

PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES FOR MAY 22, 2012

ROBERT J. LISTER ACADEMY

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2012

TIME: 7:00 PM [or thereafter]

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Chair Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL** LESLIE STEVENS (CHAIR), TOM MARTIN (VICE CHAIR), ANN WALKER, MITCH SHULDMAN, CAROL CHELLMAN, PATRICK ELLIS, MARY OLEA, DEXTER LEGG, KENT LAPAGE, ED MCDONOUGH, (SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT), STEPHEN BARTLETT (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR), LINDA BRIOLAT (EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE) ELIZABETH BOYNTON (STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE) AND ANN MAYER (SAU 50 REPRESENTATIVE)
- III. **INVOCATION**
- IV. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chair Stevens led in the pledge of allegiance.
- V. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
- a. MAY 8, 2012
- MOTION: Motion to accept the minutes of May 8, 2012 by Mr. Martin
SECOND: Ms. Walker
DISCUSSION:
VOTE: Unanimous
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- VII. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**
- GENERATE4SCHOOLS – Mr. John Malone and Ms. Elizabeth Collins from Generate4Schools provided the Board with an in-depth look into the program, how it works and the level of commitment it would take from the Board to make the program work. The Board followed up with comments and questions.
- VIII. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**
- a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION
- i. *BOARD AND ADMINISTRATOR*, MAY 2012
- ii. SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION MATERIALS
- iii. UPDATE ON PILLAR I “HIRING PROCESS” RECOMMENDATIONS
- iv. MEMORANDUM TO SCHOOL BOARD PROPOSING DINNER MEETINGS WITH ASSOCIATION OF PORTSMOUTH TEACHERS
- b. CORRESPONDENCE
- i. THANK YOU NOTE FROM ANANIA FAMILY FOR ALUMNI-WENTWORTH DEDICATION
- ii. MEMO FROM CTE DIRECTOR DIANE CANADA REGARDING WELDING PROGRAM

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- a. UPDATE ON PILLAR I RECOMMENDATIONS: “THE HIRING PROCESS” – Mr. McDonough provided the Board with an update on the hiring process recommendations from the committee and the number of resumes received for each open position YTD. Board members stated that the phone check questions were excellent and inquired how different the process was from the past. Although there was a writing portion some time ago, it had dissipated. And there never had been a request for videos of teachers in the classroom. Administrators conducted reference checks but not supervisor checks. Superintendent McDonough has requested that each administrator forward two candidates for each open position.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT

i. GRADE 1, DONDERO ELEMENTARY

MOTION: Motion to approve Ms. Amanda King as Grade 1, Dondero Elementary by Mr. Legg

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimous

- b. *CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF LEAVES OF ABSENCE*

i. *JOCELYN GARGANTA, PMS SOCIAL STUDIES*

ii. *ALYSSA BAILEY, LHS GRADE 1*

iii. *DOROTHY FRAZER, MUSIC DEPT*

MOTION: Motion to accept Ms. Garganta, Ms. Bailey and Ms. Frazer’s leaves of absence as a group by Mr. Shuldman

SECOND: Mr. Ellis

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimous

- c. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF GENERATE4SCHOOLS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR CITY LEGAL DEPARTMENT TO CREATE TRUST DOCUMENT – After viewing the presentation, the Board requested that the legal department revisit the trust document and consider separating the trust portion from the contract portion with Generate4Schools. Now that the Board better understands the mechanics of the program, more time will be needed to execute the program properly and describe the program clearly to the community. Board members also requested that time be scheduled for public comment before final approval of the trust document.

XI. COMMITTEE UPDATE

- a. JBC – Parent Orientation was well attended and Gilbane Construction did an outstanding job explaining the phasing process to parents of incoming sixth graders and allaying any safety concerns. The project continues to remain on schedule and on budget.

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. PUBLIC HEARING ON ELEMENTARY FACILITIES REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS, JUNE 12, 2012.
- b. WORKSHOP SESSION ON ELEMENTARY GRADE SPAN CONFIGURATION, JULY 14, 2012
- c. WORKSHOP SESSION ON WEIGHTING OF GRADES AT PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL, AUGUST 10, 2012.

- XIII. ADJOURNMENT** - Motion to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Legg