

PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 25, 2012

PORTSMOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2012

TIME: 7:00 PM [or thereafter]

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Chair Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL** – LESLIE STEVENS (CHAIR), TOM MARTIN (VICE CHAIR) ANN WALKER, MITCHELL SHULDMAN, PATRICK ELLIS, DEXTER LEGG, KENT LAPAGE, CAROL CHELLMAN, ED MCDONOUGH, (SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT), STEPHEN BARTLETT (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR) 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. SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

MOTION: Motion to accept the minutes of September 11, 2012 by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

- VII. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: TOUR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL** – Board members participated in a tour of the new building.

SLIDE SHOW PHOTO TOUR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL

VIII. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

- a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

- i. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATOR, SEPTEMBER 2012
- ii. 2012 PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT PROGRESS REPORT
- iii. THE CUSTOMER’S GUIDE TO SOLAR POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENTS

IX. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. WORKSHOP: 2012 PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT PROGRESS REPORT – Mr. McDonough further reviewed the data via PowerPoint presentation. Board members asked for further clarification regarding:
- Special Education statistics
 - Math interventions at the high school and middle school; is there a plan to improve scores?

- Tracking of full day kindergarteners and testing scores; do they show signs of improvement as they are tested in higher grades?
- Common core standards and smart goals, have we checked to see if models being practiced in the larger SAU community are producing greater test scores?
- Exactly how does our curriculum map to NECAP testing? What kind of local assessments do we conduct?
- Has administration set time lines of improvement in math and science?
- NWEA testing being conducted at the middle school; what would be the roadblocks of expanding it to the high school?

Board members requested that a work session be scheduled to discuss exactly how new curriculum state initiatives and common core standards would affect teacher lesson plans throughout the district.

- b. FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION FROM SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2012 WORK SESSION – Mr. Ellis reported that he, Ms. Chellman and Mr. Martin had a productive conversation to discuss School Board goals for the 2012- 2013 and would be reporting back to the full Board at a later date.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- DISCUSSION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY – Mr. Martin reported that more meetings were being scheduled to discuss this possibility further. Local companies attended a meeting at Central Office to discuss renewable energy, budget opportunities and the offset costs it could provide against aging plants and electric/lighting systems. Further study will be taking a closer look at linking educational opportunities along with any new purchases. Other Board members expressed interest in being kept abreast of when new meetings were scheduled.

III. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- JBC – Mr. Legg reported that the public open house is scheduled for this Saturday. With the completion of the new building, this would be the committee's third deliverable. The turf field deliverable one, alumni field deliverable two and the new building the first phase of a three phase effort.

IV. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- FY 14 BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION ON OCTOBER 23, 2012

- V. **ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to adjourn at 9:24 pm. by Mr. Martin and seconded by Ms. Walker.