

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Present: School Board Members John Harmon, Jaclyn Serrine, Joseph Saulnier, Diane Naoum, and Susan Pettigrew; Ron Brickett, Ellen Small, Melissa Lefebvre, Judy DiNatale, Bob Bickford, Bryan Belanger, Steve Woodward in attendance for the school district.

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

The School Board reviewed department presentations of the proposed 2017-18 budget: Curriculum, Food Service, IHGMS, LRES, RHS, and District-wide. During discussion:

- There was some discussion of reducing the ELL (English Language Learner) teaching position from a 40% position to a 20% position.
- 11 employees have submitted their intent to retire at the end of the school year.
- Food service does expect to use the \$4,800 in repair money this year.
- The vending leases are five year leases. If the line isn't funded the district can get out of the vending contract. The district is still profiting from the vending machines, but not as much as in the past.
- The current cost of propane is \$1.30. The proposed budgeted amount is \$2.00 per gallon.
- Agenda books for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade help students transition from 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade and help navigate students through Google Chrome and Classroom.
- The district is in its second year of a four year agreement for the copiers.
- \$1,200 is budgeted in Replacement Equipment for combination locks. The balance will go toward walkie-talkies.
- LRES postage increase includes costs for the free and reduced school lunch program mailings.
- Mr. Belanger stated that having six teachers for second grade helps keep classroom size low which helps with reading.
- While colleges may not require foreign languages, some do have recommendations.
- The anticipated cost for the RHS athletic bussing is going up by \$2,000 because administration budgeted the contracted 3% increase each of the past two years and used that figure.
- Extra lunch tables at RHS will help meet the needs while having only two lunches.
- Mr. Woodward talked about the need for new band uniforms. It was stated that the old ones are about 20 years old. Of that amount, \$10,000 is budgeted for the purchase of half of the new uniforms. The theory is to pay half this year, half next, but the full order would come in at the same time.

Adjournment: MOTION: John Harmon moved, seconded by Diane Naoum, to adjourn the meeting. Voted unanimously in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Saulnier,  
School Board Secretary