

PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES FOR JUNE 22, 2010

LOCATION: COMMUNITY CAMPUS

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: JUNE 22, 2010

TIME: 7:00 PM [or thereafter]

School Board members participated in a tour of the Community Campus and Portsmouth Early Elementary Program prior to the regularly scheduled board meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER- 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: MITCHELL SHULDMAN (CHAIR), ANN WALKER (VICE CHAIR), ED MCDONOUGH (SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE BARTLETT (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR), CAROL CHELLMAN, KENT LAPAGE, DEXTER LEGG, REBECCA EMERSON, TOM MARTIN, LESLIE STEVENS, LISA SWEET, LINDA BRIOLAT (EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE) AND PHILIP BOYNTON (STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE)

Absent: ANN MAYER (SAU 50 REPRESENTATIVE)

III. INVOCATION

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Chair Shuldman led in the pledge of allegiance. During a moment of silence, Board Members recognized Mr. Charles Vaughn for his many years of service to the City of Portsmouth.

V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

a. JUNE 8, 2010 REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING –

MOTION: MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2010 BY MR. LAPAGE

SECOND: MR. LEGG

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS – Chair Shuldman presented Student Representative Phil Boynton with a gift and his nameplate, thanking him for his service on the Board. The new student council representative will be Ms. Savanna Federo.

a. **STUDENT COUNCIL ENDOWMENT – CITY ATTORNEY SULLIVAN** –City Attorney Sullivan provided a brief history of the Trustee of Trust Funds of the City of Portsmouth. After discussing reasons why the legal document should be general in terms, Board members requested that direction be given to Student Council to draft documents such as a mission statement and constitution. Attorney Sullivan will rework the endowment and resubmit at the July School Board meeting.

b. **PEEP PRESENTATION – BETH SETEAR & PAULA WENSLEY** – Ms. Setear provided a brief history of programs provided at Community Campus. Board members then asked for Ms. Setear to list benefits that students receive because of where the program is housed. Points made regarding PEEP being housed at Community Campus were:

- Integration with “typical” developing children
- High level of collaboration with other programs housed at Community Campus
- Families First benefits

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- Dental Care
- Parenting Classes available
- Evening activities
- Head Start collaboration
- Mental Health Workers available to assist
- Prescription Program
- Child Advocacy Center

Points made if PEEP were to move to PHS:

- Bathrooms would not be available in classrooms
- Less “typical” kids could be accepted into program, therefore, integration would not be as comprehensive
- Cost of renovation
- Students teaching the PEEP program or learning about early education would not be effective

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

1. *BOARD & ADMINISTRATOR*
2. NEW FRANKLIN GAZETTE
3. DONDERIFFIC!

b. CORRESPONDENCE

1. MS. LISA SALTER, PHS EARTH SCIENCE – LETTER OF RESIGNATION
2. MR. JOSHUA EVANS – DONDERO, GRADE 5 – LETTER OF RESIGNATION –
3. KAREN SHUSTER – THANK YOU NOTE
4. GREAT SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP INVITATION – Mr. McDonough and Principal Collins will be attending a conference to learn more about this partnership and will report their findings at a later date.
5. REQUEST TO CONSIDER HIGH SCHOOL MERGER WITH SAU #31 – Mr. McDonough will contact Dr. Lister to see if there is interest in sitting down with two board members and discussing further a merger.
6. There will be a meeting of the School Board Efficiencies Committee on June 24th.

c. DISTRICT REPORTS

1. STEVE BARTLETT – UPDATE ON YEAR END FINANCIAL STATUS – Final 09/10 payrolls have been run and Mr. Bartlett will now inquire about supplies that Principals have held off on ordering due to the soft freeze.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL ENDOWMENT FUND – discussed earlier.

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- b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF FINAL FY 2011 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS – Mr. McDonough highlighted recommendations, followed by Board discussion. Mr. McDonough also received several email requests, advocating retaining the services of Shanyn Grenier. Ms. Grenier will be kept on staff for one year through grant funding in hopes of future funding that would allow PHS to retain her in Guidance. Ms. Mayer requested to speak on the behalf of SAU 50, asking to keep Ms. Grenier’s position.

MOTION: MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINAL BUDGET AMOUNT OF \$36,904,000.00 BY MR. LEGG

SECOND: MS. WALKER

VOTE: YES - 7, NO –1 (Emerson)

X. NEW BUSINESS

- a. WORKSHOP ON FY 2012 BUDGET PLANNING – Mr. McDonough provided Board members with a list that could provide cost savings in the next budget cycle. A special meeting will be held on July 13th to discuss the FY 2012 budget further.

- b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL AUTHORIZING SUPERINTENDENT TO HIRE OPEN POSITIONS DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS –

MOTION: MOTION TO APPROVE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO HIRE OPEN POSITIONS DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS BY MR. LAPAGE

SECOND: MR. MARTIN

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

- c. SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION - The Superintendent Evaluation will be sent to each Board member electronically. After completing, Board members will mail their copy to the Superintendent’s office. A Non-Public meeting will be scheduled prior to the July 27th Board meeting.

- d. Motion to adjourn by Mr. LaPage and seconded by Mr. Legg at.8: 53 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted by:



Ed McDonough
Superintendent of Schools