

**PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES FOR JUNE 12, 2012**

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2012

TIME: 7:00 PM [or thereafter]

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Chair Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL** LESLIE STEVENS (CHAIR), TOM MARTIN (VICE CHAIR), ANN WALKER, CAROL CHELLMAN, PATRICK ELLIS, MARY OLEA, DEXTER LEGG, KENT LAPAGE, ED MCDONOUGH, (SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT), STEPHEN BARTLETT (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR) AND LINDA BRIOLAT (EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE)
- III. **INVOCATION**
- IV. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- V. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
- MOTION: Motion to accept the minutes of May 22, 2012 by Mr. Martin  
SECOND: Ms. Walker  
DISCUSSION:  
VOTE: Unanimous
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- VII. **PUBLIC HEARING ON ELEMENTARY FACILITIES REPORT RECOMMENDATION**
- VIII. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**
- a. **RECOGNITION OF RETIREES** - Chair Stevens presented each retiree with an engraved clock. Board members thanked the retiring employees for their many years of service.
- b. **CONSERVE. PRESERVE. RESERVE... WATER PROJECTS BY THE LHS 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE CLASS:** Fifth grade students Frances Dintino, Nathan Edwards, Harry Pont, Isabelle Telford and teacher Molly Green presented a PowerPoint presentation on different water projects completed by Ms. Green's fifth grade class over the past year. The presented water projects morphed out of an article that Ms. Green had read titled "The revenge of water" and resulted in storm drain painting, a "shower challenge", reading a book called *A Long Walk to Water*, participating in an H2O challenge, raising \$700 to help drill a bore hole for a well in the Sudan, and finally visiting the city's waste water treatment plant to better understand the importance of conserving water. At Little Harbour, every graduating class decides on a class gift. The graduating class of 2012 decided to gift a bottle filling station because of their interest in water. In three days alone, the school saved over 300 plastic bottles.
- IX. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
- a. **ITEMS OF INFORMATION**
- i. ELEMENTARY LUNCH MENU, JUNE
- ii. NEW FRANKLIN GAZETTE
- iii. SCHOOL BOARD MINI-RETREAT SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 19, 2012
- iv. POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES, MAY 2012
- b. **CORRESPONDENCE**
- i. LETTER OF RESIGNATION – KIM LACROCE

- ii. MEMORANDUM FROM CAREER TECH DIRECTOR CANADA – Mr. McDonough highlighted a memo recently shared with high school parents and staff members proposing to close the TV and media production class and open a hospitality program as a small pilot program at the Career Technology Center. Ms. Canada fielded questions from Board members regarding industry needs for such a pilot program, how the program would work and the plan to grow the program over the next few years.
  - iii. MEMORANDUM FROM ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY RE: ENDOWMENT FUND
- c. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS
- i. FINANCIAL REPORT, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR BARTLETT- Mr. Bartlett reported that the budget continued to track according to his projections and the analysis compares within a half percent of the last two budget cycles.

Central Office will be moving to City Hall on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June and Martini Northern will then begin construction on the old Central Office area, creating four new kindergarten classrooms to be completed for the 2012-2013 school year.

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD ENDOWMENT FUND

MOTION: Motion to approve the Portsmouth School Board Endowment Fund by Ms. Walker

SECOND: Mr. LaPage

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bartlett will research a dormant fund called the Alumni Fund to see if any monies can be rolled into the Portsmouth School Board Endowment Fund.

VOTE: Unanimous

- b. UPDATE: CHINESE LANGUAGE PROGRAM FOR PMS/PHS – Mr. Yige Wang provided an update on how the district can move forward on providing this program. UNH will not be able to sponsor a VISA due to difficulties with how the type of visa necessary is issued. Mr. Wang has now re-submitted the application to create a Confucius institute at PHS and is hoping to have a teacher in place by January of 2013. The partner school will stay the same. The principal from China has expressed his wish to visit the Portsmouth school district and extended an invitation to the superintendent of Portsmouth to visit China. At the end of a 6 year commitment, both schools will re-assess the program.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT

- i. SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, LHS, Erin Lawson

- ii. DONDERO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 1. GRADE 5 Sara Crowley
- 2. GRADE 2 (ONE YEAR ONLY) Molly Buttrick
- 3. GRADE 2 (ONE YEAR ONLY) Janet Goldstein

- iii. NEW FRANKLIN

- 1. KINDERGARTEN – Erin Lane

- iv. LITTLE HARBOUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 1. GRADE 2 – Hanna Eldridge
- 2. GRADE 3 – Kate Arruda

3. GRADE 4 – Amy Kovack
  4. GRADE 2 (ONE YEAR ONLY) – Drew O’Connor
  5. GRADE 1 (ONE YEAR ONLY) – Catherine Modisette
  6. PHYSICAL EDUCATION – Shawn McGrimley
- v. PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL
1. SOCIAL STUDIES – Kristen Amato
  2. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION – Carla Frank
  3. SPECIAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR – Laurie Melanson
  4. WELDING (INCREASED TO FULL-TIME) – Bill Schefer

MOTION: Motion to accept the above nominations as a whole by Mr. Legg

SECOND: Mr. Martin

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimous

- b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF POLICY NAMING OF FACILITIES (FF), FIRST READING

MOTION: Motion to accept policy FF, Approval of Policy Naming of Facilities, First Reading by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION: A list of memorialized areas will be created. Mr. McDonough will confer with City Attorney Sullivan to clarify if the School Board has authority to name school buildings.

VOTE: Unanimous

- c. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL AUTHORIZING SUPERINTENDENT TO HIRE DURING SUMMER MONTHS

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

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimous

**XII. COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**XIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. WORKSHOP SESSION ON ELEMENTARY GRADE SPAN CONFIGURATION, JULY 10, 2012
- b. WORKSHOP SESSION ON WEIGHTING OF GRADES AT PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL, AUGUST 14, 2012

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to adjourn by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Ellis at 8:23 p.m.