

PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES FOR JULY 10, 2012

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
DATE: TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2012

PORTSMOUTH, NH
TIME: 7:00 PM [or thereafter]

- 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, MITCHELL SHULDMAN, 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** – Chair Stevens led in the pledge of allegiance.
- V. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
 - a. JUNE 19, 2012 WORKSHOP SESSION
MOTION: Motion to accept the minutes of June 19, 2012 by Ms. Walker
SECOND: Mr. Shuldman
DISCUSSION:
VOTE: Unanimously Approved
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – The following students/adults spoke on behalf of the media program and Clipper News Report at Portsmouth High School:

Alex McNair	346 Dennett Street
Avery Turner	3 Marjorie Street
Karen McNair	346 Dennett Street
Jordan Schopick	200 Monroe St. Extension
Ryan Bergeron	28 Pollock Drive

- VII. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS : RECOGNITION OF MS. BOYNTON, PHS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE** – The School Board will recognize Ms. Boynton at the August 14th meeting.
- VIII. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**
 - a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION
 - i. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATOR, JUNE 2012
 - ii. SCHOOL BOARD ADVANCEMENT: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2012
 - iii. POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR JUNE 14, 2012
 - iv. SEACOAST HEALTHY GRINS ANNUAL REPORT, 2012
 - v. INVENTORY OF NAMED FACILITIES
 - vi. TV PRODUCTION ONLINE PETITION
 - vii. CITY COUNCIL RULE 44: NAMING OF MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, PARKS AND FACILITIES
 - b. CORRESPONDENCE
 - i. MEMORANDUM FROM LEGAL DEPARTMENT RE: NAMING OF FACILITIES

- ii. UPDATE ON SCHOOL CHOICE FOR 2012-13 – Mr. McDonough reported that New Franklin has met Annual Yearly Progress. As of today’s date, no families have confirmed school choice, but 7 students have shown interest. Mr. McDonough will meet with each family individually over the next two weeks. The district will be responsible for the transportation of students that exercise school choice.
 - iii. RESIGNATIONS
 - 1. RYAN HOLDER, PHS PHYSICAL EDUCATION
 - 2. PETER LATCHAW, PMS MATH/SCIENCE
 - 3. AMANDA MORALES, PMS FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE
 - iv. ADMINISTRATOR LETTER TO HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS & STUDENTS REGARDING TV PRODUCTION
- c. DISTRICT REPORTS
- i. FINANCIAL UPDATE, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR BARTLETT – Mr. Bartlett reported that he is in the process of releasing purchase orders held back and expects to generate a full end of year report in August.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- a. WORKSHOP: ELEMENTARY FACILITIES REPORT/RECOMMENDATION- Mr. McDonough began the workshop by highlighting the main points of the report:
 - The committee unanimously agreed that K-5 schools were indeed the best model for Portsmouth.
 - The School Board should remain mindful that elementary schools should remain at 400 students or less.
 - The School Board should be mindful that classrooms are not state standards of 900 feet when funding becomes available to improve elementary schools.
- Board members commented on the community’s resounding support of the city’s current configuration gathered by responses received from an on-line survey. Board members appreciate the amount of work and research that the committee put into the report. They appreciated how the committee was organized, inclusive, transparent, yet aggressive, resulting in a model presentation being delivered. Board members requested that the Superintendent include the committee recommendations report on the Agenda in August for formal vote.
- b. WORKSHOP: COMMUNITY EDUCATION – Mr. LaPage shared his ideas regarding how to better the community education program with Mr. McDonough and the Board. Mr. LaPage would like to see the following types of classes available through the community education program:
 - Lecture series
 - Group Development courses for businesses
 - Certification classes
 - GED classes
 - Citizenship classes
 - 4 Credit classes
 - Non-Credit classes

Board members will need to agree on what the mission of Community Education should be for Portsmouth. Does there need to be a needs assessment done? What needs are not being met? Are

other entities in the community meeting certain educational needs? Mr. McDonough is meeting with a representative from Great Bay Community College who is interested in partnering with the district to provide community education opportunities and will report back to the full Board in August. The Board thanked Mr. LaPage for his report.

- c. UPDATE ON LITTLE HARBOUR RENOVATIONS- As of last week, the asbestos abatement is complete and all testing clearance came through. Demolition is in full swing and the project remains on schedule with a deadline set for August 20th.
- d. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF POLICY NAMING OF FACILITIES (FF), SECOND READING

MOTION: Motion to approve policy FF, Naming of Facilities, by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Mr. Shuldman

DISCUSSION: add "Areas on School Property"

VOTE: Unanimously approved, pending change cited above

II. NEW BUSINESS

- a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT

- HIGH SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION – Lauren Casamiro
- HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE, (1 YEAR ONLY) – Brian Betournay
- HIGH SCHOOL NURSE (PART-TIME) – Maria Costa
- MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE/MATH (1 YEAR ONLY) – Fiona Butler
- PEEP, SPEECH AND LANGUAGE (.80 FTE) – Beth Landry Murphy
- NFS/PHS MUSIC - Karen Smith
- LHS, GRADE 4 – Linda Briolat

MOTION: Motion to approve the above employment nominations as a group by Mr. Legg

SECOND: Mr. Martin

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

- b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF JOB DESCRIPTIONS

- FUTURES COORDINATOR
- EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

MOTION: Motion to approve the above job descriptions as a group by Mr. Ellis

SECOND: Mr. Martin

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

- c. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF POLICY (JKAA) USE OF RESTRAINTS (1ST READING)

MOTION: Motion to approve policy JKAA, Use of Restraints, (First Reading) by Ms. Walker

SECOND: Mr. Shuldman

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

III. COMMITTEE UPDATE

- a. POLICY – The committee is scheduled to meet July 12th.

- b. JBC – Mr. Legg reported that the project remains on schedule and the new wing will be completed for the opening of school this fall.

IV. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. WORKSHOP SESSION ON WEIGHTING OF GRADES AT PHS, AUGUST 14, 2012
 - b. PRESENTATION ON COLLABORATION BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE, GREAT BAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESIDENT WILL ARVELO AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES CHANCELLOR ROS GITTELL, SEPTEMBER 11, 2012
 - c. FY 14 BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION ON OCTOBER 23, 2012
- V. ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to adjourn by Mr. Martin at 9:07 p.m. and seconded by Mr. Legg.