

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. Present: School Board Members Joseph Saulnier, Moe Titcomb, Michelle Couture, Beth Paris, and Janice Arsenault; Superintendent of Schools Tina McCoy; Business Administrator Marjorie Whitmore; Lamprey River Elementary School Principal Laura Yacek; Food Service Director Judith DiNatale; Technology Director 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.

Public Input: Carol Watjus approached the Board and read a statement by State Representative Carolyn Matthews regarding the School Board's proposed resolution to the New Hampshire School Boards Association (NHSBA) on tonight's agenda relative to the development of the default budget. The statement was in regard to her disagreement with the proposed resolution, and some discussion about the process of formulating the default budget and why she disagrees with the proposed resolution to add to the default budget any staff that were deemed necessary to add to the operating budget, similar to a decrease in staff in the operating budget also being reflected in the default budget.

Randy LaCasse approached the Board and recognized Facilities Director Todd Ledoux for coordinating and leading the students through ALICE training.

Rani Merryman approached the Board and stated that, relative to the proposed NHSBA resolution regarding public funding not being used for religious or private education, that this is a choice issue as to what's best for a family, and that the resolution pulls from parents the ability to do what is best for their children, in some cases.

Our Students/Our Schools: Parents and PTO Members Mike Duford, Annie Vincent, and Dawn Leamer, along with students Raegan Vincent, J.V., and Kennedy Leamer, talked with the Board about the LRES PTO Night Under the Stars event. About 500 adults and children joined the festivities, with some parent volunteers to assist. Mr. Saulnier thanked the PTO and faculty for hosting this annual event.

Reach High Scholars Summer Programs and Activities: Elizabeth Holcomb, along with students Carly Cole, Lydia Cramer, Wyatt Cramer, Mackenzie Serrine, Olivia Titus, and Brianna Waldron talked with the Board about the summer programs and activities of the Reach High Scholars program. (Mrs. Holcomb also read a reflection from student Sheridan Dileo.) Reach High Scholars begin working with students in middle school and work with them all the way up senior year to provide them with college awareness and preparation. One way to help prepare students for college is through a summer program. This year, 22 students participated in Raymond Roundtables, 7 went to Phillips Exeter Summer Program, 5 students attended Summer at Brown University, and 2 students attended the summer program at St. Paul's.

4th Grade Before School Instrumental Lesson Program: Raymond School District Music Teachers Randy LaCasse, Alicia Rockenhauser, and Alison LaCasse presented the proposal to offer current 4th grade students the opportunity to sign up for group instrumental lessons on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:10 AM to 8:40 AM at the LRES Music Room. During discussion, Mr. LaCasse stated that he believes his schedule for the second half of the year will continue to allow him to offer these lessons. He stated that he hopes that he would

continue the lessons beyond this first year. It was the general consensus of the Board to support the program and the Board thanked the Music Department for developing the proposal.

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables - Logistics: Dr. McCoy reviewed that the District had a grant funded fresh fruits and vegetables program that is not continued this year, so they've been looking at options to possibly continue to the program independent of grant funding. Mrs. DiNatale stated that coordinating the delivery of foods would require volunteers to prepare and serve the foods the same day, due to the short shelf life of the foods.

Mrs. Paris expressed concern that students wouldn't eat the fruits and vegetables and would be wasted. Mrs. DiNatale stated that in the past, students had come to rely on the offerings as morning snack, and that if the program is independently funded, they wouldn't have to offer some of the less well-known options that they had to as part of the program.

Mrs. Couture asked what the favorites were. Mrs. DiNatale stated that they loved melon and snow peas.

Based on the costs presented, it was the general consensus of the Board that the program was too cost prohibitive to maintain. However, it will be presented to the parent-teacher groups to see if there would be any funding opportunities available.

Food Service Department Update: Mrs. DiNatale stated that the food service program this year is fully staffed and that they are putting what they've learned in professional development activities into practice. There has been a decrease in Free & Reduced eligible population. This, combined with an increase in meal price, has resulted in decreased sales. RHS seems least affected by the price increases. There, meals are down, but a la carte purchases are up.

Mrs. DiNatale also discussed considerations about the vending machines throughout the District. She discussed the possible addition of some more items to add to the machines that may help bring in some revenue.

Technology Update: Mr. Federico reviewed the statistics regarding online PowerSchool registrations, the new ID badge process, the delivery and installation of new copiers throughout the district, and the projects remaining for this quarter. Planning for next year includes wireless environment upgrades, using federal e-rate funding, and high school switch upgrade/replacement and wiring cleanup.

Carroll Lake Beach: Town of Raymond Recreation Director Michelle Weaver talked with the School Board about the Town's hope to reopen the beach area at Carroll Lake Beach for swimming. She stated that when they had looked into doing so a few years ago, they were planning some upgrades which would have cost money, which is why they had presented it to voters as a warrant article. This time, they are looking to open it without additional costs.

Mrs. Paris asked about liability if someone is hurt. Ms. Weaver stated that the Town has the same insurance as the School, and the beach is included in the policy umbrella for the district facilities, so any claims would first be charged to the Town's policy. Dr. McCoy stated that in the proposed Memorandum of Understanding, the District would be listed as an additional insured which would add a layer of protection. Mrs. Arsenault asked that administration verify one more time that the beach is still covered under the policy umbrella. MOTION: Michelle

Couture moved, seconded by Janice Arsenault, that they approve the Memorandum of Understanding for swimming at Carroll Lake Beach. Mrs. Couture amended the motion to include that this approval is for an indefinite amount of time, and Mrs. Arsenault seconded the amendment. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

2018-2019 Bus Routes: MOTION: Beth Paris moved, seconded by Michelle Couture, to approve the 2018-19 bus routes. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

New/Revised Policies - First Reading: The School Board reviewed proposed revised policies IJOA, Field Trips and Excursions, and JICDA, Student Safety and Violence Prevention. The following amendments were noted:

Policy IJOA: correct addition to read "...taking place annually *at the same location*..."; add wording regarding the requirement to keep the safety and security of procedures remain the same.

Policy JICDA: page 3, correct addition to read "These plans *may* be revised as circumstances warrant."; page 9, XIV, 2, revise to read "The Principal will also send a letter to the parents *of both parties* within 24 hours..."; in the same paragraph, add that the form to appeal a bullying decision will be included in the letter of findings.

Mr. Saulnier asked about the addition of minimum standards of discipline for infractions. Mrs. Couture and Mrs. Paris, as members of the Policy Committee, opted not to include minimum standards, as it makes those standards mandatory when the specific behavior may not warrant that minimum standard. Mrs. Leamer approached the Board to speak in favor of the minimum standards to be added to the policy.

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved, seconded by Beth Paris, to accept policy GBCD Background Investigation and Criminal Records Check. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

MOTION: Moe Titcomb moved, seconded by Beth Paris, to approve policy IMGGA Service Animals in Schools. Voted unanimously in the affirmative with Moe Titcomb abstaining.

NHSBA Proposed Resolutions: The School Board reviewed the proposed resolutions to be submitted to the New Hampshire School Boards Association for their Delegate Assembly. It was noted that the resolutions have already been voted on by the Board, but that tonight's actions is to approve the wording and authorize the School Board Chair to sign each resolution.

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved, seconded by Beth Paris, to approve the resolution [as presented] relative to the school year start date. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

MOTION: Michelle Couture moved, seconded by Janice Arsenault, to accept the resolution [as presented] relative to the default budget. After some discussion, it was generally agreed to bring this resolution back at a later School Board meeting to allow more time for consideration. Mrs. Couture withdrew the motion and Mrs. Arsenault withdrew the second.

MOTION: Michelle Couture moved, seconded by Janice Arsenault, to approve the resolution [as presented] relative to public funding being used for private or charter schools. Motion passed with Janice Arsenault, Joe Saulnier, and Michelle Couture voting in the affirmative and Moe Titcomb and Beth Paris voting in opposition.

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved to approve the resolution [as presented] relative to state assessment alternative activities. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Signature of Revised MS-25: MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved, seconded by Moe Titcomb, to accept the changes in line lines on the MS-25 as presented, understanding that it does not change the bottom line. Mrs. Arsenault amended the motion to include approval to sign the MS-25 and Mr. Titcomb seconded the amendment. Voted unanimously in the affirmative. (Mrs. Paris was out of the room.)

Committee Reports: Mr. Saulnier reported that the CIP Committee reviewed the Town's plan but had not yet gotten to the recommendations for the school. They will meet again next Tuesday.

Mr. Arsenault stated that the LRES Assistant Principal Search Committee will be interviewing candidates next Tuesday.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. McCoy stated that a test of the emergency notification system will occur on Friday evening. She thanked Bonnie and Michelle at Lamprey River Dental Clinic. Trimester progress reports are coming up soon this month.

Correspondence: None

Manifest Signing: A quorum of the Board signed the manifest. Accounts payable total \$733,964.97. Payroll total \$403,452.79.

Approval of Minutes: MOTION: Michelle Couture moved, seconded by Janice Arsenault, to approve the minutes of September 5, 2018 with the following amendment: add Moe Titcomb as present, page 3 correct "stated" to "State." Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved, seconded by Beth Paris, to accept the minutes of September 19, 2018. Voted unanimously in the affirmative with Michelle Couture and Joseph Saulnier abstaining.

Adjournment: MOTION: Janice Arsenault moved, seconded by Michelle Couture, to adjourn the meeting. Voted unanimously in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Heywood,
Raymond School Board Clerk