

School Board Summary/Action Sheet

May 28, 2002

A meeting of the Portsmouth School Board was held on Tuesday, May 28, 2002 in the amphitheatre at Little Harbour Elementary School.

PRESENT: Mr. Kent LaPage (Chair), Mr. John Lyons, Jr. (Vice-Chair), Mr. Raimond Bowles, Mrs. Nancy Novelline Clayburgh, Mrs. Nansi Craig, Mrs. Colleen Montminy, Mr. Carvel Tefft, Mr. Charles Vaughn

ABSENT: Mr. Clay Hayward

PARTICIPATING: Dr. Lyonel B. Tracy (Superintendent of Schools); Dr. Robert J. Lister (Assistant Superintendent); Mr. W. Peter Torrey (Business Administrator); Mr. Alan Robinson (Student Representative); and Mrs. Ann Walker (Employee Representative).

Prior to the regular meeting, a non-public session was held in the Board Room in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II. (a) and (b).

Actions Taken by Board

Chair LaPage called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

Mr. Robinson introduced Miss Sarah Sanger. Sarah was recently elected to replace Alan as the Student Representative to the School Board. Miss Sanger and Mr. Robinson explained the process used to select the student representative.

The Chair called for a moment of silence and asked people to remember the students who will be graduating and taking part in senior activities as well as those who are less fortunate throughout the world. Mr. Robinson and Miss Sanger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

J. Lyons moved, seconded by C. Montminy, to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2002 meeting. Unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY SESSION

No one signed up nor stated they wished to address the Board.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF/STUDENTS

Chair LaPage recognized Alan Robinson for two years of service to the School Board as Student Representative. Mr. Robinson was presented with a plaque and a gift from the Board.

Building Principals introduced staff new to the school system since the beginning of the year. Also introduced were those who have been hired to teach beginning in the 2002-03 school year. The Chair invited the staff to come forward to be greeted by the Board. He then declared a recess at 7:35 p.m.. The meeting was reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Bruce Boley, Director of Student Services, and Mrs. Paulette Hoeflich, Principal at PASS and incoming Director of Student Services, reported to the Board on the status of special education programs and their plans for students in the KIDS (Kids In Difficult Situations) Program.

PERSONNEL

Transfer of Susan Girardin to Computer Teacher/Integrator at Portsmouth Middle School approved on a motion by C. Vaughn, seconded by J. Lyons – unanimous vote.

Increase in contract status for Sherry Carver (media teacher at Portsmouth High School) from 40% to 100% contract approved on a motion by C. Vaughn, seconded by C. Montminy – unanimous vote.

The following resignations accepted with regret on a motion by C. Vaughn, seconded by R. Bowles: Greg Noble (science teacher at Portsmouth High School); Susan A. Mitchell (50% second grade teacher at Dondero School); and Steve Nason (60% media teacher at Portsmouth High School). The motion was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Joint Building Committee – Chair LaPage updated the Board on the progress of this committee and motions made to ensure the high school project stays within budget.

NEW BUSINESS

C. Montminy moved the Board approve the amendment to the paraprofessional labor agreement as presented. C. Lyons seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved in a roll call vote.

Chair LaPage commended members of the City's Legislative Delegation who have not missed a roll call vote: Raimond Bowles, Jackie Pitts and Mary Ann Blanchard.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

C. Tefft moved to approve the list of negotiations committees as presented; seconded by J. Lyons. Unanimously approved in a roll call vote.

Board received update on the impact of Senate Bill 140. Mr. Bowles said the Bill was presented to the Legislators as having a hold harmless provision, and there were no dollar amounts available to the Legislators prior to the vote.

FINANCIAL

P. Torrey provided an update to the April 2002 financial report. He stated that account 144 (safety and good order) is overspent by \$6,842 due to the personnel assigned to the positions of School Resource Officers.

Board members C. Tefft and C. Vaughn commended Business Administrator Peter Torrey for his expertise and diligence in ensuring the School Department budget closes at the end of the fiscal years on or slightly under budget.

OTHER

Chair LaPage thanked Mrs. Robin Burdick, Little Harbour Principal, for hosting this evening's meeting.

The Chair reviewed a list of meetings, special events, and senior class activities that will occur within the next two weeks.

C. Montminy requested a list of personnel that have been hired.

ADJOURNMENT

C. Vaughn moved the Board adjourn its meeting; C. Montminy seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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