

PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES FOR June 14, 2011

LOCATION: CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: June 14, 2011

TIME: 7:00 PM [or thereafter]

I. CALL TO ORDER -The meeting was called to order by Chair Shuldman at 7:03 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: MITCH SHULDMAN (CHAIR), ANN WALKER (VICE CHAIR), LESLIE STEVENS, CLAY HAYWARD, KENT LAPAGE, REBECCA EMERSON, TOM MARTIN, ED MCDONOUGH, (SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT), STEPHEN BARTLETT (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR), ANN MAYER (SAU 50 REPRESENTATIVE), LINDA BRIOLAT (EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE)

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

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

a. **May 10, 2011**

MOTION: Mr. Martin to accept the minutes

SECOND: Mrs. Walker with correction. The Charter Commission agreed to move forward one request.

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimous with correction

b. **May 24, 2011**

MOTION: Mr. Hayward to accept the minutes

SECOND: Mr. Martin

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimous

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no speakers.

VI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

a. **PHS PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE**

Steve Cirillo introduced members of the PHS Percussion Ensemble. The board presented the group with a trophy in recognition of earning the title of World Champions. Mr. Cirillo presented the board members with a DVD of the Concert.

b. **PHS BASEBALL TEAM**

Mr. Tim Hopley, Coach, introduced representatives of the PHS Baseball team. The team was congratulated on their accomplishments in breaking the NFHS National Record for the most consecutive wins in high school baseball history and were presented with a trophy. Mr. Hopley said the team was practicing for their next game, which will be Saturday night at 8:15 in Manchester.

Chair Shuldman, on behalf of the board, congratulated both groups on reaching a level of excellence, the first of many great moments to come.

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c. PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT RETIREES

Mr. Zadavec introduced the School Department retirees and presented them with a gift for their service to the Portsmouth School Department, a total of 257 years.

VII. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Technology:

- Mr. Tom Martin presented what the Technology Committee has been doing since it was formed about 2 years ago. They have looked at what is out there for technology, what is happening around us, and how to expand the learning day. He presented Cloud Computing and Class Link, where students and staff would have better access.
- Mr. Tom Lotz gave a demonstration of how Cloud Computing would work and told about the Pilot Program in one of our high school classrooms.
- Ms. Cathy Higgins, from the New Hampshire Department of Education, spoke about how she could be of service in giving us information about what is happening across the state and the nation in Technology, the upsides and downsides of access to technology 24/7. The possibilities of States working together to provide technology on a more costly basis. The National Education Technology Plan 2010 provides a strong background for a lot of the discussions going on right now in terms of infrastructure, where you're going, the purpose, what you're thinking about. *New Hampshire Educators OnLine* NHEON.org is an online site; Learning, Assessment, Teaching, Infrastructure, and Productivity, which are the main goals of the new National Ed Tech Plan. New Hampshire will be discussing what our new plan should look like.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

- i. *BOARD & ADMINISTRATOR – MAY*, in the board packet
- ii. *HUDSON FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT THIN CLIENT COMPUTING*
- iii. *BUFFALO CITY SCHOOLS CLASSLINK PILOT EVALUATION*
- iv. 2011-2012 DAILY SCHOOL SCHEDULES

b. CORRESPONDENCE

- i. LETTER OF RESIGNATION – SANDRA CHICK – TITLE I (DON). Miss Chick was recognized with the retirees.
- ii. NHIAA LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS
- iii. PARENT LETTER

c. DISTRICT REPORTS

- i. FINANCIAL – STEVE BARTLETT
Mr. Bartlett presented the budget. He will have a better sense of the balance once everything is in for June.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING POLICIES: SECOND READING

i. FACILITIES USE

MOTION: Mr. Hayward made the motion to accept the policy.
SECONDED: Ms. Stevens
DISCUSSION: Mr. LaPage will not support the policy because of his concerns with the programs that would be excluded, the number of classrooms and the number of times. Ms. Emerson wondered why firearms were not included in the forbidden items.
VOTE: Roll Call Vote with 6 in favor and one opposed (KL)

The Board would like a regular update on the use of the buildings.

ii. EXTRA AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

MOTION: Mr. Hayward made the motion to accept the policy
SECONDED: Mrs. Walker
DISCUSSION:
VOTE: Roll Call Vote unanimous

b. UPDATE ON FOOD NUTRITION DIRECTOR SEARCH

Mr. Zdravec said a committee was formed which included a parent, student, and staff members who screened the applicants and interviewed 7 candidates. There are 3 finalists that the administration is doing site visits and the committee hopes to submit a nomination at the next Board Meeting.

c. RESCHEDULE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING (JUNE 23rd). The Board will meet on June 23rd with the location to be determined.

X. NEW BUSINESS

a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE ONE YEAR LEAVES OF ABSENCE

- i. DANIELLE HERMAN, SCIENCE (PMS)
- ii. LAUREN SARGENT, 1ST GRADE (DO)
- iii. JILL FAST, 1ST GRADE (LHS)

b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT

- i. GRADE 3 TEACHER, LITTLE HARBOUR
- ii. GRADE 3 TEACHER, DONDERO.

MOTION: Ms. Walker made the motion to accept the recommendations for the Leaves of Absence and the New Hires.

SECONDED: Mr. Hayward

DISCUSSION: Mr. LaPage would like to table the Leave of Absence request for Danielle Herman and the hire of the Grade 3 Little Harbour Teacher and meet in non-public at the next Board Meeting. He would like to see future personnel issues in non-public to allow discussion. Both Ms. Walker and Mr. Hayward agreed to a change in the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous to approve the Leaves of Absence for Lauren Sargent and Jill Fast, and the nomination of the Grade 3 Teacher at Dondero, and to table the Leave of Absence Request for Danielle Herman and the nomination of the Grade 3 Teacher at Little Harbour until the board can meet in non-public.

- c. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF TRANSFER MIDDLE SCHOOL PARCEL NO LONGER NEEDED FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES TO THE CITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH RSA 199:4 II.

MOTION: Ms. Walker made the motion to accept

SECONDED: Mr. Hayward

DISCUSSION:

VOTE : Unanimous

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. JBC

Mrs. Stevens said the ground breaking at the Middle School was wonderful with the full student body involved. The parking lot will be dug up once school is out and a temporary lot will be behind the Library.

Mrs. Stevens said the group took a field trip to the new field on Granite Street. They hope the field will be ready by the middle of July. They put in a request to have a new flag pole put in.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the school board will be Thursday, June 23rd at a location to be announced. There will be a non-public to discuss the Superintendent Evaluations and LOA request and nomination.

A date for the Summer Retreat will be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

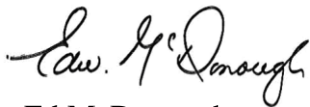
MOTION: Mr. Martin made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15.

SECONDED: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by:



Ed McDonough
Superintendent of Schools