

**PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 8, 2013**

PORTSMOUTH CITY HALL CHAMBERS

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2013

TIME: 7:00 [or thereafter]

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- 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 at 7:55 p.m.), ANN WALKER, KENT LAPAGE, MITCH SHULDMAN, PATRICK ELLIS, DEXTER LEGG, CAROL CHELLMAN, MARY OLEA, ED MCDONOUGH, (SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE BARTLETT (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR), JAMES SULLIVAN (STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE), OLIN JOHANNESSEN (EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE) AND ANN MAYER (SAU 50 REPRESENTATIVE)
- III. **INVOCATION** – Ms. Walker requested a moment of silence for the passing of Portsmouth Middle School teacher Ms. Jean Arsenaault, as well as Ms. Joy Betts.
- IV. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chair Stevens led in the pledge of allegiance.
- V. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
- a. SEPTEMBER 24, 2013
- MOTION: Motion to accept the minutes of September 24, 2013 by Mr. Legg  
SECOND: Mr. Ellis  
DISCUSSION: None  
VOTE: Unanimously Approved
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Ms. Angela Port of 133 Miller Avenue shared her concerns surrounding the “Common Core” state standards.
- VII. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**
- a. PORTSMOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL RESULTS ON STUDENT ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIOR SURVEY BY FCD EDUCATIONAL SERVICES – Ms. Karen Webb opened the presentation by sharing how the company FCD was chosen and why the presented survey was given to Portsmouth Middle School students. Mr. Tim Ryan of FDC shared a PowerPoint presentation highlighting findings from the Attitudes and Behavior Survey. The survey in its whole can be viewed by clicking [here](#). Mr. Ryan stated that the report will be shared with administrators who will use this data to help parents and faculty educate students based on fact and not what students “presume/perceive” other students to be participating in. Mr. Ryan was pleased to report that a very low percentage of Portsmouth Middle School Students are actually participating in risky behaviors.
- b. ENERGY EFFICIENT INVESTMENTS, NEW FRANKLIN ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES – Mr. Bartlett highlighted the process followed and qualifications sought in choosing an energy consultant. 12 responses were reviewed. Three finalists were invited to submit an RFP surrounding a demo project. This project addressed New Franklin Elementary’s need for a new boiler. Mr. Tom Lochizo and Mr. Mike Davey of EEI presented the following presentation which can be viewed in whole by clicking [here](#). Board members followed up with comments and questions.
- VIII. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**
- a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION
- i. SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE, OCTOBER 2013

- ii. POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES, OCTOBER 1, 2013
  - iii. NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS- Board members will send requests for resolutions to the Superintendent for consideration at the next school board meeting.
  - iv. NHDOE COMMISSIONER BARRY TO PRESENT ON COMMON CORE AND SMARTER BALANCED ON OCTOBER 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM, SANBORN REGIONAL HS
  - v. *WHEN TEACHERS SUPPORT AND EVALUATE THEIR PEERS* BY LINDA DARLING-HAMMOND IN OCTOBER 2013 EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP
  - vi. (ADDED) WHAT ARE THE COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS? FAQ'S FROM THE CONCORD MONITOR WITH PSD ADDITIONS – Superintendent McDonough shared frequently asked questions surrounding the Common Core and the impact to the Portsmouth School District in fully implementing these standards.
- b. CORRESPONDENCE
  - c. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS
    - i. ELEMENTARY PRINCIPALS
      - 1. PRINCIPAL GROSSMAN, LITTLE HARBOUR
      - 2. PRINCIPAL CALLAHAN, DONDERO
      - 3. PRINCIPAL SHEA, NEW FRANKLIN – Mr. Grossman, Ms. Callahan and Mr. Shea reported as a team highlighting literacy and math initiatives as well as social/emotional curriculum strides happening throughout all three elementary schools. School Board members followed up with the following comments and questions: Is Everyday Math producing results? Who designs/has input into curriculum? Have all schools received Open Circle training? Is it for all teachers?
    - ii. FINANCIAL REPORT, BUSINESS ADMINSTRATOR BARTLETT – Mr. Bartlett provided a copy of the month end report. Summer activity patterns seem to be changing due to principals and staff purchasing early in the year. Board members followed up with comments and questions.

## IX. OLD BUSINESS

- a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF POLICY (2<sup>nd</sup> READING)
  - i. IHBAB, SPECIAL EDUCATION EVALUATIONS
 

MOTION: Motion to approve policy IHBAB, Special Education Evaluations, (second reading) by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Mr. Shuldman

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously Approved
  - ii. IMG, ANIMALS IN THE SCHOOL
 

MOTION: Motion to approve policy IMG, Animals in the School, (second reading) by Mr. Legg

SECOND: Mr. Martin

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF FEE SCHEDULE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION EVALUATIONS PER POLICY IHBAB**

MOTION: Motion to approve fee schedule for Special Education Evaluation per Policy IHBAB by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Mr. Ellis

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 8 Yes. 1 No (KL)

- b. **APPROVAL AND CONSIDERATION OF POLICY (JICE) STUDENT PUBLICATIONS (1<sup>st</sup> READING)**

MOTION: Motion to approve policy JICE, Student Publications, (first reading) by Mr. Legg

SECOND: Mr. Shuldman

DISCUSSION: Board members requested that Attorney Dwyer review and make minor adjustments by switching the second and third sentence around.

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

- c. **DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED ENERGY EFFICIENCY UPGRADES AT NEW FRANKLIN SCHOOL** – Superintendent McDonough recommended moving the discussion to the next School Board meeting. Board members requested that Mr. Bartlett include decisions being made now that may possibly impact future budgets.

**XI. COMMITTEE UPDATE**

- a. JBC – Mr. Legg reported a slight change in the project schedule, showing an end date of Mid-January. The committee will need to work with Principal Stokel to assure a smooth transition over a weekend.
- b. POLICY – Ms. Walker reported that the committee continues to review old policies.
- c. Mr. LaPage reported that the Recreation Committee has reached a decision on how to best honor Mr. Tony Rahn. The complex of softball fields at Pease International Tradeport will now be designated the Tony Rahn softball fields.
- d. Mr. Ellis reported that the city's Sustainability Committee completed a city wide workshop on sustainable practices and is excited to watch the pilot program at New Franklin unfold.

**XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. PERFORMING ARTS (MUSIC/THEATRE UPDATE), OCTOBER 22, 2013
- b. WORKSHOP: PHS OPEN CAMPUS, NOVEMBER 26, 2013
- c. UPDATE ON SOLAR PROJECT AT PHS, TBD
- d. ADVANCEMENT: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2014

- XIII. ADJOURNMENT** - Motion to adjourn by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Legg at 9:32 p.m. Unanimously approved.