

TOWN OF RAYMOND
401 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, Me 04071

Budget/Finance Committee
with the School Department
MINUTES
Wednesday, April 11, 2007

Budget/Finance Committee present: Rolf Olsen, Chairman; Jean Carter; Dennis Cole; Tucker Cole; Robert Gosselin; Sue Accardi; Ralph Bartholomew; Frank McDermott; and Jerilyn Ward.

Budget/Finance Committee member absent: None

School Board present: Roger Ginn, Chairman; Theresa Sadak; Lisa Friedlander; Deborah Adams; and Wendy Trask.

School Board absent: None.

Selectmen present: Mark Gendron, Chairman; Dana Desjardins; and Mike Reynolds.

Staff present: Sandra Caldwell, Superintendent; Dot Mowatt, School Business Manager

Others present: Several

1. Call to order: Rolf Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm at the Broadcast Studio.
2. Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: Sue Accardi motioned to rescind the approval of the Minutes of March 19, 2007.
Seconded by Dennis Cole.

VOTE: Unanimous. 8-0 Olsen didn't vote as chairman.

MOTION: Sue Accardi motioned to make the following corrections to the Minutes of March 19, 2007: 1) that the overage on the EPS is not \$300,000 but should be inclusive of the amounts of ???? ; 2) the number of students should be: Special Ed 83 K-8 and 36 9-12 for a total of 119; and 3) that the \$929 per student cost for transportation was not what would be saved but how much it cost per pupil to transport. Seconded by Robert Gosselin.

VOTE: Unanimous 8-0 Olsen didn't vote as chairman.

a. April 2, 2007

MOTION: Robert Gosselin motioned to approve the Minutes of April 2, 2007 as written. Seconded by Jerilyn Ward.

VOTE: Unanimous 8-0 Olsen didn't vote as chairman.

b. April 4, 2007

MOTION: Robert Gosselin motioned to approve the Minutes of April 4, 2007 as written. Seconded by Jerilyn Ward.

VOTE: Unanimous 8-0 Olsen didn't vote as chairman.

3. 2007-2008 School Budget recommendations.

MOTION: Tucker Cole motioned to reconsider their vote on Article 19 and Article 22.
VOTE: Unanimous 8-0 Olsen didn't vote as chairman.

DISCUSSION: The discussion involved the issue of the eventual consolidation of school districts and Raymond's financial position for that probability. The use of the school's surplus of \$200,000 to offset the school budget was encouraged by a majority of the Budget Committee because the school could utilize the town surplus for unexpected expenses not able to be covered by their budget. The School Board had concern that funds and time would be a problem if it was an emergency which might be deleterious to the schools. It was noted that the school auditor cautioned about using their entire surplus. It was noted that they would have \$30,000 in their contingency. The capturing of the school's surplus by consolidation was noted but felt that with the work of consolidation those funds would be needed. It was noted that Article 20's amount would be \$777,957 if the current amount were reduced by the \$200,000 in the school surplus.

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum the Town will appropriate from the foundation allocation and other revenues for Health Services

The School Committee requests \$80,550
The Budget Committee recommends \$

MOTION: Tucker Cole motioned to reduce this Article by \$25,550. Seconded by Sue Accardi.

AMENDMENT: Jerilyn Ward amended the amount to \$12,239. Second none.

AMENDMENT: Tucker Cole motioned to recommend the amount of \$67,400. Seconded by Sue Accardi.

VOTE: 7 in favor (T. Cole, Accardi, D. Cole, Ward, Carter, Bartholomew, Gosselin) 1 in opposition (McDermott) Olsen didn't vote as chairman.

ARTICLE 6: To see what sum the Town will appropriate from the foundation allocation and other revenues for Library Services.

The School Committee requests \$90,835
The Budget Committee recommends \$

MOTION: Sue Accardi motioned to recommend the amount of \$90,835. Seconded by Robert Gosselin.

VOTE: Unanimous 8-0

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum the Town will appropriate from the Foundation Allocation and other revenues for Office of the Superintendent/School Board.

The School Committee requests \$291,911
The Budget Committee recommends \$

MOTION: Tucker Cole motioned to recommend \$286,911. Seconded by Frank McDermott.

AMENDMENT: Jerilyn Ward motioned to decrease the total by \$5,000. Seconded by Jean Carter.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: 6 in favor (Ward, Carter, Gosselin, D. Cole, Accardi, Bartholomew) 2 opposed (McDermott, Cole) Olsen didn't vote as chairman.

ARTICLE 8: To see what sum the Town will appropriate from the Foundation Allocation and other revenues for Operation and Maintenance of Plant.

The School Committee requests \$733,814
The Budget Committee recommends \$717,814

MOTION: Tucker Cole motioned to reduce the amount by \$16,000. Seconded by Sue Accardi.
VOTE: 7 in favor (T. Cole, Accardi, D. Cole, Bartholomew, Gosselin, Carter, Ward) (1 opposed (McDermott) Olsen didn't vote as chairman.

ARTICLE 9: To see what sum the Town will appropriate from the foundation allocation and other revenues for Student Transportation.

The School Committee requests \$421,226
The Budget Committee recommends \$

MOTION: Tucker Cole motioned to recommend \$421,226. Seconded by Dennis Cole.
AMENDMENT: Jerilyn Ward amended the motion to decrease the amount by \$7,500. Seconded by Ralph Bartholomew.
MOTION: Jean Carter motioned to move the question.
VOTE ON AMENDMENT: 7 in favor (T. Cole, Accardi, D. Cole, Bartholomew, Gosselin, Carter, Ward) (1 opposed (McDermott) Olsen didn't vote as chairman.
VOTE ON MOTION: 7 in favor (T. Cole, Accardi, D. Cole, Bartholomew, Gosselin, Carter, Ward) (1 opposed (McDermott) Olsen didn't vote as chairman.

9:01 pm

ARTICLE 10: To see what sum the Town will appropriate from the foundation allocation and other revenues for Contingency.

The School Committee requests \$30,000
The Budget Committee recommends \$

MOTION: Robert Gosselin motioned to recommend \$30,000. Seconded by Jerilyn Ward.
VOTE: Unanimous 8-0 Olsen didn't vote as chairman.

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum the Town will appropriate from the foundation allocation and other revenues for Regular Elementary Instruction.

The School Committee requests \$2,767,443
The Budget Committee recommends \$

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to recommend \$2,767,443. Seconded by Tucker Cole.
AMENDMENT: Jerilyn Ward amended the motion to decrease the amount by \$18,845. Seconded by Carter.
VOTE ON AMENDMENT: 7 in favor (T. Cole, Accardi, D. Cole, Bartholomew, Gosselin, Carter, Ward) (1 opposed (McDermott) Olsen didn't vote as chairman.
VOTE ON MOTION: 7 in favor (T. Cole, Accardi, D. Cole, Bartholomew, Gosselin, Carter, Ward) (1 opposed (McDermott) Olsen didn't vote as chairman

ARTICLE 12: To see what sum the Town will appropriate from the foundation allocation and other revenues for Regular Elementary K-8 Guidance Services.

The School Committee requests \$148,950

The Budget Committee recommends \$

MOTION: Sue Accardi motioned to recommend \$148,950. Seconded by Robert Gosselin.

VOTE: Unanimous 8-0 Olsen didn't vote as chairman.

ARTICLE 13: To see what sum the Town will appropriate from the foundation allocation and other revenues for Improvement to Instruction,

The School Committee requests \$96,802

The Budget Committee recommends \$

MOTION: Jerilyn Ward motioned to decrease the amount by \$25,000. No second.

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to recommend \$96,802. Seconded by Sue Accardi.

VOTE: 8 in favor (McDermott, Accardi, Ward, Gosselin, T. Cole, D. Cole, Carter) 1 opposed (Bartholomew) Olsen didn't vote as chairman.

ARTICLE 14: To see what sum the Town will appropriate from the foundation allocation and other revenues for Regular Secondary Instruction.

The School Committee requests \$2,008,600

The Budget Committee recommends \$

MOTION: Sue Accardi motioned to recommend \$2,008.600. Seconded by Jean Carter.

VOTE: Unanimous 8-0 Olsen didn't vote as chairman.

ARTICLE 15: To see what sum the Town will appropriate from the foundation allocation and other revenues for Special Education.

The School Committee requests \$1,440,084

The Budget Committee recommends \$

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to recommend \$1,440.084. Seconded by Sue Accardi.

AMENDMENT: Jerilyn Ward amended the motion to decrease the amount by \$30,000. Seconded by Jean Carter.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: 4 in favor (Ward, Carter, D. Cole, Gosselin) 5 in opposition (McDermott, T. Carter, Bartholomew, Accardi, Olsen)

VOTE ON MOTION: 7 in favor (T. Cole, Accardi, D. Cole, McDermott, Gosselin, Carter, Ward) (1 opposed (Bartholomew) Olsen didn't vote as chairman

ARTICLE 16: To see what sum the Town will appropriate from the foundation allocation and other revenues for Elementary/Middle School Administration.

The School Committee requests \$313,586

The Budget Committee recommends \$

MOTION: Jerilyn Ward motioned to decrease the article by \$8,000. Seconded by Robert Gosselin.

VOTE: 6 in favor (Ward, Gosselin, Accardi, C. Cole, Carter, Bartholomew) 2 opposed (McDermott, T. Cole) Olsen didn't vote as chairman.

ARTICLE 17: To see what sum the Town will appropriate from the foundation allocation and other revenues for Elementary/Middle School Extra-Curricular.

The School Committee requests \$48,493
The Budget Committee recommends \$

MOTION: Sue Accardi motioned to recommend \$48,943. Seconded by Robert Gosselin.

VOTE: Unanimous 8-0 Olsen didn't vote as chairman.

ARTICLE 18: To see what sum the Town will appropriate from the foundation allocation and other revenues for Food Service.

The School Committee requests \$14,000
The Budget Committee recommends \$

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to recommend \$14,000. Seconded by Tucker Cole.

VOTE: Unanimous 8-0 Olsen didn't vote as chairman.

ARTICLE 19: To see what sum the Town of Raymond will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from Kindergarten to Grade 12, as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act. (Recommend \$7,538,464) and to see what sum the Town of Raymond will raise as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

The School Committee requests \$6,371,988
The Budget Committee recommends \$

Explanation: The Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that the Town must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

MOTION: Sue Accardi motioned to recommend \$6,371,988. Seconded by Robert Gosselin.

VOTE: Unanimous 8-0 Olsen didn't vote as chairman.

9:56 pm

ARTICLE 20: To see what sum the Town of Raymond will raise and appropriate in additional local funds. The School Committee requests \$977,957 be raised, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$873,498

The School Committee requests \$977,957
The Budget Committee recommends \$

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the municipality budget for educational purposes.

STATEMENT OF REASONS: The amount of \$873,498 which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model of \$7,821,954 for grades

Kindergarten to Grade 12 is explained by the actual anticipated cost in tuition for Grades 9 -12, Extra-Curricular, Lunch Transfer, Contingency, Operation and Maintenance and Special Education.

[NOTE: This must be a paper ballot vote.]

MOTION: Jerilyn Ward motioned to decrease the article by \$68,495. Seconded by Robert Gosselin.

VOTE: 7 in favor (T. Cole, Accardi, D. Cole, Bartholomew, Gosselin, Carter, Ward) (1 opposed (McDermott) Olsen didn't vote as chairman

ARTICLE 21: To see what sum the Municipality will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state funded portion of school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20 - A section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

The School Committee requests \$9,121,452

The Budget Committee recommends \$

MOTION: Tucker Cole motioned to recommend \$9,052.957. Seconded by Robert Gosselin.

VOTE: 7 in favor (T. Cole, Accardi, D. Cole, Bartholomew, Gosselin, Carter, Ward) (1 opposed (McDermott) Olsen didn't vote as chairman

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee, for the fiscal year 2007 -2008 to transfer funds between budget programs so long as the grand total of all appropriations is not exceeded. Any such transfers to be approved only at a properly called public meeting of the School Committee.

The School Committee requests approval of this Article.

The Budget Committee recommends.

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to recommend the article. Seconded by Robert Gosselin.

VOTE: Unanimous 8-0 Olsen didn't vote as chairman.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the municipality will reduce the additional local appropriation raised pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A§15690(3) for public schooling by the amount of any unanticipated state general purpose aid received for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

The School Committee requests approval of this Article.

The Budget Committee recommends.

MOTION: Sue Accardi motioned to recommend the article. Seconded by Tucker Cole.

VOTE: Unanimous 8-0 Olsen didn't vote as chairman.

ARTICLE 24: Shall the Town vote to accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature.

Category

Estimated Amount

LOCAL ENTITLEMENT		\$163,289
IDEA (Part B) Local Entitlement		\$ 1,032
R.E.A.P.		\$ 35,436
N.C.L.B.	TITLE 11A	\$ 18,248
	TITLE 11D	\$ 640
	TITLE 1	\$ 43,182
	TITLE IVA	\$ 2,161
	TITLE V	\$ 906

The School Committee requests approval of this Article.
The Budget Committee recommends.

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to recommend the article. Seconded by Sue Accardi.

AMENDMENT: Rolf Olsen motioned to amend the article to say “and any other funds which become available.” Seconded.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: Unanimous 8-0 Olsen didn’t vote as chairman.

VOTE: Unanimous 8-0 Olsen didn’t vote as chairman.

4. Old Business.

None

5. New Business.

None

6. Adjourn. Rolf Olsen adjourned the meeting at 10:04 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk