

Raymond School Board Meeting
January 6, 2016
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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM. Present: School Board Members Diane Naoum, Jaclyn Serrine, John Harmon, Stephen Reardon, Steve Wallerstein; Student Representative to the School Board Catherine Riley; Superintendent of Schools Ellen Small; Business Administrator Ron Brickett; Iber Holmes Gove Middle School Principal Bob Bickford.

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: There was no public input forthcoming.

Our Students/Our Schools: IHGMS Band Teacher Alicia Rockenhauser and a selection of 7th and 8th grade band students played several songs in an ensemble performance for the Board. It was noted that the enrollment in band and chorus totals 167 students, up 40 from last year. The following students participated in the presentation:

Abigail Brown	Aileen Auclair	Anya Cunningham
Rebecca Roy	Bryna Hone	Colby Sharpe
David Mayo	Emily Trott	Jacob Sheldon
Jaeda Bastien	Julia Morrill	Kathryn Doucette
Kathryn LaCasse	Kylie Slater	Logan Riley
Mackenzie Serrine	Madison Brown	Madison Robinson

2016-17 Default Budget: A quorum of the Board signed the 2016-17 default budget of \$23,327,436.

Motion to Amend the Agenda: **MOTION:** John Harmon moved, seconded by Jaclyn Serrine, to amend the agenda to remove item C, REA Contract Ratification. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Approval of Warrant Articles: **MOTION:** Stephen Reardon moved, seconded for discussion by Steve Wallerstein, to individually poll the Board members with "Do you recommend to citizens of Raymond that they vote in favor of the LRES construction bond?" Mr. Reardon stated that he feels that the current recommendation doesn't reflect recommendations from each Board members as to whether they believe voters should support the bond warrant article. Mr. Harmon stated that tonight's agenda item was to approve the wording of the warrant articles and that the vote was already taken on support of the bond article. Mrs. Serrine stated that her personal action regarding voting is not for public discussion. Motion failed with Steve Wallerstein and Stephen Reardon voting in the affirmative and John Harmon, Diane Naoum, and Jaclyn Serrine voting in opposition.

Mr. Wallerstein requested that his current vote of an abstention on the bond warrant article be changed to a "No."

MOTION: John Harmon moved, seconded by Jaclyn Serrine, to approve warrant articles 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 as presented this evening. Mr. Wallerstein stated that if the Board is comfortable with the bond warrant article as it is, he would like to have his vote reflected as a "No." Mrs. Naoum stated that would

need to be put to a vote. Mr. Harmon stated that the vote happened already. Mr. Wallerstein expressed concern if the bond warrant article was being put on the ballot illegally. During further discussion, Mr. Harmon amended the motion to remove the approval of warrant articles 4 and 5, and Mrs. Serrine seconded the amendment. Also during discussion, it was agreed to get clarification from the attorney as to whether the District was required to put tax impacts on the warrant. Mr. Wallerstein stated that he would not be supporting this motion because it includes the construction bond which states the votes as yes:3, no:1, abstain:1, which is not accurate. Motion passed with John Harmon, Jaclyn Serrine, and Diane Naoum voting in the affirmative and Steve Wallerstein and Stephen Reardon voting in opposition.

Erin Brewitt spoke as a member of the public, asking why a vote was being taken to support the bond issue if it had already been voted. Mrs. Naoum clarified that the vote tonight was to approve the wording of the warrant article.

Tina Thomas spoke as a member of the public, stating that she believes Mr. Wallerstein has the right to reconsider his vote on the construction bond. Mrs. Naoum stated that the District can inquire with the attorney as to whether it can be brought up again.

Annual Meeting Information to the Public: The Board reviewed the matrix for possible activities for voter information and assigned responsibilities throughout. Mr. Harmon noted that at this time it wasn't known if the Budget Committee is going to be making changes.

2016-2017 District Calendar: It was noted that the proposed 2016-17 calendar includes an in-service day on November 8, 2016 for the elections to be held at IHGMS without disruption to students. Mr. Harmon stated that he hopes the next Board will request again that voting happen at the high school instead of the middle school. MOTION: John Harmon moved, seconded by Jacly Serrine, to approve the 2016-17 Raymond School District calendar as presented. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

New Policy – Second Reading: MOTION: John Harmon moved, seconded by Steve Wallerstein, to approve policy ILDA – Non-Educational Questionnaires, Surveys, and Research. Voted unanimously in the affirmative. (Stephen Reardon was absent from the room.)

Revised Policies – First Reading: The Board read in their entirety proposed revised policies GBJ - Personnel Records and JCA - Change of School or Assignment for the first of two readings.

NHSBA Delegate Assembly Resolutions: The School Board reviewed the proposed NHSBA Resolutions for the January 16th NHSBA Delegate Assembly.

MOTION: John Harmon moved, seconded by Steve Wallerstein, to not support adoption of resolution #8 relative to curriculum for sexual abuse prevention. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

MOTION: John Harmon moved, seconded by Jaclyn Serrine, to support resolution #9 relative to monetary damages for false residence claims. Motion passed with John Harmon, Diane Naoum, Jaclyn Serrine and Stephen Reardon voting in the affirmative and Steve Wallerstein voting in opposition.

MOTION: John Harmon moved, seconded by Steve Wallerstein, to support resolution #10 alternate wording relative to document imaging technology and backup. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

MOTION: John Harmon moved, seconded by Jaclyn Serrine, to support the amendment to act VII – Accountability of the NCLB Resolutions. Voted unanimously in the affirmative with Steve Wallerstein abstaining.

MOTION: John Harmon moved, seconded by Jaclyn Serrine, to support the removal of the NCLB resolution. Voted unanimously in the affirmative with Steve Wallerstein and Stephen Reardon abstaining.

MOTION: John Harmon moved, seconded by Jaclyn Serrine, to support the ESSA Act resolution. Voted unanimously in the affirmative with Steve Wallerstein and Stephen Reardon abstaining.

The Board reviewed the proposed continuing resolutions. MOTION: John Harmon moved, seconded by Stephen Reardon, to approve the NHSBA recommendations for each of the seven continuing proposed resolutions. Voted unanimously in the affirmative with Steve Wallerstein abstaining.

Committee Reports: Mr. Harmon reported that the Building Committee has been continuing their work for the bond hearing and Deliberative Session. They are planning a public forum on January 27 at 7:00 PM at LRES.

Mrs. Naoum reported that the Budget Committee is meeting on January 12th and 14th and will make their recommendations on January 19th. In response to Mr. Harmon, she stated that she will confirm the tax impact of the Town proposed operating budget.

Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Small discussed with the Board the *Empty Bowls Project*, coordinated by RHS art teacher Kathy Mutch. Students and staff who volunteer make a bowl and then the bowls are filled with homemade soup for purchase as a fundraiser.

The Middle School Student Council began their "Pennies for Patients" fundraiser this week. All money collected goes to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Cancer Fund.

The Reach High Scholars Program and Academic Approach will offer an SAT Boot Camp to prepare for the NH Mandatory Test on March 2nd and the Official SAT Test on May 7th and June 4th. The deadline for enrolling will be on January 22nd and the first class will be on January 30th.

The 'Bring Em Back' event was held, during which RHS alumni met with juniors and seniors about their experiences after high school. Mrs. Small stated that she attended one of the sessions, and that it was fun to see some of our former students and to hear them talk about college and work, how to prepare for it and advice for the junior and senior year of high school.

Correspondence/Other - None.

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Manifest Signing: A quorum of the Board signed the manifest.

Approval of Minutes: MOTION: John Harmon moved, seconded by Steve Wallerstein, to approve the minutes of November 23, 2015 as presented. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

MOTION: John Harmon moved, seconded by Stephen Reardon, to approve the public minutes of December 2, 2015 as presented. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Adjournment: MOTION: John Harmon moved, seconded by Steve Wallerstein, to adjourn the meeting. Voted unanimously in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Heywood,
School Board Clerk