

Raymond School Board encourages all community members to attend School Board meetings and to address the Board during public input. We also encourage participation in the deliberative session, which is February 10 at 10:00am at the Raymond High School Cafeteria. The community's voice is important to the Board, who must make decisions for Raymond's children's education needs. The School Board helps set the district's goals and direction, plans and adopts policies for the learning opportunities for students, and addresses areas that are in need of improvement for the school community.

A number of Warrant articles will appear on this year's ballot which will directly affect the School District. Each warrant article will be presented and discussed at the deliberative session. Some articles, such as the school district budget, can be amended by a majority of those present and voting.

The school district budget is developed with input from community members through a series of open meetings. This includes parental input, teachers, support personnel, administrators and the elected Board to develop a budget which will provide quality instruction, support educational endeavors and programs for Raymond's children. The school district's budget is Warrant Article 2.

The School Board and the Raymond Education Association reached an agreement (CBA) over salaries and benefits, and this will appear as Warrant Article 3. Even though the CBA cannot be amended at the deliberative session, it will be discussed. The School Board will present information about the CBA and how much it will cost if it passes in March.

Warrant Article 5 allocates \$235,400 into the Capital Reserve fund. The Capital reserve fund is a savings fund that allows the school district to save in advance for future maintenance, equipment and items costing over ten thousand dollars which are needed in the school district in accordance with our capital improvement plans. This allows the District to either fully fund the project or to significantly lower the cost if a bond is needed.

The School Board voted to place \$50,000 of the undesignated funds in the Capital Reserve Fund. Undesignated funds are monies already collected which were not expended and remain unused at the end of the fiscal year. This appears as Warrant Article 6.

Your voice and your vote are important. Attend the Deliberative Session on February 10 at the RHS Cafeteria.