

PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES FOR MAY 24, 2011

ROBERT J. LISTER ACADEMY

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2011

TIME: 7:00PM [or thereafter]

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Vice-Chair Walker.
 - II. **ROLL CALL** – Ann Walker (Vice-Chair), Kent LaPage, Tom Martin, Leslie Stevens, Ed McDonough (Superintendent), Steve Zadavec (Assistant Superintendent), Steve Bartlett (Business Administrator), Ann Mayer (SAU 50 Rep.) and Savannah Fodero (Student Rep.)
 - III. **INVOCATION** – Vice-Chair Walker requested a moment of silence for Mr. Rai Bowles, a previous Portsmouth School Board member who recently passed away.
 - IV. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 - V. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
 - VI. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**
 - a. **CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE AT UNH, CHENGDU SHISHI HIGH SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP** – Mr. Yige Wang, a PSD English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher who is affiliated with the Confucius Institute at UNH, presented an opportunity for the district regarding a Chinese teacher joining Portsmouth High School's faculty for the 2011-2012 school year. The function of the CI program is to broaden outreach programs to school districts throughout the state. Mr. Wang has been in contact with administration of the Shu Shu Middle School, the earliest middle school in the world who recently celebrated their 2150th anniversary. Funding for a trained, certified teacher would be provided by China. Once the program is established, the district could ask for two teachers in following years to broaden the program further. Mr. Wang is traveling to China next week and will report back to the School Board upon his return.
 - VII. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
 - a. **ITEMS OF INFORMATION**
 - i. **NEAS&C PROGRESS REPORT RE: PHS**
 - ii. **SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE, MAY 2011**
 - iii. **CLOUGH DRIVE ARRIVAL PROCEDURES (Verbal Update)** – Ms. Hayden, the Portsmouth Deputy City Manager, scheduled a meeting with city staff to consider pick up and drop off options at Little Harbour School. It was decided to implement the recommendations of the Feb. 2010 Safe Routes to School study; extend the sidewalk to the chain link fence and create a bike lane on the inside. Mr. Parkinson believed that this work could be completed over summer vacation. The final recommendation will be considered for approval at City Council's June meeting.

- iv. LITTLE HARBOUR ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL TRIP
- b. DISTRICT REPORTS
 - i. RJL ACADEMY STUDENT REPORT – PRINCIPAL ROY - Principal Roy shared an update on student progress as well as the Costa Rica trip. Intervention block data shows that testing levels are improving and Ms. Roy is preparing to increase the school day next year in order to increase intervention block time with students.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF LEAVES OF ABSENCE
 - i. SARA JONES, PEEP
 - ii. ERIKA LAMBERT, RJL ACADEMY
 - iii. MELISSA RANKS, GRADE 7

MOTION: Motion to approve leaves of absence for Sara Jones, Erika Lambert and Melissa Ranks as a block by Mr. Legg.

SECOND: Mr. Martin

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously approved

- b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF 2011-12 SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

MOTION: Motion to approve 2011-12 school board meetings by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Mr. Legg

DISCUSSION: November 8th is election night and should be rescheduled.

VOTE: Pending above change, unanimously approved

- c. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE HENRY B. MARGESON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

MOTION: Motion to approve the Henry B. Margeson scholarship fund by Mr. Legg

SECOND: Ms. Stevens

DISCUSSION: Ms. Stevens inquired as to whether or not scholarship recipients are encouraged to write thank you letters for funds received by Guidance.

VOTE: Unanimously approve

- d. FIRST READING OF POLICIES

- i. FACILITIES USE (KF) AS AMENDED

MOTION: Motion to approve the first reading of policy Facilities Use (KF) as amended by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Ms. Stevens

DISCUSSION: Attorney Kathleen Dwyer highlighted the most recent changes requested by the Board. The fee schedule will be revisited by Mr. Linchey and Mr. Bartlett over the summer months.

VOTE: Roll Call 4 Yes, 1 No (KL)

ii. EXTRA /CO-CURRICULAR DISCIPLINARY POLICY (IGD) AS AMENDED

MOTION: Motion to approve the first reading of policy Extra/Co-Curricular Disciplinary (IGD) as amended by Mr. Legg

SECOND: Ms. Stevens

DISCUSSION: Mr. Collins and Mr. Wilson will be invited to speak regarding the differences in offenses regarding alcohol and drugs.

VOTE: Roll Call 5 Yes, Unanimous

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

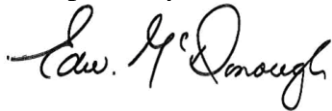
- a. POLICY – The Policy Committee continues to add policies required by law.

XI. OTHER

- a. Mr. LaPage notified Mr. Legg, Co-Chair of the PMS JBC, that the “D” ring by the scoreboard was eroding.
- b. Mr. McDonough announced that at the June 14th School Board meeting, a reception would be held prior to the meeting in honor of our retirees.

XII. ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. by Ms. Stevens and seconded by Mr. Martin. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by:



Ed McDonough
Superintendent of Schools