

**PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES FOR JUNE 23, 2011**

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2011

TIME: 7:00PM [or thereafter]

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**I. CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Shuldman called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. INVOCATION** - Board members held a moment of silent reflection on behalf of Board member Clay Hayward and wished him a speedy recovery.

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

**V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

a. JUNE 14, 2011

MOTION: Motion to accept the minutes of June 14, 2011 by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously approved

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**VII. SPECIAL PRESENTATION** – Ms. Liz Boynton, a senior at Portsmouth High School, was introduced as next year's Student Representative to the Board.

**VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

i. *BOARD & ADMINISTRATOR – JUNE*

ii. 2011-12 DEPARTMENT HEADS, TEAM LEADERS & SPECIAL EDUCATION COORDINATORS – Mr. LaPage requested a more in depth conversation regarding the difference between department heads and team leaders.

iii. FACILITIES CONTRACTED SERVICE PROVIDER AWARDS

iv. REPORT OF THE CITY CHARTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

b. DISTRICT REPORTS

i. FINANCIAL UPDATE– Mr. Bartlett commended principals in reducing the substitute line by approximately 10%.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ITEMS TABLED ON JUNE 14, 2011

i. ONE YEAR LEAVE OF ABSENCE, PMS – DANIELLE HERMAN

MOTION: Motion to approve a one year leave of absence for Ms. Danielle Herman by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Mr. Legg

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: 7 Aye, 2 Opposed (KL, AW)

ii. GRADE 3 TEACHER, LHS – HEATHER PERIGNY

MOTION: Motion to approve Ms. Heather Perigny as a Grade Three Teacher at LHS by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: 8 Aye, 1 Opposed (KL)

- b. DISCUSSION OF CITY CHARTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT – Chair Shuldman discussed inconsistencies in wording regarding reference #30. Chair Shuldman will address the Charter Committee on behalf of the School Board and also request to participate in the committee’s work session on the 18th.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT

i. PHYSICAL SCIENCE TEACHER, PHS

MOTION: Motion to approve Ms. Rachel Fritschy as Physical Science Teacher at PHS by Mr. LaPage

SECOND: Mr. Legg

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously approved

ii. DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL NUTRITION

MOTION: Motion to approve Ms. Deborah Riso as Director of School Nutrition by Ms. Walker

SECOND: Ms. Stevens

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously approved

iii. GRADE FIVE TEACHER, DONDERO

MOTION: Motion to approve Ms. Cheryl Fish as Grade Five teacher at Dondero by Ms. Walker

SECOND: Mr. Martin

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously approved

b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZATION OF REGULAR AND SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION AWARD

MOTION: Motion to authorize the Business Administrator to negotiate contracts for the district’s transportation needs, regular and Special Education

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION: Final negotiated contracts to be presented to the Board for approval

VOTE: Unanimously approved

c. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION BUS TRANSPORTATION PROPOSAL – (ADDENDUM INCLUDED ABOVE)

d. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL AUTHORIZING SUPERINTENDENT TO HIRE DURING SUMMER MONTHS**

MOTION: Motion to authorize the Superintendent to hire personnel over the summer months by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously approved

e. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CHANGING EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS FROM POST TAXED TO PRE TAXED METHODOLOGY**

MOTION: Motion to approve changing employee retirement contributions from post-tax to pre-tax methodology by Ms. Chellman

SECOND: Ms. Emerson

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously approved

f. **DISCUSSION OF RETREAT DATE**

**XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. JBC – Mr. Legg gave a brief report on the middle school progress and Granite Street.
- b. TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Martin reported that the technology committee continues to assess the pros and cons of converting from traditional desktops to fact client desktops and new technologies such as cloud computing.

**XII. FUTURE MEETING DATES**

- a. TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2011
- b. TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2011

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT** - Motion to adjourn by Mr. Martin at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Ms. Walker.

Respectfully submitted by:



Ed McDonough  
Superintendent of School