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<u>Call to Order</u>: The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM. Present: School Board Members John Harmon, Michelle Couture, Joseph Saulnier, Janice Arsenault, and Jaclyn Sirrine (6:48 PM); Student Representative to the School Board Jeff Rivard; Superintendent of Schools Tina McCoy; Business Administrator Ron Brickett.

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

<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>: All those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

<u>Non-Public Session</u>: <u>MOTION</u>: Joseph Saulnier moved, seconded by Janice Arsenault, to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) "The hiring of any person as a public employee" and (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 Joseph Saulnier, Janice Arsenault, Michelle Couture, and John Harmon. The Board entered non-public session at 6:46 PM and resumed public session at 7:01 PM. Other than the vote to exit non-public session (which was moved by Joseph Saulnier, seconded by Janice Arsenault, and upon the Board members being individually polled, was voted in the affirmative by Joseph Saulnier, Michelle Couture, Arsenault, Joseph Saulnier, Michelle Couture, Jaclyn Sirrine, and John Harmon), no motions were voted during this non-public session.

Public Input: There was no public input forthcoming.

<u>Our Students/Our Schools</u>: LRES staff members Annie Vincent and Sandy Ellis, along with Karla Bauer and students Joshua and Ryan Bauer, Dakota and Krysta Darisse, and Reagan Vincent, spoke with the Board about the PTO Night Under the Stars event. This social event is hosted annually by the LRES PTO and is free to students, staff, and families of LRES. A video presentation was shown, and students followed up by discussing their favorite parts of the evening. Special thanks was given to Lorraine Gayhart for providing music each year at this event.

<u>Overnight Field Trip Request</u>: IHGMS staff member and class advisor Tracey Norris presented the request for an overnight field trip for the 8th grade to go to Washington D.C. Ms. Norris reviewed some of the fundraising efforts that will take place for the trip. She stated that this is a large class and if 90+ students attend, the cost per student is \$685. She reviewed some of the sites that they plan to visit as part of the trip, including the Capitol, museums, National Archives, and Arlington National Cemetery. This year they plan to stop at Ellis Island on the way back. She also discussed some security measures during the trip. The trip is planned for May 1- May 4, 2018.

<u>MOTION</u>: Joseph Saulnier moved, seconded by Janice Arsenault, to approve the overnight trip to Washington D.C. from May 1st to May 4th, 2018. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Mrs. Couture suggested reaching out to the community for scholarships, etc., to provide alternatives for those parents who are unable to pay for the trip. Mrs. Norris reviewed the fundraising process that has allowed some students to pay for their entire trip through fundraising. Other avenues include donations from area groups each year.

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<u>RCTV School District Channel</u>: Mr. Saulnier asked for discussion about the possibility of opening up a third channel for just the school with some varying types of content on there. Kevin Woods stated that the franchise agreement with Comcast allows for a third channel. The Cable Committee had envisioned it as an educational channel if the school district chose to use it that way.

Mr. Harmon reviewed that though it has been discussed as a possibility in the past, there hasn't been much interest at the student level to pursue those types of things. Mrs. Arsenault stated that she's aware that some schools do this type of programming as part of the journalism program.

Mr. Woods stated that RCTV equipment is available for schools to use, but the difficulty is faculty to teach. The channel would run for 24 hours. A bulletin board would fill in where needed.

Mr. Saulnier stated that he believes it's a unique opportunity because the equipment is available and that the need is for the time to develop content, in addition to content that is already produced and free to use.

Marc Vadeboncoeur also spoke on behalf of RCTV, stating that some content is simply some video taken with a camera at a sports game.

Mr. Harmon stated that he doesn't see a need for a third channel until enough content is being produced to warrant it. The District can build up its content without yet opening up the channel. Mr. Woods agreed that the channel didn't need to be opened up yet; that content can be produced and aired on the current channels.

Mr. Woods stated that it would take up to four months to open up a new channel after it's requested by the Selectmen.

Mrs. Arsenault expressed her desire to see a broadcast program integrated into the curriculum.

<u>Technology Committee Membership</u>: <u>MOTION</u>: Joseph Saulnier moved, seconded by Jaclyn Sirrine, to approve Jordan Remmes as a member of the Technology Committee. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

<u>MOTION</u>: Joseph Saulnier moved, seconded by Jaclyn Sirrine, to approve Richard Levesque as a member of the Technology Committee. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

<u>Nominations/Resignations</u>: <u>MOTION</u>: Jaclyn Sirrine moved, seconded by Michelle Couture, to approve the nomination of Michael Whaland as Curriculum Coordinator. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

<u>New/Revised Policies - First Reading</u>: The Board read, in its entirety, revised policy JLCD Administering Medication to Students for the first of two readings.

Dr. McCoy will put in the Friday Memo how staff are trained on AED and the use of epi-pens, and if the training includes what signs to look for if someone is having a life-threatening allergic reaction.

NHSBA Call for Resolutions: There were no resolutions forthcoming.

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<u>Strategic Plan Update</u>: Dr. McCoy reviewed the updates to the Strategic Plan. During discussion:

- Dr. McCoy will provide in the Friday Memo a target date for completion of the Next Gen Science and C3 Social Studies Rubrics.
- Progress in quality performance assessments is different at each school because the assessments are different at each school; it's difficult to make a comparison of progress.
- Dr. McCoy stated that the pilot test of competency grading on the test server will be a small test. Mr. Harmon asked for Dr. McCoy to define how many teachers will be involved in the test.
- Dr. McCoy has someone working now to perform an audit and assessment of curriculum in the district.
- Dr. McCoy stated the goal is to start having high school students teach elementary students foreign language this fall.
- Steve Woodward will report as to how Ram Time is working what they're doing, etc., as an agenda item after the first quarter.
- Mr. Harmon stated that it was agreed that enrichment should be part of Ram Time, and asked what date enrichment will start being embedded in that time. Dr. McCoy stated that the target is the end of October. Mrs. Couture asked to hear Mr. Rivard's perspective as to how Ram Time helps or hinders the students. Mr. Rivard stated that students do use the time to do work as a study hall period. Ms. Sirrine stated her agreement with Mr. Harmon's concern that enrichment should be part of Ram Time.
- The para-induction program doesn't include mentors, but includes training manuals as part of overall training and support.
- Dr. McCoy will provide the number of students in 8th grade who are signed up for Technology and how many are not.
- Dr. McCoy stated that a five-year plan to her means the plan beginning in 8th grade.
- Mr. Harmon asked that the information shared by the College and Career Counselor be shared online so parents can see that information as well.
- Dr. McCoy stated that she doesn't yet have a target date for when literacy will be embedded into the UA's. She will set that and forward it to the Board.
- Mr. Harmon asked why the Data Teams are not active today. Dr. McCoy stated that they've been refining the membership of existing data teams, etc., and they should be functioning within the next several weeks.
- Dr. McCoy will provide dates as to when the vertical teams are meeting. Mr. Saulnier stated that he feels that many students are bored in the beginning of the year. Mr. Harmon expressed a similar concern for the assessment done in the beginning of the year.
- There was some discussion about the access of an electrical program at SST. Ms. Sirrine noted that the difficulty for SST is finding an industry professional who is also a qualified teacher. Mr. Harmon stated that the classes offerings at SST may change based on demand.

<u>Committee Reports</u>: Mrs. Couture stated that the Wellness Committee met and they will be looking at an assessment tool to evaluate lunches in the district. They updated the Smart Snack guidelines. She stated that the district didn't qualify this year for a grant to provide fresh fruit and vegetables as a snack at LRES. Because of students with severe allergies, snack time is limited to fresh fruits and vegetables provided by staff. Mrs. Couture asked to start reaching out to area business to help fund this healthy snack option at the elementary school.

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Mr. Brickett stated that the State decreased those funds available to all districts and districts must qualify with a certain Free and Reduced percentage.

Mr. Saulnier stated the Shared Resources Committee is inquiring about updated costs for the building project. He stated that the Shared Resources Committee is also inquiring about the removal of oil tanks. He asked the Board if the District could obtain estimates for both.

Mr. Harmon stated that he doesn't feel the Board should ask administration to do the work of obtaining estimates when they are not aware of what the Selectmen are proposing and they as a School Board haven't discussed adding any of these items to the March vote. He also noted that the Shared Resources Committee has not yet made their recommendations to the Board on a five-year plan. Ms. Sirrine stated that she feels that the meeting with the Selectmen should take place for discussion first.

Mr. Harmon asked if there has been any activity to do the survey that was agreed upon at the joint meeting with the Selectmen. Mr. Saulnier stated that the Shared Resources Committee has not looked into that. Mr. Harmon stated that he feels making decisions prior to the survey would be premature.

Mrs. Couture stated that she agrees that the more extensive survey should be the next step. Mrs. Arsenault also agreed that she's not ready to look into putting money into projects that they haven't yet discussed.

Mr. Saulnier asked if any other School Board members wanted to attend the Shared Resources Call-In Event on October 24th. Ms. Sirrine expressed her concern that CIP numbers might be discussed at the call-in event that may change prior to the warrant.

Ms. Sirrine stated that SST enrollment is lower than originally projected. Raymond is down 3 students, and overall SST-wide was down 33 students. The possibility of a letter from the Board regarding the YMCA field house is on hold while a committee is being formed to discuss the issue within the community.

Mr. Harmon stated that the CIP Committee met last night for the District presentation of the CIP. They will be making their recommendations for the school plan on October 17th,

<u>Superintendent's Report</u>: Dr. McCoy reviewed the after school activities available to students and stressed the importance of students becoming involved in after school activities.

Dr. McCoy stated that the first community newsletter was distributed on October 1st.

Dr. McCoy reviewed upcoming school activities as part of National School Lunch Week. She also stated that she participated in mock interviews of 8th grade students.

<u>Correspondence/Other</u>: Mr. Brickett requested that the School Board sign an updated version of the previously approved and signed MS-25 for 2016-17. He described the revision: The Department of Revenue Administration has asked to move \$50,000 for Warrant Article #7 from line 35 to line 30.

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<u>MOTION</u>: Michelle Couture moved, seconded by Jaclyn Sirrine, to resign the MS-25, moving \$50,000 from line 35 to line 30. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Manifest Signing: A quorum of the Board signed the manifest. Accounts Payable Total \$681,123.22. Payroll total \$412,363.61.

<u>Approval of Minutes</u>: <u>MOTION</u>: Michelle Couture moved, seconded by Joseph Saulnier, to approve the public minutes of August 30, 2017. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

<u>MOTION</u>: Joseph Saulnier moved, seconded by Michelle Couture, to approve and keep sealed the non-public minutes of August 30, 2017. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

<u>MOTION</u>: Jaclyn Sirrine moved, seconded by Janice Arsenault, to approve the minutes of September 6, 2017 with the following amendment: add Jeffrey Rivard as present. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

<u>Adjournment</u>: <u>MOTION</u>: Joseph Saulnier moved, seconded by Michelle Couture, to adjourn the meeting. Voted unanimously in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned at 9:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Heywood, Raymond School Board Clerk

## Raymond School Board Non-Public Session October 4, 2017

## Minutes

## Not voted to be kept confidential.

<u>Present</u>: School Board Members John Harmon, Joseph Saulnier, Janice Arsenault, Michelle Couture, and Jaclyn Sirrine (6:48 PM); Superintendent of Schools Tina McCoy.

- A. The School Board reviewed the letters of interest submitted by parents to serve on the Technology Committee.
- B. The Superintendent reviewed this evening's nomination with the School Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Heywood, Raymond School Board Clerk