

PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 7, 2013

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2013

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, KENT LAPAGE, PATRICK ELLIS, MITCHELL SHULDMAN, DEXTER LEGG, MARY OLEA, ED MCDONOUGH, (SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT), STEPHEN BARTLETT (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR), OLIN JOHANNESSEN (EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE) AND ANN MAYER (SAU 50 REPRESENTATIVE).
- III. **INVOCATION**
- IV. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chair Stevens led in the pledge of allegiance.
- V. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION PROJECT** - SAFETY AWARDS 1ST ENGRAVED SLATE TO PRINCIPAL STOKEL – Ms. Karen Webb, Mr. Daniel Edgecomb and Ms. Susan Christmas presented Principal Stokel with the first numbered engraved slate harvested from the 1930's roof of the Portsmouth Middle School. This fund raiser for Project Safety depicts the original 1930's building etched on roof tile slates. The general public can now purchase historical limited edition slates at the middle school, at certain location downtown or directly from Project Safety's website. There are 299 for sale at \$200.00 each. All proceeds go directly to Project Safety.
- VI. **RE-OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FY 2014 BUDGET** - The following people spoke regarding the FY 2014 budget:
 - JANET GROAT – 168 WIBIRD STREET
 - MARK BRIGHTON – 285 UNION STREET
 - CLIFF LAZENBY – 303 MCKINLEY ROAD
- VII. **DISCUSSION OF FY14 BUDGET** – Board members asked the following clarifying questions before agreeing to vote on a final budget Tuesday, February 12, 2013.
 - a) Where did funding from the Resource Office come from? Funding was realized through a retirement and a person leaving the district. Savings from these positions are able to now fund the districts portion of the SRO and the budget will still remain under 4%.
 - b) M. LaPage proposed that \$25,000.00 be added to the budget for a new sound system at the high school auditorium in hopes that matching funds can be raised.

- c) Mr. LaPage proposed that \$40,000.00 be added to the budget to fund a full time substance abuse counselor position.

Board members discussed the two proposals made by board member LaPage in length and decided they were ready to vote on the final budget Tuesday, February 12, 2013.

Ms. Walker announced that the Governor was going to TSN February 8th and that she would be calling in to advocate for the return of CHINS. Ms. Walker encouraged other board members to do the same.

- VIII. **ADJOURNMENT** - Motion to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. by Mr. Martin and seconded by Ms. Walker. Unanimously Approved.