

PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 17, 2012

CAFETORIUM, LITTLE HARBOUR ELEMENTARY

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2012

TIME: 7:00PM [or thereafter]

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Chair Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL** - LESLIE STEVENS (CHAIR), CAROL CHELLMAN, PATRICK ELLIS, DEXTER LEGG, MITCH SHULDMAN, ANN WALKER, MARY OLEA, KENT LAPAGE, ED MCDONOUGH (SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE BARTLETT (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR) AND LINDA BRIOLAT (EMPLOYEE REP)
- III. **INVOCATION**
- IV. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Chair Stevens asked for a moment of silence for Attorney Thomas Flygare who passed away, followed by the pledge of allegiance.
- V. **PRESENTATION ON FY 13 BUDGET** – Mr. McDonough provided handouts of the budget PowerPoint shared at the last School Board meeting.
- VI. **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY 13 BUDGET**

The following community members spoke regarding the FY 13 budget:

Sage Clark – 582 Lincoln Avenue	Steven Metcalfe – 193 Meadow Road
Christine Bastianelli – 230 Cass St.	Cliff Lazenby – McKinley Road
Jim Lamond – 84 Haven Road	Steve Bergeron – 199 Wibird Street
Mark Brighton – 285 Union Street	Kimberly Yacobucci - 502 White Cedar Blvd.

- VII. **WORKSHOP SESSION ON FY 13 BUDGET** – Mr. McDonough reported that a detailed budget book would be delivered at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on January 24th. Mr. McDonough then presented a breakdown comparison of the FY11 actual budget, the FY12 current budget and administration's proposed FY13 budget.

Mr. McDonough stated that 79% of next year's budget is attributable to salary and benefits. Health Insurance will increase by 7.2%.

Board members followed up with questions and requested the following information:

- Will projected costs of the new middle school be offset by it being a more efficient school? Is there an energy model provided by the firm for review?
- What has the district spent on building maintenance for the past three or four years?
- Reflect the 30 staff reductions over the past few years to better demonstrate what the recurring savings have been and how these reductions have changed the baseline of the past few budgets. If these positions were added back into the current budget with adjusted salary increases, what would the budget look like?
- What has been the reduction in catastrophic aid and Medicaid reimbursement over the last few years?

- VIII. **ADJOURNMENT** - A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Shuldman and seconded by Mr. Ellis at 8:18 p.m.