

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:46 PM. Present: School Board members John Harmon, Diane Naoum, Jaclyn Serrine, Stephen Reardon and Steve Wallerstein; Student Representative to the School Board Catherine Riley; Superintendent of Schools Ellen Small; Business Administrator Ron Brickett; Curriculum Coordinator Melissa Lefebvre; Raymond High School Principal Steve Woodward; Iber Holmes Gove Middle School Principal Bob Bickford; Lamprey River Elementary School Principal Bryan Belanger.

Proof of Posting: It was noted that the meeting was properly posted.

Non-Public Session: John Harmon moved, seconded by Stephen Reardon, to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (e) "Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled. Upon the Board members being individually polled, the motion was voted in the affirmative by John Harmon, Jaclyn Serrine, Steve Wallerstein, Stephen Reardon, and Diane Naoum. The Board entered into non-public session at 6:47 PM and resumed public session at 7:04 PM. Other than the vote to close this non-public session and seal the minutes (which was moved by Stephen Reardon, seconded by Steve Wallerstein, and upon the Board members being individually polled, was voted in the affirmative by John Harmon, Jaclyn Serrine, Steve Wallerstein, Stephen Reardon, and Diane Naoum), no motions were voted during this non-public session.

Public Input: Joseph Saulnier approached the Board and spoke regarding the citizens petition warrant article for the after school program. He asked if the Board had considered a pay-as-you-go plan as a backup if the grant does not come through. Mrs. Naoum replied that there is no plan for pay-as-you-go. Mr. Reardon stated that if secured funding is in place, then he believes the grant would be in jeopardy.

Tina Thomas approached the Board and stated that she feels the School Board made a hasty decision in putting forward an \$8.25 million proposal. She stated that she doesn't understand the position of three Board members. She also stated that seven options were brought up at a June, 2015 LRES Building Committee meeting. At another June, 2015 Building Committee meeting there was discussion of either the current proposal or a lesser proposal for approximately \$4 million. She stated she would have liked to see the Board review more than one proposal. She stated that she feels her tax bill will be increased too much.

Ms. Thomas also stated that in the past, it is publicly known at this point in the year whether the Superintendent has a contract for the next school year. She stated that she hopes the facts will be made public before Voting Day.

Erin Brewitt approached the Board to address a comment made by Stephen Reardon during Candidate's Night that there was a second option for the building proposal of about \$4 million. She stated that there was never a \$4 million option and asked that Mr. Reardon retract his statement or clarify it for the voters. Mr. Reardon responded by reading the email he had sent to Ms. Brewitt, in which he stated that he was referring to June 16, 2015 LRES Building Committee minutes and discussion of a \$4 million

option. Ms. Brewitt stated that those were only estimates as part of a discussion among the group and they were not any real quotes submitted, and that the Building Committee followed the charge by bringing forward one proposal.

Mr. Saulnier approached the Board and stated that, going by the cost of \$195 per foot, even if the gym were removed from the LRES construction proposal, the cost would only be reduced by about \$975,000.

Mr. Wallerstein stated that he concludes that there are minutes that have said something about two different costs; that there were some options being discussed.

Mr. Harmon stated that there were not only two options discussed, but many options, some greater than the current proposal and some less than. The LRES Building Committee through consensus put forth the current option to the Board. He noted that meeting minutes are not verbatim.

Our Students/Our Schools: IHGMS teacher Julie Gamage, along with students Molly Harmon, Aileen Auclair, and Tim Berard, talked with the Board about their work in technology education with 3D printers. They explained what 3D printing is and how it works, and some of the software that they used as part their printing projects. Their 3D printing projects included a kangaroo leg, a pointe shoe, a shark tail, and cars. They passed around several 3D printing projects for the School Board to feel and compare.

Overnight Field Trip Request: RHS Athletic Director Davinney Brazeau presented the proposal for students to attend the 24th Annual Student Athlete Leadership Conference March 17-18, 2016 in Concord, NH. She reviewed the agenda with the breakout sessions. Each school brings 4-8 student representatives. They will be sharing transportation with Epping and Newmarket. The cost for trip will be taken from the in-house account for Life of an Athlete program. This program provides grant funding for events such as this as long as the school meets certain requirements, such as holding certain trainings or doing surveys of student athletes and coaches. After some discussion about the security plans for the overnight, it was the recommendation of Superintendent Small that Raymond's chaperones work with the chaperones from Epping and Newmarket to split up shifts during the night to be sure students stay in their rooms. MOTION: Stephen Reardon moved, seconded by Steve Wallerstein, to approve the field trip as outlined this evening. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Principals'/Curriculum Coordinator's Reports

Curriculum Coordinator Melissa Lefebvre discussed the last quarter with the School Board, including the following: they are continuing to implement Title I in-school tutoring at LRES and IHGMS; 78 teachers are taking part in the Chromebook Cohort for professional development; 12 teachers are participating in the Learning Through Teaching graduate course; members of the RHS I3 Team will be conducting professional development sessions at the middle school; teachers have spent time in teams and departments aligning curriculum and writing competencies.

Raymond High School Principal Steve Woodward discussed the last quarter with the School Board, including the following: field trips included the Student Council's Waterville Valley Leadership Conference, a band performance at Wreaths Across America, a JAG visit to the Portsmouth Navy Shipyard, and the Interact Club prepared Thanksgiving baskets; Christopher LaCasse was named Mr. Raymond; Davinney Brazeau, Michael Brazeau, and Randy LaCasse were named 2nd quarter Teachers of the Month; upcoming events include the 8th grade open house on March 8, SAT testing beginning March 2, and 3rd quarter progress reports on March 4.

Iber Holmes Gove Middle School Principal Bob Bickford discussed last quarter with the School Board, including the following: the Girls 1A Basketball Team made it to semi-finals in the division tournament; over 160 students participated in the band and chorus winter concert; approximately 200 students completed "An Hour of Code"; 6th grade students have been working on team building using scavenger hunts and Just Dance team dancing; 8th grade students in math have been learning how to write, graph, and solve algebraic equations in real world situations using iPads; some English students are reading *The Outsiders*; and students are learning about the Colonial Time period in Social Studies.

Lamprey River Elementary School Principal Bryan Belanger discussed last quarter with the School Board, including the following: he thanked Mr. Gorman for his 39 years of service and wished him luck in his retirement; 1st grade students visited the Portsmouth Music Hall to see Alexander; 2nd grade students went to the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum; 3rd grade students visited the Capitol Center for the Performing Arts; mid-year DIBELS and NWEA assessments were completed; the FEAT Educational Extravaganza took place on February 4th; LRES partnered with Raymond Area Lions Club to provide screening services to 174 students; the School to Family Counselor is scheduled to be in school on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays; LRES participated in a Kindness Challenge Week.

Mr. Reardon noted that he was pleased to hear about the Friendship Awards at the middle school and the Kindness Challenge at the elementary school, as examples of positive reinforcement.

Strategic Plan Update: Mrs. Small reviewed the strategic plan with recent updates made to report on progress. There was some discussion about how regularly parents access PowerSchool Parent Portal to see their students' grades, and how the schools could reach out to those parents who don't regularly do so. In an effort to reach parents about educational opportunities, the schools have held several new events and sent home mailings with information. Communicating with families is now part of the Educator Effectiveness plan, so teachers must show how they've reached out to parents who may not be so actively engaged. LRES families receive a weekly phone call from Mr. Belanger about upcoming events with reminders to use the Parent Portal.

Revised Policy - Second Reading: MOTION: John Harmon moved, seconded by Stephen Reardon, to approve policy EHAA - Computer Security, Email, and Internet Communications. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Revised Policy - First Reading: The Board read, in its entirety, revised policy JICDA - Student Safety and Violence Prevention (Bullying & Cyberbullying) for the first of two readings.

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Review of Auditor's Report: Mr. Brickett reviewed with the Board the auditor's report for the 2014-15 school year.

Monthly Financial Update: Mr. Brickett reviewed the financial update for months ending January 31, 2016. Areas of largest variance include salaries, professional services for students, and student tuitions.

Committee Reports: None.

Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Small congratulated the following students: Anna Harmon on her 2nd place finish in the Division II 1000 Meter State Championship and her All-State selection, and the RHS Penguin Plungers: Brianna Arsenault, Riley Brazeau, Faith Miller, Katie McCoole, Trevor McManus, Maddy Sharpe, Caite Taylor, and Mr. Hayes.

The exam *Accuplacer* is available to RHS students as part of the District's career and college ready goal. Accuplacer is the identical exam used by the Community College System of NH and many other schools to determine which math courses incoming freshmen should take. If our students score 63 or better, they qualify for Topics in Applied College Math, a dual-enrollment course with RHS and Manchester Community College. We currently have 17 students earning 4 college credits in TAC Math. Next week juniors will be taking this test to see what math they should take as seniors.

Mrs. Small congratulated the *LifeSmarts* team, who for the second consecutive year finished as state runner-up in the championship round. The State finals team members included Julien Huguet, Tyler Jones, James Coomey, Wayne Bonanno, and Grace Woolson. Mrs. Small thanked coaches Mike Brazeau and Tom Koch.

Read Across America will be held at the elementary school the week of Feb 29-March 4. Activities include: dress-up days, daily words of wisdom from Dr. Seuss on the announcements, door decorating and celebrity book reads during lunch, and guest readers.

Mrs. Small congratulated Richard Gorman, who has worked as a custodian in the District for 39 years. Mr. Gorman will be retiring next week

Correspondence/Other: None.

Manifest Signing: A quorum of the Board signed the manifest. Accounts Payable total: \$201,533.35. Payroll total: \$408,942.21.

Approval of Minutes: MOTION: John Harmon moved, seconded by Jaclyn Serrine, to approve the February 2, 2016 minutes as presented. Voted unanimously in the affirmative with Steve Wallerstein and Stephen Reardon abstaining.

MOTION: John Harmon moved, seconded by Steve Wallerstein, to approve the February 3, 2016 minutes as presented. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

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MOTION: John Harmon moved, seconded by Stephen Reardon, to approve the minutes of February 6, 2016 with the following amendment: correct year to 2016. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Adjournment: MOTION: Steve Wallerstein moved, seconded by John Harmon, to adjourn the meeting. Voted unanimously in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned at 9:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Heywood,
School Board Clerk