

Raymond School Board Meeting  
February 3, 2021  
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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, Tony Clements, Beth Paris and Janice Arsenault; Superintendent of Schools Tina McCoy; Business Administrator Marjorie Whitmore; Curriculum Coordinator Mike Whaland; Director of Student Services Michael Hatfield; Iber Holmes Gove Middle School Principal Bob Bickford; Raymond High School Principal Steve Woodward; Lamprey River Elementary School Principal Laura Yacek; 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: Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input: None at this time.

Our Students/Our Schools: IHGMS Principal Bob Bickford spoke to the Board about how the IHGMS SIT Tier III Supplementary On-site Supports were implemented, and how it is going. This system was designed to help students that are struggling specifically with remote education.

LEAP Update: Pat Arsenault came to the Board to provide an update on the Learning Enrichment After-school Program. LEAP was also able to offer a full day program during the time that the district needed to go fully remote.

LRES Health Curriculum Reorganization: Dr. Whaland shared a presentation with the Board (as found in the meeting agenda) regarding a plan to reorganize and improve the way that health instruction is delivered at LRES. Beth Paris thought that the plans were great, and wanted to share that the new American Heart Association guidelines are coming out- which encourages student exposure to AEDs even at an early age.

Overview and Explanation of Duties: Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment: Dr. Whaland and Dr. McCoy shared a presentation with the Board about the current duties of the Director of Curriculum within the district, as found in the meeting agenda. Janice Arsenault gave a historical perspective of the position. When it was decided that there would be a curriculum director, they started with 3 (one for each school) and it has slowly dwindled down to the one position that is known now. Joe Saulnier wished to congratulate Dr. Whaland for making it on the "40 under Forty" list this year.

New/Revised Policy - First Reading:

The Board reviewed Policy JH Student Absences and Excuses, as found in the meeting agenda. Janice Arseanult asked for clarification on #4- to spell out the time threshold. Is the “missed time” 2 hours, a half day, etc. Mr. Bickford stated that in the handbook it says at least a half day. Janice stated that she was ok with it as long as it was in all of the handbooks. Tony Clements also agrees that there should be an option for family special events to be considered in advance. Melissa Sytek stated that she appreciated the background information to understand why the policy was proposed the way that it was. There were no changes proposed at this time.

Committee Reports: Janice Arsenault reported that on January 23rd, she virtually attended the delegate assembly. The amendment proposed by the Raymond School Board passed. Joe Saulnier reported that the Budget Committee did meet after the deliberative session, and they still do not support the budget that was voted on at the deliberative session.

Student Representative’s Report: Isabella daSilva had nothing to report at this time.

Superintendent’s Report: Dr. McCoy reported that the deliberative session went well after much planning. The school district will be receiving more relief funds related to COVID 19 that will need to be used by 2023. The district is already working on identifying what supports they can put in place for students with these funds. The penguin plunge has been rescheduled to February 13th. The Ramguins are so motivated with a plan to be outside, socially distanced and have their event here at the school. The food service department will be engaging in an onsite evaluation this year. There is much excitement to have students return next Monday.

Correspondence/ Other: Joe Saulnier stated that there will be a candidates night in a few weeks.

Manifest Signing: Marjorie Whitmore presented the Board with the numbers on the Manifests. Accounts payables totaled \$332,508.23, Payroll totaling \$450,715.88. For a total of \$783,224.11. The manifests are in the lockbox to be signed.

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Approval of Minutes:

**MOTION:** Janice Arsenualt moved to approve the minutes of January 20, 2021, seconded by Joe Saulnier. Beth Paris abstained (4-0-1).

Joe Saulnier asked the Board to review the minutes in their inbox regarding the deliberative session of January 30, 2021 as well.

**MOTION:** Janice Arsenault moved to accept the minutes of January 30, 2021, seconded by Melissa Sytek. Beth Paris abstained (4-0-1)

Adjournment:

**MOTION:** Janice Arsenault moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM, seconded by Joe Saulnier. Voted unanimously in the affirmative (5-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany L'Heureux  
School Board Clerk