

RYE SCHOOL DISTRICT
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To be approved by the Rye School Board at the October 16, 2019 meeting.

**RYE SCHOOL DISTRICT
RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

The regular monthly meeting of the School Board of the Rye School District was held at Rye Junior High School on Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

School Board Members:

Margaret Honda, Scott Marion, Paula Tsetsilas,
Jeanne Moynahan, Deb Crapo

Administrators:

Salvatore Petralia, Superintendent
Kelli Killen, Assistant Superintendent
Mindy Ryan, Business Administrator
Brain Grattan, Director of Technology
Suzanne Lull, Rye Elementary School Principal
Marie Soucy, Rye Junior High Principal
Samantha Panek, Minute Taker

Staff:

New Staff RES: Jackie Pollock, Kelsey Crowell, Shannon Woodhouse
New Staff RJH: Caroline Kepka, Megan Whitney, Maria Gamvas,
Andrea Papoutsy, RES teacher, Kathy Tucker, RES teacher
Phoebe Bischoff, RJH teacher

Visitors:

Sarah Curtin, Matt Curtin, Cheryl Eberthardt, Nicole L'Ecuyer

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (00:00:04)

Ms. Honda called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

SPECIAL SOCIAL WITH NEW STAFF (00:02:54)

COMMUNICATIONS (00:17:42)

Mr. Petralia included five pieces of communication in the meeting packets.

Mr. Petralia reviewed the first notice from the New Hampshire School Board Association-NHSBA, regarding the Delegate Assembly scheduled for Saturday, January 25, 2020 in Concord New Hampshire. Mr. Petralia noted this assembly would be open to the School Board Members and deadline for submitting proposals was Friday, November 4, 2019 at 4:00 PM.

Mr. Petralia also included a letter from Governor Sununu on Education Funding. Mr. Petralia explained that the letter was very detailed and mentioned the Governor's initiatives to provide more funding to New Hampshire school districts, increase special education funding and reviewed funding provided through the Public-School Infrastructure Grant. Mr. Petralia pointed out the funding formula and how the Governor mentions increase stabilization grants to districts and funding for full day Kindergarten. Mr. Petralia noted the attached list of districts and proposed budgets, as well as the impact to each school district. Mr. Petralia noted that Rye was one of three negatively impacted. Dr. Marion mentioned that this was a proposed budget.

Mr. Petralia explained the third piece of communication was a letter from Ann Gilbert who completed her degree program at Southern New Hampshire University. Mr. Petralia explained that Ms. Gilbert and Ms. DeFreze both completed their degrees and pay increases were administered.

Mr. Petralia noted two final communications to be taken up during the personnel section of the meeting. Mr. Petralia continued to note that one was the letter of resignation for Nina Keating and a leave of absence request from a Rye Elementary School staff member.

Superintendent Report (00:23:22)

Mr. Petralia was pleased to report a smooth and successful opening day on Tuesday, August 27, 2019. He began the day in Greenland and continued the day greeting 5th grade students, families and staff arriving at Rye Junior High. A few minor bus issues with late arrivals, which are customary issues for the first week and those issues and concerns had been addressed.

Mr. Petralia explained having toured the schools. Mr. Petralia noted the floors were shining, halls decorated and schools looking great. He publicly thanked Jim Gordon and the custodial staff for a good job getting the schools ready.

Mr. Petralia noted that the old boiler had been abated and a new pad was in place awaiting the arrival of the new boiler.

Mr. Petralia said he established the meeting dates for the Secondary Advisory Committee. Mr. Petralia explained that one or two board members would be assigned to that committee. He explained that the meetings were typically on Tuesdays and the meeting was a time to prepare agenda items for the meeting in Portsmouth.

Mr. Petralia said he would notify the Board approximately a week to 10 days in advance to solicit for agenda items for the first meeting on September 24, 2019.

Mr. Petralia explained that the budget timeline for 2019-2020 was in the packet and on the google drive. Mr. Petralia noted that the timeline was in alignment with the town schedule with the exception of one date.

Mr. Petralia mentioned the RJH open house on September 12, 2019 from 6:00 PM to approximately 7:30 and RES open house September 17, 2019. He also reminded the board of the SAU 50 Joint Board Meeting on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 6:30 PM at Newington Public School.

Mr. Petralia asked the Board to move up the agenda item regarding Facebook and social media. Mr. Petralia explained that Brian Grattan would participate in the discussion.

Ms. Honda explained that she initiated this item because she believes Facebook is a good avenue to reach the parents of older students and Facebook is quick and easy. However, there are concerns with privacy and adherence to the House Bill 1612.

Mr. Grattan explained that Facebook was built on data sharing and when looking just at that fact, it is not a good fit with the House Bill 1612. Mr. Grattan continued to explain that by changing how we use Facebook to more of a bulletin board, we could make it work within the bill outline. Mr. Grattan received information from Concord School District on how they use Facebook. He explained that Concord shares student achievement. All students are can be mentioned on social media unless a parent opts-out. Mr. Grattan explained a system to track who has opted-out will need to be developed should we go this route.

Ms. Tsetsilas asked for clarification on what student data included. Mr. Grattan explained it included personally identifiable information -first name, last name, initials, and/or pictures. He added that pictures were the biggest concern.

Ms. Honda explained it would be nice to celebrate the students' successes but to use Facebook as a bulletin board was more likely how it would be used at this time. Ms. Honda noted that a simple picture can lead to additional information being tracked.

Dr. Marion asked which groups had accounts - PTA, etc. Ms. Honda noted RJH has a Facebook account, but RES does not.

Dr. Marion added that nothing was private on Facebook so the Board must be clear on what would be allowable. Dr. Marion said if Facebook was a way to reach parents, he supported that.

Ms. Honda summarized that the Facebook page would continue as a bulletin board.

Mr. Grattan recommended a social media policy to cover all social media – Facebook, twitter, and any other media that works in that fashion. Ms. Moynahan said this could be added as an item for the policy committee and asked that Mr. Grattan be involved.

Ms. Honda reminded them to review the bill requirements while creating the policy.

Assistant Superintendent Report (00:37:15)

Ms. Killen explained that the Board received her written report and asked for questions.

Ms. Tsetsilas noted the reference to play-based kindergarten, and she wondered how that differs from what we did in the past and what we are doing now.

Ms. Lull explained that the bill was introduced last year. She continued to note that in the past the school did a lot of play-based learning but now it was more intentional. Ms Lull explained they would be using the standard required and approach through play-base model. Ms. Lull elaborated and asked if the Board would like a presentation at the next meeting, which they agreed.

Business Administrator Report (00:39:30)

Ms. Ryan reviewed the financial reports for 2019-2020 which included budget, year to date, and budget balance as of the end of August. Ms. Ryan explained special notes for reallocations on items like work on the sprinklers, extra carpeting needed, some special education needs. Ms. Ryan explained other notes and reviewed the balance of estimated \$3,000,000 and year to date expenditures of approximately \$717,000, with the exact numbers noted on the reports.

Ms. Ryan gave the Board two copies of the budget report--one as an excel-based and one directly from the Tyler system. Ms. Ryan explained that the excel version, although prettier, information is manually entered making it prone to errors and is very time consuming. Ms. Ryan said that a report from the Tyler system was more accurate. Ms. Ryan said given the amount of time and effort with the auditors, it is best to review data generated directly from Tyler. Ms. Ryan offered to create special notes when needed. Ms. Ryan asked if the Board would approve using the report from the Tyler system moving forward.

Ms. Honda agreed to the Tyler system report if a summary or highlights of changes was included. Dr. Marion reiterated that the notes were important and the Board needed to know what they needed to attend to.

Dr. Marion suggested trying the Tyler based report with additional notes for a month and then deciding if it is enough.

Ms. Crapo asked if the font could be enlarged. Ms. Ryan said she would investigate increasing the print size.

Ms. Honda summarized that Ms. Ryan can print the reports from Tyler system along with a summary of changes for next meeting and the Board would determine the best method moving forward.

Dr. Marion asked about an \$88,000 salary line showing as over budget. Ms. Ryan explained the salary was budgeted in RES but charged out in RJH and that would be a reallocated later. Dr. Marion noted that information like that was easy to pick out on the excel report. Ms. Ryan explained that items like the salary would be a notable item when using the Tyler System.

Dr. Marion asked what the convention was on reallocations and when does the board vote on reallocations. The Board discussed and investigated the policy. Mr. Petralia mentioned they could highlight areas when there where overages. Mr. Petralia read policy DBJ explaining that transfers not greater than \$2500 may be approved by the Business Administrator, transfers greater than \$2500 and up to \$5000 required the additional approval of the Superintendent and transfers greater than \$5000 required the Board's approval.

Ms. Ryan explained that reallocations have happened when the books were closed but it could be transferred as we go.

Ms. Ryan reviewed the Public School Infrastructure Fund which allocated funds for the schools to have projects done for security. Ms. Ryan noted the schools were due funds back. She said Rye Junior High had a project for \$69,942 and the school was eligible for 80% of the cost and could apply for \$55,953 and Rye Elementary School had a project costing \$80,093 in which 80% a total of \$ 64,074 was eligible for reimbursement. Ms. Ryan explained an affidavit would need to be signed by each board member and notarized.

Principal Report (00:58:21)

Ms. Lull highlighted the back to school letter, provided a hard copy of the school goals and handed out the enrollment numbers. Ms. Lull explained that the Kindergarten enrollment went up to 39 kindergartens over the summer but for various reasons 6 students dropped out. Ms. Lull added that more students will be added to this group moves in 1st grade due to private kindergarten school students moving in.

Ms. Lull mentioned that the building looked the better than she had ever seen. She commended Jim Gordon and staff for getting everything done.

Ms. Lull also mentioned the movement program at lunch and the Buddy Program between Kindergarten and 4th graders.

Ms. Soucy included a back to school letter and expressed how amazing the opening was. Ms. Soucy said it felt as if the 5th grade had always been at the school and the students seemed happy. Ms. Soucy noted the incorporation of a stretch and snack break and explained that enrollment numbers did drop.

The update Rye Junior High goals were reviewed.

Dr. Marion said he appreciated all the work. Dr. Marion noted that the measurement of the various goals lacked using the students' work for evidence of success. He explained that it did not need to be testing or quantitative, but outcomes should be included.

Ms. Honda noted that progress would be added as we go. It was also noted that a continued focus on increasing science rigor was still missing from the goals. Ms. Honda said once reviewed the information could be input into a graph.

Ms. Soucy requested funding for Audrey Garcia to attend the NCTM math conference in Boston. Ms. Garcia was requesting \$320 to cover overnight stay and registration for a grand total of \$746.

Dr. Marion moved, seconded by Ms. Tssetsilas, to authorize up to \$800 for Ms. Garcia to attend the NCTM conference in Boston. Discussion. Vote: 5:0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (1:08:47)

Review Decision Regarding Tuition-In Option for Non-Resident Students

Ms. Honda explained that although a decision was made at the special meeting regarding the tuition-in option for non-resident students, for transparency sake, the Board would re-iterate the decision and discuss the need to create a policy to finish the process.

Mr. Petralia explained that the Board met on August 19, 2019 in response to a parent request to accept the enrollment of a former Rye student as a non-resident student. The board discussed the issue of non-resident tuition and the need to create a policy that would cover any future requests.

Mr. Petralia announced how the board determined the various tuition rates for non-residents. The Board applied the 2019-2020 tuition rate that Rye charged New Castle for students of \$18,313 at 50% to create the rate of \$9,156.50 rate. Mr Petralia explained that would be the rate charged to a student who applied from within the SAU 50 District. Mr. Petralia said using the same initial amount multiplied at 40% the rate of \$7,325 would be applied to students previously enrolled in the Rye School District.

Ms. Tssetsilas expressed the concern of having more tuition students enrolled than local students and that there should be a cap on how many students could be allowed to tuition in. Ms. Honda explained a draft policy should be created to include specifics.

Dr. Marion noted the discussion to increase numbers using many strategies, which would include this.

Ms. Honda reminded the Board that the full tuition rate would still be applied to any other case and there was a policy in place and the Board could make an exception to the policy, but a new policy makes this more formal.

Ms. Moynahan expressed that input would be needed from everyone and it would take a while to create this policy.

Ms. Honda asked Ms. Moynahan and Mr. Petralia to create the first draft. Ms. Moynahan asked the Board to forward items to her that they want in the policy.

Final Decision on Open/Close of School for March 2020 Elections

Ms. Honda wanted to clarify whether Rye Elementary School would remain open or closed for March elections. Ms. Tssetsilas asked if there was a desire to hold school on the Election Day and if so how should they structure the entrance to the polls.

Ms. Honda asked what the date was for the election. The Board noted the election would be Tuesday, March 10, 2020, which was listed as a workday for teachers. Ms. Killen noted that the date in question was typically the SAU wide professional development day.

Ms. Lull added her bigger concern was the Presidential Election. The board discussed dates, possible turn out at the Primary and Presidential elections and concluded that they would coordinate details as the dates are settled.

Focus Group-Next Steps/Scheduling (1:22:37)

Dr. Marion did not have an update. He will be working to complete the next steps/scheduling.

Round Robin Update on initiatives to Raise Community Awareness of Schools (1:23:30)

Ms. Honda noted that at the Retreat everyone took on items.

Ms. Honda asked Ms. Crapo about the e-mail link. Ms. Crapo was working with Mr. Grattan to get the link working. Ms. Crapo said she was trying to contact the people who made the Insider phone book because the town informational section would be nice to hand out.

Ms. Honda mentioned the brochure and that she needed to send items to Ms. Tsetsilas for the brochure. Ms. Tsetsilas explained she hadn't gotten pricing, but two press releases were out – one with back to school announcements and one to Rye Magazine which will run in October, featuring Parent University. Ms. Tsetsilas thought features on field trips would be interesting to readers. Ms. Tsetsilas said she would connect with Ms. Soucy. Ms. Moynahan mentioned featuring the Isle of Shoals trip.

Water Bottle Initiative (1:27:48)

Dr. Marion explained that given the money put into the filters, the desire to go green and the issue with plastic recycling, he is looking to the staff and board as to why we can't eliminate the plastic water bottles.

Ms. Crapo asked if refillable bottle would be purchased for those who do not have them. Ms. Moynahan voiced concern over students being teased over bringing in plastic bottles and felt eliminating plastic bottles the school purchases would be fine but to be careful about requesting families to do the same.

Ms. Lull mentioned the cafeteria had to offer water.

Ms. Curtain shared how Oyster River phased out water bottles and has a cooler with cups. Ms. Curtain added that the district stopped selling water, even though it was a money maker. Ms. Lull mentioned there were cups for students to refill. Ms. Lull said the water might be a revenue item for food services.

Ms. Honda mentioned looking into the boxed waters.

Ms. Lull said she hoped the initiative to phase out the plastic water bottles could come from the environmental club.

Dr. Marion made a motion, seconded by Ms. Moynahan, that the schools will not purchase any additional water bottles. Discussion: Motioned Tabled until the October 16, 2019 meeting.

Ms. Moynahan read the policy which did not require the water be delivered in individual bottles.

Ms. Soucy said they were looking into creating Rye Riptide water bottles for this year.

Mission and Vision Statement Clarification (1:39:30)

Ms. Honda noted that this item was added at the retreat, but more discussion was needed.

Mr. Petralia mentioned a sub-Committee could be created to develop the statement. Ms. Honda said Ms. Tsetsilas emailed the board outlining what she learned from another district about the process for developing a one-line statement. Mr. Petralia mentioned the committee could draft the statement and bring to the Board for review.

Ms. Crapo asked if the Statement would change each year. Ms. Tsetsilas explained that the statement should carry over for a few years. Ms. Tsetsilas felt we needed a research-based tag line that relates to focus groups and statements. Dr. Marion added that something might emerge from the focus groups.

Ms. Honda recapped that Dr. Marion and the Superintendent will focus on the tag line development, through the work of focus groups.

PUBLIC COMMENT (2:23:57)

Ms. L'Ecuyer, new resident and parent, said that regarding the community outreach, the Board was going down the right road with social media communication. She noted it was a challenge getting communication and that social media was more helpful than mailer. Ms. L'Ecuyer said the Board should consider the objective or goal before creating the policy on social media. Ms. L'Ecuyer explained the out of area tuition was a great option to create diversity and attract people to the community. Ms. L'Ecuyer suggested having the teachers strongly suggest a reusable water bottle.

Ms. Panek shared how she too was concerned about the use of water bottles. She noted how the classroom celebrations and parties tended to be a time when parents brought in plastic bottles. Ms. Panek said she tried to incorporate water pitchers and the use of reusable mugs for her children's classrooms. She added that in addition to the plastic bottles, the parents tend to bring in plastic table clothes and plastic silverware for events as well. Ms. Panek suggested the schools encourage parents and classrooms to look for alternatives to all the plastics.

Ms. Curtin thanked the principals for a wonderful start to the school year and noted that the buildings looked great. Ms. Curtin mentioned how parents often take pictures in the classrooms and at school events and post to social media like Facebook. She suggested adding something to the policy about parent's posts.

Ms. Tsetsilas asked if there was a policy for parent phone photo and video use.

Ms. Moynahan noted there was the visitors to classroom policy which could include posting to social media. Ms. Moynahan mentioned how her daughter preferred that her kids not be photographed. Ms. Lull noted how parents should be allowed to photograph their child and post celebrations but there are concerns.

NEW BUSINESS (1:53:22)

Ms. Honda explained that Mr. Scogin and a parent were looking into creating a home field for the baseball team. Ms. Soucy confirmed that they always play games away and noted that there would be a presentation next week on adding a field.

Ms. Crapo said at one time there was a field past the outdoor classroom. Dr. Marion asked about the fields at Rye Recreation. Ms. Tsetsilas noted those fields were not regulation.

Rye Budget Timeline (1:56:11)

Mr. Petralia noted this item was covered in his report. Ms. Tsetsilas asked that the Timeline be posted.

PERSONNEL (1:56:31)

Mr. Petralia asked Ms. Soucy to describe the process followed for the position search.

Ms. Soucy explained there was a late resignation for the Rye Library Media Specialist, a job posting both internally and externally was created for the position. Ms. Soucy noted they had a small pool of applicants and over the summer a committee reviewed and interviewed.

Ms. Crapo asked why the position was 80%. Mr. Petralia noted that due to budget cuts it was reduced 2 years ago. The Board discussed the library schedule.

Mr. Petralia, on recommendation of the committee, nominated Ms. Laura Brown for the position of Library Specialist at Rye Junior High. Mr. Petralia reviewed her education background and process for certification.

Dr. Marion moved, seconded by Ms. Moynahan, to accept the nomination of Ms. Laura Brown.

Discussion: 5:0

The Board discussed Ms. Brown's qualifications and experience as well as the AL4 certification she needed to obtain. Ms. Tsetsilas asked if more time was available for the search would a candidate emerge that had all the qualifications, and should this be a one year position to allow for a longer search. Ms. Soucy noted that Ms. Brown had the important qualifications and a great connection with students.

Mr. Petralia asked the Board to accept, with regret, the resignation of Nina Keating, Technology Integrator for Rye School District.

Ms. Crapo moved, seconded by Dr. Marion, to accept with regret the resignation of Ms. Keaton

Discussion: 5:0

Mr. Petralia explained that he would ask the Board as mentioned in his report to entertain a motion at the conclusion of regular business to enter a non-public session as per *RSA 91-A:II, (c)*, regarding personnel and contract negotiations.

REPORTING COMMITTEES (2:05:20)

Rye Education Foundation

Ms. Crapo explained the Foundation had not needed her so far. Ms. Honda asked if they had started their cycle for the school year. Ms. Crapo answered yes. Ms. Honda asked Ms. Crapo to request an e-mail update.

Portsmouth High School

Ms. Honda had nothing to report.

PTA

Ms. Tsetsilas noted the first meeting was coming up on Tuesday, September 10, 2019.

Rye Recreation

Ms. Honda noted that Ms. Crapo would also like to be a part of the committee. Ms. Tsetsilas mentioned that they were unable to staff the Junior High for a 5th grade program. Ms. Tsetsilas explained that the parents have the option to go to Rye Recreation Elementary After School Program.

Budget

Dr. Marion mentioned the meeting on August 6th in which they completed the second quarter budget with the school budget being only a month in. Dr. Marion said the Committee was very happy about the boiler replacement.

Technology Committee

Ms. Tsetsilas noted she had not yet attended a meeting. Mr. Petralia explained that Mr. Grattan would be heading up the District Wide Committee and Mr. Grattan was visiting schools and staff reviewing items.

Special Issues

Ms. Honda noted this committee may not need to continue. Ms. Crapo explained that the committee really existed to address issues that came up immediately and needed to be addressed and/or consider before a board meeting. She added the committee would determine what needed to be reviewed by the full board.

POLICIES (2:10:35)

IMG

Mr. Petralia noted there had been a lot of discussion to get to this draft of the IMG policy. Mr. Petralia mentioned it was time to make some decisions. Mr. Petralia pointed out that the policy had been approved in Greenland, New Castle and Newington. Mr. Petralia hoped to be congruent with the other districts. Mr. Petralia noted changes to the policy including: the requirement of prior approval from the Building Principal, Superintendent and the animal handler in a documented format, that animals in the classroom must serve a specific and appropriate educational purpose and remain only for the time necessary to achieve the educational goal, and last, children and staff will be instructed to keep their own pets off school grounds.

Mr. Petralia noted that IMG was different than IMGA which covers qualified individuals and trainers for use of a service animal required for work or tasked and this would remain a separate issue/policy.

Mr. Petralia said the insurance carrier explained that the coverage and liability were dealt with on a case by case basis and there was no guarantee that the schools would be covered.

Mr. Petralia explained that the decision to accept the redline corrections may not be popular, but it was time to review and decide. Mr. Petralia would not want to put the district in harm's way by not having the insurance coverage.

Dr. Marion noted he would move to adopt with minor alterations.

Dr. Marion made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tsetsilas, to adopt policy IMG Discussion. Motion Withdrawn

Ms. Crapo asked about the issue of allergies. The Board noted that the policy addressed that.

Ms. Moynahan voiced supporting animals for education but was concerned over the insurance not guaranteeing coverage. Ms. Moynahan was also concerned about making sure staff was individually covered.

Dr. Marion asked for clarification on the purpose of the policy and was this regarding staff pets.

Ms. Soucy mentioned the certified comfort dog at the Junior High which had coverage and the possibility of adding the school on that insurance as a secondary. Ms. Lull and Ms. Soucy mentioned the effects of the policy on emotional support pets and classroom pets.

Ms. Killen noted that in June 2018, another district had issues with staff bringing their animals into classrooms for the day. Ms. Killen explained that at the time, she was taking a policy class at UNH and took on creating a policy for those reasons. Ms. Killen reviewed the process after that.

Ms. Honda noted the original concern over insurance but if the district could be added as secondary on the service animal's insurance that could be a solution.

Ms. Moynahan noted that the policy committee had not considered insurance until this process. Ms. Killen and Ms. Soucy asked for clarification on what the insurance company will cover.

Dr. Marion explained being less concerned over the insurance but more focused on what purpose the dog serves. Dr. Marion supported the idea of allowing certified and trained animals into the schools. He mentioned his concern over other staff bringing in pets. Dr. Marion suggested creating a policy for allowing certified animals in the school.

Ms. Killen explained the concerns of calling the animal a therapy animal and how the word was being used. Ms. Moynahan asked how the dog at Rye Junior High was being used. Ms. Soucy explained it was a less formal use, in which the students were allowed access as needed for emotional and comfort support.

Ms. Moynahan explained that she understood how a comfort animal could really help some students but emphasized the importance of making sure guidelines were being met and understanding the responsibility that comes with this.

Ms. Tsetsilas explained that the idea of having therapy dogs appealed to her but that was before the question of insurance coverage came up. Ms. Tsetsilas asked specifics about whether the handler, as a teacher, could supervise the dog and students at the same time.

Dr. Marion said the policy should be very specific to what the Board would allow and create a policy including the context or the problem that they were wanting to solve. Dr. Marion withdrew his motion.

Ms. Crapo gave examples of how therapy dogs were helpful and confirmed that the dog at Rye Junior High was certified.

Ms. Soucy requested that the Board be transparent and asked the Board to get feedback from the community and parents.

Ms. Lull noted that class pets were not addressed in the policy.

Ms. Honda explained the policy could not be approved at this time.

Ms. Moynahan noted all other district had adopted the policy. Ms. Moynahan began to review wording needed for the policy.

Ms. Honda noted more work was needed before reviewing more. Dr. Marion and Ms. Moynahan will review the policy. Ms. Moynahan asked Ms. Soucy help to investigate the secondary insurance.

Financial Approval of Manifest

Ms. Honda deferred approval of Manifest.

Contract Negotiations

Ms. Honda mentioned they had first meeting to set ground rules and set the next four meeting dates.

RECESS (2:44:44)

Approval of Minutes (2:54:03)

Ms. Moynahan motioned, seconded by Dr. Marion, to approve with minor edits the Minutes of the August 1, 2019, School Board Meeting. Discussion. Vote: 5:0

Ms. Moynahan motioned, seconded by Ms. Crapo, to approve the minutes of August 19, 2019, Special Board Meeting. Discussion. Vote: 5:0

Ms. Moynahan motioned, seconded by Ms. Tsetsilas, to approve the minutes of August 1, 2019, Non-public School Board Meeting Part 2. Discussion. Vote: 4:0, 1 abstention

Dr. Marion motioned, seconded by Ms. Moynahan, to approve the minutes of August 1, 2019, Non-public School Board Meeting. Discussion. Vote: 5:0

Approval of Manifests (3:00:25)

Ms. Moynahan made a motion, seconded by Ms. Crapo, to approve the Manifest Voucher dated July 13-August 2, 2019 in the amount \$221,426.52. Discussion. Vote: 5-0.

Ms. Moynahan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Marion, to approve the Manifest Voucher dated August 3-August 30, 2019, in the amount \$166,681.23. Discussion. Vote: 5-0.

**Rye School Board
9/5/19 Meeting
Action Items**

Project/Status	When	Who	Action Item
RSD Public Gym Use Policy	Fall	Margaret	Provide fee and use schedule recommendation for RSD policy
Revisit Bus Utilization	Fall	Sal/Margaret	Determine efficiency and use of bus routes for cost savings measure
Driveway Patching	Fall	Sal/Jim Gordon/DPW	Sal to contact DPW for driveway patch work at both schools.
Strategic Planning	Ongoing	Sal/Margaret	Sal to look into organizations and resources available to School Board

Science Curriculum	Fall	Scott, Kelli Killen, Marie Soucy	Meet and discuss science mapping
Solar Panels	Summer	Rye Energy Commission/SB	Energy Commission to work with town and schools to provide proposal for potential solar panel installation for energy efficiency at each school
Population Tracking	Fall	Paula	Paula to further explore viability of implementing RSA Chapter 74 or annual census/other population tracking methods
Special Issues	Fall	TBD	Select date and forum for public discussion on potential RJH re-name
E-alerts for Minutes and Meetings	Fall	Deb	Look into posting meeting dates and minutes on Rye Town website or schools' websites.
District Press Releases	Fall	Deb	Work with principals to create schedule of student activities worthy of releases.
Public open houses	Ongoing	Suzanne Marie	Complete Provide feedback to idea of public open houses for each school
2019-2020 Calendar	Spring	Sal & Board	Monitor potential change due to upcoming primary election
Focus Groups	Fall	Scott	Scott to provide updated calendar on focus groups.
Play-based Kindergarten	October	Suzanne/Kelli	Provide overview of play-based kindergarten as prescribed by State.
RJH Goals	October	Marie/Scott	Add student examples under "increase depth & rigor at RJH"
Tuition-In Policy	Fall	Board	Continue to discuss out-of-district tuition parameters and establish formal policy
Water Bottle Phase-out	October	Suzanne	Environmental Club to present proposal for eliminating water bottles, including classroom celebrations
District Tagline	Ongoing	Scott, Sal, Principals	Develop district tagline by aligning focus group feedback with district goals and vision statement

School Visitor Cell Phone Use Policy	Fall/ Winter	Board	Further discuss visitor in classroom policy to add language about parent cell phone usage
Rye Magazine	Sept	Paula	Work with Admin for RJH students to write November article about field trips, including Merrowvista.
Therapy Dog/Class Pets in School	Fall	Scott & Jeanne	Work with Administration to look at insurance options and recommend policies; consider community input
Middle School Dances	Ongoing	Paula	Work with Admin and Greenland to add a combined Greenland/Rye dance into school calendar.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION (3:02:00)

On a motion made by Dr. Marion, seconded by Ms. Tsetsilas, the Board entered non-public session at 8:02 p.m., in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (c). Vote: 5-0.


RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

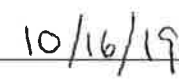
*On a motion by Dr. Marion, seconded by Ms. Moynahan, the Board voted to * come out of non-public session at 8:20 p.m. and seal the non-public minutes. Vote 5-0*

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Dr. Marion, seconded by Mrs. Moynahan the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Vote: 5-0

*Respectfully Submitted,
Samantha Panek
September 10, 2019*


Paula Tsetsilas, Secretary


Date