

Raymond School Board Meeting

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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; Student Representative to the School Board Isabella Dasilva; Curriculum Coordinator Mike Whaland; Technology Coordinator Kevin Federico.

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.

Birthday Parade Event/Logistics:

Joe Saulnier explained that Elizabeth Mcgovern, Raymond resident, has been organizing Birthday Parades for students' birthdays. Joe Saulnier emailed the Raymond Police Department to see if they would help with traffic flow during these events. The Police department stated that it would need to be a school or town event. Joe Saulnier also spoke to the town manager, who stated that it was not a sanctioned event and they would need more details.

Dr. McCoy has been looking into the information needed for the District to decide if they can help support this event. The Raymond Police charge \$79 an hour with a 4 hour minimum for Police Detail. A motorcade type detail would require 2 officers. The State Police rates are roughly the same, but they typically do not help without being asked by the town. If it becomes a district event, the District becomes liable. Primex stated that if Employees participate, they would need to clarify that it was on a volunteer basis. If the Board wants to make it a district event, Tina would need to work with the police department to see if they are available.

Beth Paris thanked Elizabeth Mcgovern for all of her work to make this happen. Ms. Paris does not believe that this should be a school event and should be left to private citizens of Raymond. Ms. Paris also liked the idea that Ms. Mcgovern presented: limiting the amount of cars allowed if necessary.

Tony Clements suggested that instead of not letting people participate, balancing the cars into multiple parades. Ms. Mcgovern stated that this was also an option she had thought about: having different parades start at different schools, with fewer cars in each group.

Janice Arsenault thanked Elizabeth Mcgovern for all of her hard work. Ms. Arsenault agrees that this should stay a private event, but also likes the idea of making it two separate, smaller, parades if possible.

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Joe Saulnier asked if the Board was comfortable paying for the police detail if it was not a school sponsored event. Tony Clements elaborated that this would be like the district sponsoring it with money, but still leaving the control to Ms. MCGovern. Tina McCoy stated that she was not sure if the insurance company would look at sponsoring or sanctioning would make a difference to the liability on the district. Tony Clements stated that he could get on board with helping out with money, but does not like the liability. Melissa Sytek agreed with Tony Clements. Janice Arsenault asked if Tina McCoy or Marjorie Whitmore could ask Primex if there is a difference between sponsoring or sanctioning an event. Janice Arsenault stated that she wants to know if saying that the district is 'sponsoring' or 'sanctioning' changes the liability, while Joe Saulnier speaks with the town.

Beth Paris would like the School Board to stay out of it. Elizabeth MCGovern stated that she is disappointed that the police were not more willing to work with them. Ms. MCGovern was more than willing to split up the parades if the police detail was not possible.

Janice Arsenault, Melissa Sytek, Tony Clements, and Beth Paris stated that they were ok with Joe SAulnier speaking to the town and Police department to gather more information while the district finds more info about liability, and a decision can be made on Wednesday at the regularly scheduled School Board meeting.

If parents do not have Facebook and would like their student to be visited during a future Birthday Parade they can email lizmalooof@yahoo.com

Adjournment:

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM, seconded by Beth Paris. Upon being individually polled, Beth Paris, Joe Saulnier, Melissa Sytek, Tony Clements and Janice Arsenault voted in the affirmative (5-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany LHeureux
School Board Clerk