

PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 12, 2013

PORTSMOUTH CITY HALL CHAMBERS

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2013

TIME: 7:00 [or thereafter]

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL** – – LESLIE STEVENS (CHAIR), TOM MARTIN (VICE CHAIR), ANN WALKER, KENT LAPAGE, MITCH SHULDMAN, PATRICK ELLIS, MARY OLEA, ED MCDONOUGH (SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE BARTLETT (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR), JAMES SULLIVAN (STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE) AND OLIN JOHANNESSEN (EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE)
- III. **INVOCATION**
- IV. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chair Stevens led in the pledge of allegiance.
- V. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
- a. OCTOBER 22, 2013
- MOTION: Motion to accept the minutes of October 22, 2013 by Mr. Ellis
SECOND: Ms. Walker
DISCUSSION: None
VOTE: Unanimously Approved
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE**
- VII. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**
- a. PHS BUSINESS/ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM, MS TIFFANY D'AMOUR - Ms. Tiffany D'Amour, along with Patrick Glynn and Matt Feratamick, presented a PowerPoint highlighting the Intro. To Business class at Portsmouth High School and their recent trip to California. School Board members followed up with comments and questions.
- VIII. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
- a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION
- i. POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES, NOVEMBER 6, 2013
- ii. PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL TUITION RATES
- iii. NEW FRANKLIN GAZETTE
- iv. *COMMON CORE IN THE REAL WORLD* BY FREDERICK M. HESS AND MICHAEL Q. MCSHANE
- b. CORRESPONDENCE
- i. LETTER OR RESIGNATION, ANN CUSHING, NFS PARAPROFESSIONAL-Superintendent McDonough and Board members thanked Ms. Cushing for her 20 years of service and wished her continued success.
- c. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS
- i. RJLA, NANCY ROY-Ms. Roy provided an update on competency based models being implemented at RJLA and events taking place such as the upcoming Thanksgiving Meal that all students participate in. Board members followed up with comments and questions

such as late start and the success of its implementation, the competency program and its transition and Ms. Roy's thoughts about bringing the program to the high school.

- ii. MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, JOHN STOKEL-Mr. Stokel highlighted the following in an update to the Board: Middle School Enrollment, First term Honor Roll and Merit Card, Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA), common core standards, a composting project and the middle school construction project. Board members discussed further: NEWA testing, the late bus and the student's feedback surrounding the recent Chris Herren assembly.
- iii. DIRECTOR OF PUPIL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT, JOANNE SIMONS - Ms. Simons provided a year to date report broken down into the following categories: ESOL, Title I, Homeless Population and Disability Reports. Board members discussed further the following: ESOL numbers at Dondero, the loss of Title I funding, the increase in homeless students, Medicaid reimbursement and the process in which a student is identified.
- iv. FINANCIAL REPORT, BUSINESS ADMINSTRATOR BARTLETT-Mr. Bartlett provided the monthly update, tracking to date as expected. Mr. Bartlett will be monitoring the substitute line closely over the next few months.
- d. PHS STUDENT UPDATE, JAMES SULLIVAN-Mr. Sullivan provided an oral update to the Board highlighting the following: school spirit week, Battle of the Classes, Student Council's Annual holiday raffle, the Chris Herren presentation, and the high school play The WIZ.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF POLICY (JICE) STUDENT PUBLICATIONS (2nd READING)

MOTION: Motion to approve policy JICE, Student Publications, by Mr. Shuldman

SECOND: Mr. Martin

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

- b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY PERFORMANCE CONTRACT WITH EEI PENDING CITY FINANCING

MOTION: Motion to authorize the Portsmouth School Department to enter into an energy efficiency performance contract with EEI, pending city financing by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Mr. Ellis

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

X. NEW BUSINESS

- a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL REAFFIRMING EXISTING POLICIES

- i. SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION (CBI)

MOTION: Motion to reaffirm policy CBI, Superintendent's Evaluation, by Mr. Shuldman

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

ii. ANNUAL BUDGET (DB)

MOTION: Motion to reaffirm policy DB, Annual Budget, by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Mr. Ellis

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

iii. SECURITY OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS (ECA)

MOTION: Motion to update policy ECA, Security of Buildings and Grounds, by Mr. Shuldman

SECOND: Mr. Martin

DISCUSSION: Name of policy changed to Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds. First line in policy also states "security of buildings and grounds". First line will be updated to now read "maintenance of buildings and grounds".

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

The Policy Committee will not present any further policies for update or reaffirmation until the new Board is in session.

XI. COMMITTEE UPDATE

- a. JBC- Mr. Bartlett stated that the committee has not met since the last school board meeting.
- b. POLICY- Committee members continue to review old policies.

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. WORKSHOP: PHS OPEN CAMPUS, NOVEMBER 26, 2013
- b. UPDATE ON SOLAR PROJECT AT PHS, TBD
- c. ADVANCEMENT: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2014(?)

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Shuldman. Unanimously approved.