

Raymond School Board Meeting
October 30, 2012, 6:30 PM
Raymond High School Media Center
Minutes
Approved November 14, 2012

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. Present: School Board Members John Stewart, John Harmon, Tina Thomas, Kelly Lehman, and Maurice Titcomb; Acting Superintendent Ellen Small; Business Administrator Ron Brickett; Lamprey River Elementary School Principal Dan LeGallo; Raymond High School Principal Kirk Beitler.

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

2013-14 Budget Work Session:

Randy LaCasse approached the Board to express his concerns regarding the possibility of cuts to the district's music program. He feels that if a position is eliminated, the remaining position would not be sufficient to cover the work necessary. He requested that the Board reconsider any cuts toward the music or world languages programs.

Tina Thomas left the meeting.

Gary Williams spoke with the Board regarding the music program. He feels the music program is a source of pride for Raymond and that taxes are reasonable enough in Raymond that school programs should not be considered for cutting.

Steve Wallerstein approached the Board to clarify the amount of the proposed 2013-14 budget. Mr. Wallerstein noted that, with increases in required expenses, the actual difference will be larger than the Board's stated amount.

Ed French spoke with the Board regarding his expectations for elected officials to do what's best for the school district, keeping taxpayers in mind, and to represent students by building budgets, not cutting budgets.

Lisa McCoolle approached the Board regarding her appreciation for the music program and her wish that there were enough offerings so as not to conflict with other academic courses.

The Board discussed the 2013-14 budget and initiatives.

A poll vote was taken among the Board Members, who all voted in the affirmative for a reduction to the administration's proposed budget of \$246,839 pending adjustments due to the media aide position and insurance/SchoolCare. This would result in a budget approximately \$100,000 higher than the current year's budget, at a total of \$21,818,84 (pending adjustments as noted).

Adjournment: MOTION: John Harmon moved, seconded by Kelly Lehman, to adjourn the meeting. Voted unanimously in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Maurice Titcomb,
Raymond School Board Member