

PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES FOR JANUARY 24, 2012

NEW FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2012

TIME: 7:00PM [or thereafter]

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL - LESLIE STEVENS (CHAIR), TOM MARTIN (VICE CHAIR), PATRICK ELLIS, DEXTER LEGG, MITCH SHULDMAN, ANN WALKER, MARY OLEA, ED MCDONOUGH (SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE BARTLETT (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR), LINDA BRIOLAT (EMPLOYEE REP) AND ELIZABETH BOYNTON (STUDENT REP)

III. INVOCATION

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

a. JANUARY 10, 2012

MOTION: Motion to accept the minutes of January 10, 2012 by Ms. Walker

SECOND: Mr. Legg

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

b. JANUARY 17, 2012

MOTION: Motion to accept the minutes of January 17, 2012 by Mr. Legg

SECOND: Mr. Martin

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

VII. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MODEL CLASSROOM – Mr. Zadavec and the following elementary teachers, Stacey Weeks, Tess Hall, Roxanne Monmaney, Ann O’Connell and Cheryl Harrington presented the Board with a PowerPoint focusing on the need for appropriate class size to implement our instructional workshop model. The PowerPoint mapped out the Portsmouth School District’s K-5 teaching philosophy and instructional approach. Teachers highlighted different areas of the model used by K-5 teachers called *The Workshop Model*. This model brings students through a process: Connection to the material, explicit instruction, guided practice and independent practice followed up with whole-group sharing. Teachers shared with the Board that they believe the effectiveness of this model is evident in recorded test scores and shared their concern that larger classrooms would jeopardize this successful model of teaching. Board members spoke about the importance of clearly communicating to the community that the school district is seeking appropriate sized classrooms of 20 students or less in grades K-3 and not necessarily “small” class sizes which are defined as much smaller than 20 in recent studies shared with the Board.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

- i. *BOARD & ADMINISTRATOR, JANUARY*
- ii. *DORE & WHITTIER FLOOR PLANS OF EXISTING CONDITIONS AT NEW FRANKLIN, DONDERO AND LITTLE HARBOUR*
- iii. *PMS ENERGY MODEL EXECUTIVE SUMMARY, CES ENGINEERING*
- iv. *WORKING DRAFT OF FY 13 BUDGET*
- v. *DETAILED EXPENDITURE STATUS REPORT – Mr. Bartlett provided four reports covering four years of maintenance expenditures. Board members discussed the impact that the new middle school will have on maintenance when complete and when elementary schools become more efficient after CIP funding is received.*

b. CORRESPONDENCE

- i. *NOTICE OF RETIREMENT, BEVERLY WITKOP, (PMS)*
- ii. *LETTER OF RESIGNATION, MELISSA RANKS, (PMS)*
- iii. *Mr. Legg requested that administration produce a Talent Management Report, showing percentages of employees resigning and their reasons for resignation.*

IX. OLD BUSINESS

a. WORKSHOP SESSION: FY 13 BUDGET

- i. *ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REQUESTS/ENROLLMENT/CLASS SIZES – Mr. McDonough walked Board members through enrollment averages and requests from elementary principals for FY12. Elementary principals were present to answer questions Board members had regarding their staff requests.*

Mr. McDonough highlighted how administration is looking to resolve the space issues at Little Harbour and how these changes relate to next year's budget.

X. NEW BUSINESS

a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE, KATHLEEN HNATOW (LHS)

MOTION: Motion to approve a one year leave of absence for Kathleen Hnatow by Mr. Legg

SECOND: Mr. Martin

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

XI. ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn by Mr. Ellis and seconded by Mr. Shuldman at 9:01 p.m.