

PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2012

LITTLE HARBOUR BOARD ROOM

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2012

TIME: 6:30PM [or thereafter]

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- I. CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Stevens called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
 - II. ROLL CALL** LESLIE STEVENS (CHAIR), TOM MARTIN (VICE-CHAIR), PATRICK ELLIS, KENT LAPAGE, MARY OLEA, CAROL CHELLMAN, MITCHELL SHULDMAN, DEXTER LEGG, ANN WALKER, EDWARD MCDONOUGH (SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE BARTLETT (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR), AND STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT)
 - III. INVOCATION**
 - IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 - V. PUBLIC COMMENT**
 - VI. AGENDA**

- 1. BUDGET WORKSESSION** – Mr. Legg stated for the community's sake that the Portsmouth School Board has taken a thoughtful approach during the budget process to seek alternate ways to reduce the budget, while protecting the district's educational core. The Board has reached an agreement with the Teachers Association as a result of conversations over time and the Superintendent continues to collaborate with city officials in order to identify further efficiencies. Although the city has faced one of the worst economies in history and reductions were necessary, the Board believes the Portsmouth School District has a good foundation in place. As the economy grows, the Board will be able to build on this foundation. Mr. Legg believes the Superintendent and administration have done a remarkable job getting the district through an incredible market and economic environment.

Mr. Bartlett presented a budget coming in at 2.9% which highlighted the following changes since the last budget adjustment:

- After reviewing last year's final numbers and where the district currently stands, Mr. Bartlett has adjusted next year's substitute line by \$15,000.
- The City manager has stated that the city is willing to assume the Assistant Athletic Director's salary in the city's budget.
- Mr. McDonough continues to work with the Community Adult Education program and is meeting with Seacoast Media tomorrow at their request. Mr. McDonough suggests creating a base stipend and the director be paid commission or administrative fee based on seats sold for each program.

Board members asked questions surrounding the move of the PEEP program, the substitute line, professional development, sick time, extracurricular stipends, the new Assistant Principal position at Little Harbour Elementary, the loss of grant funding, and

teacher's supplies. Board members also discussed the agreement reached with the Association of Portsmouth Teachers and how teachers will be affected. Board members once again thanked the teachers for their willingness to reach an agreement.

Mr. LaPage requested that Mr. Bartlett research if an agreement exists with the city regarding field care and if an official date exists regarding school fields being maintained by the city during the summer months.

MOTION: Motion to close the work session and enter into a regular School Board meeting by Ms. Chellman

SECOND: Mr. Legg

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimous

2. ADOPTION OF THE FY13 BUDGET

MOTION: Motion to move Peep from Community Campus to Dondero Elementary by Mr. Legg

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: Motion to accept the FY13 budget at \$36, 302, 260.00 by Mr. Martin

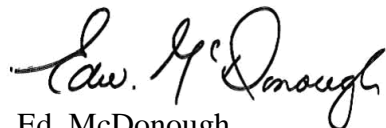
SECOND: Mr. Legg

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Roll Call Vote, Unanimously Approved

VII. ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn by Mr. Martin at 7:50 p.m. and seconded by Mr. Ellis.

Respectfully submitted by:



Ed. McDonough
Superintendent of Schools