

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM. Present: School Board Members Joseph Saulnier, Moe Titcomb, Michelle Couture, and Janice Arsenault; Student Representative to the School Board Jeff Rivard; Superintendent of Schools Tina McCoy; Business Administrator Ron Brickett; Curriculum Coordinator Mike Whaland; Raymond High School Principal Steve Woodward; Iber Holmes Gove Middle School Principal Bob Bickford; Lamprey River Elementary School Assistant Principal Laura Yacek.

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:** Michelle Couture moved, seconded by Janice Arsenault, to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) "Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting." Upon the Board members being individually polled, the motion was voted in the affirmative by Janice Arsenault, Moe Titcomb, Michelle Couture and Joseph Saulnier. The Board entered into non-public session at 6:46 PM and resumed public session at 7:00 PM. Other than the vote to exit non-public session and seal the minutes (which was moved by Michelle Couture, seconded by Janice Arsenault, and upon the Board members being individually polled, was voted in the affirmative by Janice Arsenault, Moe Titcomb, Michelle Couture and Joseph Saulnier), no motions were voted during this non-public session.

Public Input: There was no public input forthcoming.

Our Students/Our Schools: IHGMS Teacher Kristin Wallace and students Jenna Spence, Cyanna Brigham, Alicia Call, and Nathan Wallace talked with the School Board about their trip to Nature's Classroom. This is a five-day trip for 5th grade students. They discussed moving into the cabins, field groups for daily hikes, classes such as building bridges, dissections, and skin care, night hikes, Thursday Night Live, Science Fair Night, Transition Time, and Quiet Sing. Ms. Wallace also discussed the website that she developed to provide updates on Nature's Classroom for parents.

Trimester Scheduling at LRES and IHGMS: Bob Bickford, Laura Yacek, and IHGMS and LRES staff members Maureen Desrosiers, Kaleigh Luipakka, Alicia Rockenhauser, Katie Bronson, Keri Shaw, and Kristin Wallace presented to the School Board a proposal for trimester schedules at IHGMS and LRES.

Currently, at LRES, all core academic courses are on a quarterly reporting schedule. At IHGMS, core classes are on quarter reporting and most Unified Arts are trimester (band, chorus, and spanish are quarterly). It was noted that because of this, there is a total of 8 columns of grades to look at in the PowerSchool Parent Portal, which is challenging.

A change to trimesters would not affect daily schedules at LRES and IHGMS.

During the presentation, it was noted that some of the issues with having to report quarterly are: having to stop learning activities in order to assess students before they're ready; constant assessment reduces time for teaching and applying learning; at IHGMS, some Unified Arts classes are on a quarterly schedule and some are trimester, and this presents difficulty when students move from one UA class to another.

Benefits of trimester scheduling include: better alignment with benchmark assessments; deeper work with the curriculum before reporting to parents; more time for teachers to reteach and reassess if needed; and elimination of parent confusion with different reporting schedules at IHGMS.

It was noted that grades are updated every two weeks, more often than progress reports and report cards are provided, so going from quarters and trimesters wouldn't affect a parent's ability to check on progress. Bob noted that 90% of parents at IHGMS are actively engaged in the Parent Portal.

During discussion:

- Mr. Titcomb asked what the negatives of this proposal would be. Mrs. Rockenhauser mentioned that there was some concern about students transitioning from trimesters to quarters from the middle school to the high school, but that doesn't seem to be a concern. Mrs. Bronson and Mrs. Desrosiers stated that students are better able to handle such a transition in 8th grade. Mrs. Wallace noted that much parent interaction is happening digitally and ongoing often throughout the year, not at only progress report or report card time.
- Mrs. Arsenault stated her hope is that that trimesters would eventually carry on to the high school so the entire district is on trimesters.
- Dr. McCoy stated that during the curriculum work that will be undertaken the next few years, it's important that teachers know how the curriculum should be organized, so she feels that the time to make a change would be now.
- Mrs. Couture stated that she is impressed with the unity of the staff and administration to present a proposal that builds a sense of culture and community in the classroom.
- Mr. Saulnier stated that he feels that the District is moving forward with its communication practices with parents.

MOTION: Michelle Couture moved, seconded by Janice Arsenault, that at LRES and IHGMS, that all classes be on the trimester reporting schedule, starting with the next school year. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

RHS Monday Schedule: Mr. Woodward discussed the proposed revision to the Monday schedule at RHS. The proposed revision removes Monday Morning Meeting time. Mr. Rivard, who is on the Site Council which reviewed the revision, stated that sometimes students felt that Monday Morning Meeting time could be better used. Mr. Woodward stated that if necessary, a Green or a White Day that is lost to a snow day could be run on Monday to make up some longer class time.

MOTION: Michelle Couture moved, seconded by Janice Arsenault, to accept the proposal for the RHS Monday schedule as presented. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Donation Acceptances: MOTION: Michelle Couture moved, seconded by Janice Arsenault, to accept the \$1,000 check from Hannaford Helps Schools to LRES. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved, seconded by Michelle Couture, to accept the donation of tack boards from Granite State Specialties at an estimated value of \$2,800. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Nominations/Resignations: MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved, seconded by Moe Titcomb, to accept the nomination of Marjorie Whitmore as Business Administrator for 2018-19. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

New/Revised Policies - Second Reading: MOTION: Michelle Couture moved, seconded by Janice Arsenault, to accept policy ADB Drug Free Workplace Policy. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

MOTION: Michelle Couture moved, seconded by Janice Arsenault, to accept policy CCA-R Organizational Chart. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

New/Revised Policies - First Reading: The School Board read, in their entirety, proposed revised policies BEA Regular Board Meetings, IHCD Advanced College Placement, and KD Social Media Websites. Policy KD-R was also presented for redaction.

An amendment was noted for Policy KD - revise item b on the last page to read "...District Policy KHB."

Dr. McCoy will review the current records retention policy to see if includes any requirements for retention of social media. Mr. Saulnier noted that the District will need to keep a record of any posts that are removed and why.

School Board Meetings - Start Time: MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved, seconded by Michelle Couture, to waive policy BEA for the June 13th meeting to start at 6:00 PM until the policy revision has been acted on. Mr. Saulnier stated that the reason for this change is that meetings are consistently running later. He suggested that having public input twice during the meeting will allow for those members of the public who can't attend at the earlier time. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Monthly Financial Update: Mr. Brickett reviewed the financial update for months ending April 30, 2018. Items of largest variance include salaries, health insurance, professional services for students, student transportation, student tuitions, and transfers - food service.

Committee Reports: Mr. Titcomb reported that he attended the SST Governing Board meeting and the attendance policy was discussed.

Mrs. Arsenault stated that the results from the Town/District Community Survey have come in and were presented at the Selectmen's meeting on Monday. The results have also been published on the District website. She stated that the Board will have a representative from UNH at a future meeting to report.

Mr. Arsenault also attended the Strategic Planning meeting where they started to work on a vision statement for the District. Much of their time was spent developing the community forum to be held on June 4th.

Mr. Rivard stated that the Site Council has been discussing the possibility of a greenhouse and asked if the Board had any interest in them looking into it. It would be attached to the school and would link to the science curriculum. It was the consensus of the Board that they're interested and they asked Mr. Rivard to bring more information to the Board.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. McCoy reported that the Strategic Planning Committee is working to get the word out about the Community Forum on June 4th. For those who can't attend the forum, the committee will be

developing alternative ways to provide input. The committee will take that information to integrate into other long term goals.

At LRES, Red Nose Day was held to draw attention to childhood hunger and poverty, sponsored by Walgreens. Memorial Day Celebration is taking place in Friday morning and Governor Sununu is visiting on Friday afternoon.

At IHGMS, administrators are cooking breakfast for the students as a kickoff for testing. They do a fantastic job of making testing more fun for the students with special events and rewards. Tonight was the National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony.

At RHS, a blood drive took place this week, as well as the POPS Concert. Last week was a nice presentation by RCFY about drugs most commonly misused by youth. Seniors recently returned from their class trip to Lake George, and the Celebration of Excellence is coming up.

Correspondence/Other: Mr. Saulnier read two pieces of correspondence. Both were letters of in support of LRES Principal Bryan Belanger, by Greg Dupuy and Leann Hanson/Dupuy. Copies of these letters are attached to these minutes.

Manifest Signing: A quorum of the School Board signed the manifest. Accounts Payable total \$823,457.16. Payroll total \$496,663.62.

Approval of Minutes: MOTION: Michelle Couture moved, seconded by Janice Arsenault, to approve the minutes of May 2, 2018 and to keep the non-public minutes sealed. Voted unanimously in the affirmative with Moe Titcomb abstaining.

Non-Public: MOTION: Michelle Couture moved, seconded by Janice Arsenault, to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) "Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting." Upon the Board members being individually polled, the motion was voted in the affirmative by Janice Arsenault, Moe Titcomb, Michelle Couture and Joseph Saulnier. The Board entered into non-public session at 8:45 PM and resumed public session at 8:59 PM. Other than the vote to exit non-public session and seal the minutes (which was moved by Janice Arsenault, seconded by Moe Titcomb, and upon the Board members being individually polled, was voted in the affirmative by Janice Arsenault, Moe Titcomb, and Joseph Saulnier), one motion was voted during this non-public session.

Adjournment: MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved, seconded by Moe Titcomb, to adjourn the meeting. Voted unanimously in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Heywood,
Raymond School Board Clerk