

PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES FOR MARCH 12, 2013

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2012

TIME: 7:00 [or thereafter]

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- I. **ATTENDANCE** – LESLIE STEVENS (CHAIR), TOM MARTIN (VICE CHAIR) ANN WALKER, KENT LAPAGE, PATRICK ELLIS, MITCHELL SHULDMAN, CAROL CHELLMAN, MARY OLEA, ED MCDONOUGH, (SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT), STEPHEN BARTLETT (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR), OLIN JOHANNESSEN (EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE) EMILY FREGEAU, (STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE) AND ANN MAYER (SAU 50 REPRESENTATIVE).
- II. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM
- III. **INVOCATION**
- IV. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Chair Stevens led the Board in the pledge of allegiance.
- V. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
- a. FEBRUARY 12, 2013
- MOTION: Motion to accept the minutes of February 12, 2013 by Ms. Chellman
SECOND: Ms. Walker
DISCUSSION: None
VOTE: Unanimously Approved
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE**
- VII. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION** – PHYLLIS ELDRIDGE – FUTURES PROGRAM UPDATE – Ms. Eldridge provided a brief update on the history of the Futures program, listing colleges where Futures students are attending, how they are invited into the program as well as the costs the program will cover.
- MOTION: Motion to move items Consideration and Approval of Policies BE and JLCJ and Consideration and Approval of Sabbaticals up in agenda by Ms. Walker.
SECOND: Mr. Ellis
DISCUSSION: School Board members discussed wording and legal terminology of both policies with Attorney Dwyer.
VOTE: Unanimously Approved
- VIII. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**
- a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION
- i. SENIOR NEWSLETTER, CITY OF PORTSMOUTH
- ii. BOARD & ADMINISTRATOR, FEBRUARY AND MARCH – Mr. McDonough is awaiting a final report from the safety team, that includes members of the state and local police, which visited over February vacation. Upon receiving, Mr. McDonough will share the report in full with the Board.
- iii. PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP BOOKLET
- iv. NEW FRANKLIN GAZETTE

- v. NOTICE OF LISTER ACADEMY FIELD TRIP TO PUERTO RICO
- vi. NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING: MARCH 26, 2013 @ DONDERO
- vii. POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MARCH 6, 2013
- b. CORRESPONDENCE
 - i. LETTERS OF RESIGNATION
 - 1. JULIE RICKER, PHS LIBRARIAN
 - 2. ELLEN WALKER, SPED PARA, DONDERO ELEMENTARY
- c. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS
 - i. FINANCIAL REPORT, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR BARTLETT – Mr. Bartlett stated that the report remained primarily unchanged from last month. Administration has heard, although no formal notification from the NHDOE been received, the district can expect a 5 to 10% reduction in state funding next year. Ms. Simons will be notified in May of the state allocation and the district will know better what the impact on next year's Special Education budget will be at that time.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- a. CONSIDERATION OF POLICIES
 - i. SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS (BE)
MOTION: Motion to approve School Board Meetings (BE) by Mr. Shuldman
SECOND: Mr. Ellis
DISCUSSION: Previously discussed with Attorney Dwyer.
VOTE: Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 1 No (DL Absent)
 - ii. CONCUSSIONS AND HEAD INJURIES (JLCJ)
MOTION: Motion to approve Concussions and Head Injuries (JLCJ) by Ms. Chellman
SECOND: Mr. Shuldman
DISCUSSION: Previously discussed with Attorney Dwyer.
VOTE: Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes 0 No (DL Absent)
- b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF 2013-14 SCHOOL CALENDAR
MOTION: Motion to approve the 2013-2014 School Calendar by Ms. Chellman
SECOND: Mr. Ellis
DISCUSSION: Previously discussed in agenda with Attorney Dwyer.
VOTE: Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 1 No (DL Absent)

X. NEW BUSINESS

- a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF SABBATICALS- Assistant Superintendent Zadravec gave a brief overview of both proposals and the requirements set forth in the teachers' contract surrounding sabbaticals. A committee of three teachers review all submitted proposals and forward chosen proposals to the Superintendent for final review. The committee designed a rubric around 4 components: personal benefit, student benefit, district benefit and taxpayer community benefit that all submitted proposals must fulfill.
 - i. TESS HALL – Ms. Hall's sabbatical will focus on a sustained effort to bring professional development to all three elementary schools as well as the PEEP program.

- ii. **DIERDRE HICKS BARRETT** – Ms. Barrett will focus on building partnerships with community organizations that engage students in hands on projects.

MOTION: Motion to approve one year sabbaticals for Ms. Tess Hall and Ms. Dierdre Hicks Barrett by Ms. Walker

SECOND: Mr. Ellis

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

- b. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE: LISA MCALLISTER**

MOTION: Motion to approve leave of absence for Lisa McAllister by Ms. Walker

SECOND: Mr. Ellis

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

- c. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF PHS GRADUATION DATE, JUNE 14, 2013**

MOTION: Motion to approve Portsmouth High School Graduation Date for June 14, 2013 by Mr. Shuldman

SECOND: Mr. Martin

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

- d. **DISCUSSION OF DATE FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PRIMER WITH ATTORNEY THOMAS CLOSSON: APRIL 2 OR APRIL 16** – Board members agreed to meet April 2nd.

XI. COMMITTEE UPDATE

- a. **JBC** – Ms. Walker stated that there would be a meeting and presentation tomorrow night and that the Board was welcome to attend. Mr. Jim LaPosta would be sharing a presentation prepared for City Council members.

- b. **POLICY**

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. **WORKSHOP SESSION: SCIENCE**
- b. **PERFORMING ARTS (MUSIC/THEATRE UPDATE)**
- c. **YOUTH RISK BEHAVIORS AND PROTECTIVE FACTORS**
- d. **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

- XIII. **ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to adjourn by Mr. Martin at 8:56 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Shuldman. Unanimously approved.