

Raymond School Board Meeting  
December 19, 2012  
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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Present: School Board Members John Stewart, John Harmon, Tina Thomas, Maurice Titcomb, and Kelly Lehman; Student Representative to the School Board Maria Harmon; Acting Superintendent Ellen Small; Business Administrator Ron Brickett.

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.

Introduction: The Board welcomed Raymond High School student Maria Harmon as the new Student Representative to the School Board.

Recognition:

Raymond High School Principal's List Quarter 1

Students receiving all A's

Armstrong, Blossom Angel	12
Ellison, Chelsea Marie	12
Harmon, Virginia E.	12
Montmarquet, Hannah J.	12
Olivier, Bobbi Colby	12
Spinney, Shaun P.	12
Robey, Jessica Lynn	11
Walsh, Kailee Moon	11
Balukonis, Casey	10
Dupuis, Amanda Susan	10
Harmon, William Richard	10
Masury, Kyle James	10
Westmoreland, Ashlyn Paige	10
Jones, Tyler Jeffrey	9
Mgrdichian, James Adam	9
Rowton, Cameron Michael	9

Iber Holmes Gove Middle School High Honor's List Quarter 1

Students receiving all A's

**Grade 5**

Timothy Berard  
Ryan Nadeau  
Hannah Reardon  
Skylar Saunders  
Mackenzie Serrine  
Taryn Young

**Grade 6**

Sean Antaya  
Julia Beaudet  
Nicholas Brazeau  
Nova Clifford  
Briannah Costa

Tovah Duffaut  
Seanna Fairfield  
Olivia Furtado  
Jessica Mahoney  
Kiarra Norris

Jeffrey Rivard  
Ashlee Savage  
Peter Vincello

**Grade 7**

Brigid Auclair  
Hannah Costa  
Andrew Dupuis  
Anna Harmon  
Nicolle Hartford

Kelsey Jones  
Kelsi Morasse  
Michael Pitts

**Grade 8**

Moriah Audette  
Angela Cooper  
Shantelle Dichard  
Brianna Foglietta  
Nicholas Fowler

Keri Lang  
Megan McCoole  
Trevor McManus  
David Palombo

Jacob Rubin  
Kevin Serrano  
Madison Sharpe  
Grace Woolson

Public Input: There was no public input forthcoming.

Our Students/Our Schools: Iber Holmes Gove teachers Mary Stetson and Jill Meier, along with students Greyson Tilbery, Ashlee Savage, and Megan Dumont reviewed the recent 6<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Nature's Classroom with the School Board. The trip is a week-long field trip focusing on science, including team building through activities involving learning about nature and classes focusing on various topics that students can choose from. Responsibilities, such as those at meal time, are also shared and rotated throughout the week.

Bus Stop Review – Follow Up: The School Board had reviewed the request from Pat Webb to overturn the previous decision from the Transportation Committee. Ms. Webb had requested a high school bus stop to be set at the corner of John and Oak Drive. The School Board had visited the stop at a previous meeting. Parents Pat Webb and Derek Morrison were present to discuss the request with the Board.

MOTION: Maurice Titcomb moved, second by Tina Thomas for discussion, to approve a stop at the second Nancy Lane, loop at Darlene, and then the route would go back out Old Bye Road. Mr. Harmon stated he doesn't consider the stop to be a safety related issue, and that the distance and the hills in the neighborhood are common to many neighborhoods in Raymond. Ms. Lehman stated her agreement

with Mr. Harmon. Motion failed with Maurice Titcomb voting in the affirmative and Tina Thomas, John Harmon, Kelly Lehman, and John Stewart voting in opposition.

2013-14 Budget Updates: Mrs. Small reviewed with the Board additional information regarding the media aide positions in the schools, the curriculum coordinator position, the LRES playgrounds, and the RHS tuition students.

Cool School: MOTION: John Harmon moved, seconded by Kelly Lehman, to table this matter. Mr. Harmon stated that the Board Chair did not supply the Board with the necessary backup to assist in discussion. The Board was not provided with any information on the topic. Mr. Harmon read the email between himself and Mr. Stewart in which he asked for information on the agenda topic and in which Mr. Stewart stated that the information would be discussed at the public meeting. Ms. Lehman stated that Mr. Stewart had told her that backup would be in the agenda packet. Mrs. Thomas asked that Mr. Stewart bring it back to another meeting for which the backup will be provided. Motion passed with Tina Thomas, John Harmon, Kelly Lehman, and Maurice Titcomb voting in the affirmative and with John Stewart abstaining.

Fund Balance Retention Warrant Article: Mr. Brickett discussed with the Board the proposed warrant article regarding fund balance retention. Statute now allows school districts, with voter approval, to withhold some surplus funds from year to year for emergency or over expenditures or to be used as a revenue source to reduce the tax rate. It was noted that the decision to put money into the fund or to take money out would be the decision of future Boards. MOTION: John Harmon moved, seconded by Kelly Lehman, to use the language presented tonight as the warrant article to be put forth on the 2013 ballot. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Approval of Warrant Articles: It was the general consensus of the Board to wait for the Board of Selectmen to sign the RCTV Agreement before the School Board approved the warrant article for the agreement.

MOTION: John Harmon moved, seconded by Maurice Titcomb, to place the warrant article for the RESS contract on the ballot for 2013 as presented at tonight's meeting. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

MOTION: John Harmon moved, seconded by Tina Thomas, to place the Capital Improvement Funds warrant article as presented at tonight's meeting on the ballot for 2013. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Board Communication with Staff: Mr. Harmon stated he asked for this agenda item as a reminder to all Board members to adhere to policy and refer all communication to staff through the Superintendent. Requests of staff should go through the Superintendent, not asked directly of the employee.

Financial Update: Mr. Brickett reviewed with the Board the financial update for months ending November 30, 2012. Largest variances were in the areas of salaries, dental insurance, professional

services for students, and propane, electricity, and oil. At this time, Mr. Brickett is unable to determine how much of a surplus, if any, to expect.

Committee Reports: Mr. Stewart stated he attended the Budget Committee meeting as an alternate for Tina Thomas. The possibility of tuition students at the high school was discussed at the meeting and the size of the graduating class over the last few years having decreased.

Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Small commended the middle school band and chorus for their holiday performances.

Mrs. Small reviewed information to the Board regarding the capacity in the high school and the possibility of accepting tuition students from other towns. A math and a science teacher would be needed, as well as a guidance aide and special education staff. Lunches and study halls can accommodate extra students. Deerfield has narrowed down their selection to three schools already and is hoping to send all of their students to one school. Hooksett SAU is entertaining discussion with Raymond and submitted a list of questions. The Board asked that discussion of the questions be put on the next agenda. Candia has not expressed interest.

Mrs. Small read a statement regarding Raymond School District response to the recent event in Newtown, CT. Mrs. Small has been meeting with law enforcement officials to review safety measures, and proper safety procedures are continuing at each school.

Mr. Harmon asked for the update to the Strategic Plan to be placed on the late January or February agenda.

Correspondence: Mr. Stewart stated that he received a call from Board of Selectmen Chair, Mr. Weldy, stating he had received calls regarding student safety in the schools. As a result of the call, Mr. Stewart spoke with Mrs. Small and learned that Mrs. Small had already been in contact with the State and with Raymond Police and scheduled walk-through's. Mr. Stewart stated he was pleased with the efficiency. Mrs. Small reviewed that in-house safety plans are in place. There are safety teams in each building as well as a town-wide safety team. They review and practice "Stay in Place", lockdowns, evacuations, and reverse evacuations and they review daily safety procedures at the schools.

Approval of Minutes: MOTION: Tina Thomas moved, seconded by John Harmon, to approve the public minutes of November 14, 2012 with the following amendments: page 3, last paragraph, clarify that the meeting between the town and district was originally planned, but was cancelled at the town's request to reschedule; page 3, last paragraph, add that the case manager position to be eliminated in the new proposed budget number is at the middle, page 3 last paragraph revise to read "Mr. Harmon noted that the consumer price index in *Nashua, Brockton, and Boston* has risen 9.5% and cost of living from 2007 adjustments for social security *over that same period* was just over 11%, and that over that same time

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period (2007-2012) the District appropriations from taxpayers was 5%.” Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

MOTION: John Harmon moved, seconded by Tina Thomas, to approve the December 5, 2012 public minutes with the following amendments: page 1, end “Call to Order” section with period; page 3, capitalize “R” in “Oyster River”; page 5, eliminate extra quotation marks. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Manifest Signing: A quorum of the Board signed the manifest. Accounts Payable total = \$300,585.39. Payroll total = \$434,974.51.

Non-Public Session: John Harmon moved, seconded by Tina Thomas, 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 John Stewart, Kelly Lehman, John Harmon, Tina Thomas, and Maurice Titcomb. The Board entered into non-public session at 9:07 PM and resumed public session at 9:53 PM. Other than the vote to terminate non-public session and seal the minutes (which was moved by Tina Thomas, seconded by John Harmon, and upon the Board members being individually polled ,was voted in the affirmative by John Stewart, John Harmon, Tina Thomas, Kelly Lehman, and Maurice Titcomb), one motion was voted during this non-public session.

Adjournment: MOTION: John Harmon moved, seconded by Kelly Lehman, to adjourn the meeting. Voted unanimously in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned at 9:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Gillespie,

Raymond School Board Clerk