

PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC HEARING/BOARD MINUTES FOR MARCH 9, 2010

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2010

TIME: 7:00PM [or thereafter]

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Shuldman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: MITCH SHULDMAN (CHAIR), ANN WALKER (VICE CHAIR), LESLIE STEVENS, KENT LAPAGE, DEXTER LEGG, CAROL CHELLMAN, REBECCA EMERSON, STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT), ED MCDONOUGH, (SUPERINTENDENT), STEPHEN BARTLETT (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR), LINDA BRIOLAT (EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE), ANN MAYER (SAU 50 REPRESENTATIVE) AND PHILIP BOYNTON (STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE)

Absent: LISA SWEET AND TOM MARTIN

III. INVOCATION

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Chair Shuldman led in the pledge of allegiance

V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

a. JANUARY 28, 2010 PUBLIC HEARING/WORK SESSION

MOTION: Motion to accept the minutes of January 28, 2010, Public Hearing/Work Session by Mr. LaPage

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimous

b. FEBRUARY 9, 2010 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

MOTION: Motion to accept the minutes of February 9, 2010, by Ms. Emerson

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimous

c. FEBRUARY 11, 2010 PUBLIC HEARING/WORK SESSION

MOTION: Motion to accept the minutes of February 11, 2010 Work Session by Ms. Walker

SECOND: Ms. Emerson

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimous

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- a. UPDATE ON SCHOOL BOARD GOAL #1 - PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES: IMPLEMENTATION, GOALS AND INTERVENTIONS – Mr. McDonough presented the following PowerPoint, which can be viewed in whole by clicking [here](#).

The work of the administrative team with PLC's, along with their administrative "Smart Goals", can be viewed in this presentation. Administrators have analyzed data at each school to see where highs and lows are and to identify what needs to be discussed further with staff members.

The District is showing results. NECAP results show that New Franklin math scores have increased and Dondero student "bench marks" have already increased half way through the first year, due to PLC work focusing on reading.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION
 - i. BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO BOARD MEMBERS
 - ii. SCHOOL LUNCH MENU – MARCH
 - iii. *BOARD & ADMINISTRATOR*
 - iv. PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP BOOKLET
 - v. FY 2011 BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES
 - vi. LETTER FROM JANET LOVERING
 - vii. KENT LAPAGE LETTER
 - viii. NOTIFICATION OF RESIGNATIONS
 1. NICOLE SMITH – GRADE 3, LITTLE HARBOUR
 - ix. ARTICLE "*HIGH SCHOOLS TO OFFER PLAN TO GRADUATE 2 YEARS EARLY*"
- b. DISTRICT REPORTS
 - i. PHS PRINCIPAL, JEFF COLLINS- Mr. Collins provided the Board with an update regarding the high school hockey situation with Kennett High School. Mr. Collins will report any action taken or recommended by administration. Mr. Collins full update can be viewed by clicking [here](#).
 - ii. CTE DIRECTOR, DIANE CANADA – Ms. Canada's full update can be viewed [here](#). Mr. Summers, Automotive Instructor, asked Ms. Canada to join him in the classroom. A representative from Ohio Technical College offered \$12,000 to Sam French and Adam Doyle if they decide to go to Ohio Tech. Sam and Adam will be competing nationally this summer.
 - iii. STEVE BARTLETT – FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT –Minor damage was sustained during the windstorm. Maintenance Staff is collecting estimates to submit to our insurance provider. FEMA funds will be announced Friday.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE – ANNE ELLIS

MOTION: Motion to approve Ms. Ellis' leave of absence by Ms. Walker

SECOND: Ms. Stevens

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously approved

- b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CELEBRATION GRADUATION
REQUEST FOR DONATION - \$500.00

MOTION: Motion to approve donation in the amount of \$500 to Celebration Graduation
By Mr. Legg

SECOND: Ms. Emerson

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously approved

- c. FIRST READING OF POLICY (GCO) EVALUATION OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF

MOTION: Motion to accept first reading of Policy GCO, Evaluation of Professional
Staff by Ms. Walker

SECOND: Ms. Emerson

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously approved

- d. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING JOB DESCRIPTIONS:

i. PRINCIPAL

ii. ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

iii. SUPERINTENDENT

iv. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

v. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

vi. DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL SERVICES

vii. CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR

viii. TITLE I DIRECTOR

MOTION: Motion to approve above referenced job descriptions by Ms. Walker

SECOND: Ms. Emerson

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously approved

- e. DISCUSSION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET PROCESS – Ms. Emerson proposed
a Sub Committee be formed for budget purposes. What would this committee be formed
for? Would they study districts comparable to Portsmouth and see how Portsmouth
compares? Would it be a sub group that gathers information and brings the information
back to the board, as opposed to working with administration to “craft” a budget? Chair
Shuldman requested that Ms. Emerson clearly define this committee's purpose and
propose again at a later date.

IX. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. BEC – A mission statement will be voted on soon. Mr. LaPage requested that a presentation from this committee be on the agenda in the near future.
- b. BOOSTER CLUBS – Annual meeting was held the first week in February. More than 80% of official booster groups attended. Two discussion points will need to be discussed further by the Board. Gate receipts (do performing arts continue to collect funds?) and Celebration Graduation.
- c. POLICY – The next step for the Policy Committee is the remaining policies required by law. Next meeting April 8, 9 a.m.
- d. JBC –Students will be kept on site during construction. The JBC looked at possibilities and, after due diligence, agreed with School Board members’ decision to keep students on site. The Construction Manager selected is Gilbane Inc. Gilbane’s capability and experience with students on site has been proven through past history. City Council is considering a recreation facility to replace the Connie Bean Center in adjacency with the gymnasium being built at the new middle school. The city hopes to save cost in construction by combining with middle school plans.
- e. TECHNOLOGY – A meeting was held on March 3, 2010. The committee is gathering information to do a technology audit. This audit will look at infrastructure AND ways to deliver education in the classroom.
- f. ATHLETICS/EXTRA CURRICULAR – A meeting is scheduled for April 13, 5:00 p.m.
- g. FACILITIES – A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 7, 2010. The District will be participating in the NHDOE “Healthy Schools” program as a pilot.

X. ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn by Ms. Emerson and seconded by Ms. Walker at 9:10 p.m. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by:



Ed McDonough
Superintendent of Schools

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