clements and Janice Arsenault ; Superintendent of Schools Tina McCoy; Curriculum Coordinator Mike Whaland; Director of Student Services Michael Hatfield; Lamprey River Elementary Principal Laura Yacek; Iber Holmes Gove Middle School Principal Bob Bickford; Raymond High School Principal Steve Woodward; Technology Director Kevin Federico; Director of Student Behavioral Health Jessica Caron; Student Representative to the School Board Isabella daSilva. All were present via Google Meet.

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

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

Recognition: The Board recognized students on the IHGMS High Honors 2020-21 for Trimester One. These students received all A's in the first trimester. In grade 6: Annaliese Hetherington, Sawyer King, and Ella Sabato. In grade 7: Theodore Pekalsky, William Saulnier and Meagan Ward. In grade 8: Caleb Pekalsky.

Public Input: Tina Thomas is having trouble accessing the Google Meet, and spoke to the Board by phone. Tony Clements posted on Facebook about the oil deal that was currently made this year as well as about the stipend, and Ms. Thomas asked to respond publicly to these posts.

First Trimester LRES & IHGMS Principals' Reports: LRES Principal Laura Yacek presented the Board with her trimester report, as found in the meeting agenda. Joe Saulnier asked what Acadience is. Laura Yacek stated that it is the new name for the DIBELS test. Janice Arsenault asked for the enrollment numbers to be sent, which Laura Yacek will take care of. Mr. Bickford will also send them to the Board for IHGMS as well.

IHGMS Principal Bob Bickford presented the Board with his trimester report, as found in the meeting agenda.

RHS Student Survey: The Board reviewed a proposed student survey to be given to RHS students, as found in the meeting agenda. Tony Clements commented that he likes question #9, but would like to see it followed up with if it is not enough work or too much work. Beth Paris suggested that 11 & 12 language be adjusted from 'how concerned' to more appropriately match the answer choices. Janice Arsenault raised concern that asking students if they want to be in school as they were pre-covid, but not wanting students to feel like they are being ignored when it is not possible to attend school in a pre-covid capacity. Dr. McCoy also suggested asking students if they have chosen to be fully remote or hybrid for this school year. Isabella daSilva agreed with the survey changes proposed and the request to keep the survey anonymous.

RHS 2021-22 Program of Studies: Principal Woodard reviewed proposed changes to the Program of Studies at RHS for the 2021-2022 School Year, as found in the meeting agenda. Dr. McCoy suggested mentioning in the Program of Studies the policy on dual enrollment.

**MOTION**: Janice Arsenault moved to accept the RHS program of Studies for 2021-2022, seconded by Beth Paris. Upon being individually polled, all Board members voted in the affirmative (5-0).

Review of Reopening Plan: Dr. McCoy presented proposed changes to the Reopening Plan, as found in the meeting agenda. Joe Saulnier suggested that the plan is revisited at the second meeting in February instead of March as proposed.

**MOTION**: Janice Arsenault moved to accept the changes to the Raymond Reopening Plan as presented, seconded by Beth Paris. Upon being individually polled, all members of the Board voted in the affirmative (5-0).

Joe Saulnier stated that parents have been emailing the School Board about snow days, which are determined by the Superintendent. Those emails have been shared with Dr. McCoy.

REA CBA Ratification: Janice Arsenault will be recusing herself from any discussion or vote in this matter.

**MOTION**: Beth Paris moved to ratify the REA CBA, seconded by Melissa Sytek. Upon being individually polled, Joe Saulnier, Beth Paris, Melissa Sytek and Tony Clements voted in the affirmative (4-0).

Chairman Saulnier stated that there would be more information on this to come in the future.

Warrant Articles Recommendations/Approval: Dr. McCoy presented the Board with legal advice gathered as well as RSAs regarding raising the treasurer's salary as well as an assistant treasurer salary, as found in the meeting agenda. Janice Arsenault stated that her preference

would be to put these items in a warrant article. Tony Clements would agree if that is the Board consensus. Melissa Sytek asked what will happen if it is put on a warrant article and it is voted no. This would be two separate warrant articles: one for the raise for the treasurer, and one for the deputy treasurer. Dr. McCoy stated that the legal advice suggested that you do not need to use the words "raise and appropriate".

**MOTION:** Janice Arsenault moved to create a warrant article regarding the increase of the treasurers stipend of \$750 seconded by Melissa Sytek. Upon being individually polled, all Board members voted in the affirmative (5-0).

Tina Thomas wished to thank the Board for taking this into consideration.

**MOTION:** Janice Arsenault moved to develop a warrant article to appoint a deputy treasurer for the Raymond School District and authorize payment up to \$500 for training, seconded by Melissa Sytek. Upon being individually polled, all Board members voted in the affirmative (5-0).

New/Revised Policies - Second Reading:

The Board reviewed proposed revisions to Policy JLCB Immunizations of Students, as found in the meeting agenda. There were no changes to this policy as a result of the first reading.

**MOTION:** Janice Arsenault moved to accept Policy JLCB Immunizations of Students, seconded by Melissa Sytek. Voted unanimously in the affirmative (5-0).

The Board reviewed proposed revisions to Policy JLCA Physical Examinations of Students, as found in the meeting agenda. There were no changes to this policy as a result of the first reading.

**MOTION:** Janice Arsenault moved to accept Policy JLCA Physical Examinations of Students, seconded by Melissa Sytek. Voted unanimously in the affirmative(5-0).

The Board reviewed proposed revisions to Policy JLC Student Health Services, as found in the meeting agenda. There were no changes as a result of the first meeting.

**MOTION:** Janice Arsenault moved to accept Policy JLC Student Health Services, seconded by Melissa Sytek. Voted unanimously in the affirmative (5-0).

The Board reviewed proposed revisions to Policy EBBC/JLCE Emergency Care & First Aid, as found in the meeting agenda. There were no changes as a result of the first meeting.

**MOTION:** Janice Arsenault moved to accept Policy EBBC/JLCE Emergency Care & First Aid, seconded by Beth Paris. Voted unanimously in the affirmative (5-0).

Monthly Financial Update: Dr. McCoy presented the monthly financial update prepared by Marjorie Whitmore, which can be found in the meeting agenda. Joe Saulnier asked about student tuitions currently being over budget. Mr. Saulnier also asked about professional services for students that have gone up as well. Dr. McCoy reported that it can be true that contracted services may go down when a student is moved out of the district, but there are a lot of factors that contribute to that and may not directly impact contracted service amounts.

Donation Acceptance: The Exeter Area Charitable Foundation has donated \$500 to Raymond High School and \$750 to Lamprey River Elementary School. These donations are to be used to help students in need.

**MOTION:** Janice Arsenault moved to accept the \$500 donation from Exeter Area Charitable Foundation for RHS, seconded by Beth Paris. Voted unanimously in the affirmative (5-0).

**MOTION:** Janice Arsenault moved to accept the \$750 donation to LRES from the Exeter Area Charitable Foundation and thank them for their generous support, seconded by Melissa Sytek. Voted unanimously in the affirmative (5-0).

Committee Reports: Janice Arsenault reported that she recently attended an RCFY meeting. They had a guest speaker from the liquor commission who shared some points about the change in charges and fines for possession of alcohol. Youth action is also working on a baby supply drive which has been challenging. The Gala is scheduled for March 6th. The disk golf course is also coming along well with only 2 baskets left to sponsor.

Joe Saulnier reported that he has attended two budget committee meetings since the last School Board meeting. There has been discussion at those meetings about eliminating vice principals from all the schools. The committee will be meeting again in the 7th for the school- which will be the public hearings.

Student Representative's Report: Isabella daSilva reported that RHS students are working on their annual spirit week activities this week into next week. This year students will send in pictures of themselves participating in activities from home to earn spirit points.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. McCoy reported that there was a power outage at the high school that caused some trouble. Eversource was able to bring in a high powered generator to keep things going. The power did need to be off for a period of time on Monday to correct the issue. The first order of air purifiers have been delivered to the district recently with more on the way. There are plans underway to work with the bus company to split up lunch deliveries to be multiple days of the week instead of only one day of the week. Dr. Whaland has secured a grant

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to allow the district access to provide parent training around various topics. The winter sports season has started at RHS and is off to a good start.

Correspondence/ Other: Janice Arsenault stated that it is \$1,625 to sponsor a basket in disk golf.

Manifest Signing: Dr. McCoy presented the Board with the numbers on the Manifests, which are located at the SAU to be signed. Accounts payables totaled \$715,444.41, Payroll totaling \$435,026.37. For a total of \$1,150,470.78.

Approval of Minutes:

**MOTION:** Janice Arsenault moved to accept the minutes of December 2, 2020, unsealing the non-public minutes, seconded by Beth Paris. Joe Saulnier referenced errors on the section about public input. The Board will wait to approve these minutes until the section on public input is corrected.

Adjournment:

**MOTION:** Janice Arsenault moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM, seconded by Beth Paris. Voted unanimously in the affirmative (5-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany LHeureux  
School Board Clerk