

PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 10, 2013

CITY HALL CHAMBERS

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2013

TIME: 7:00 [or thereafter]

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL** LESLIE STEVENS (CHAIR), ANN WALKER, KENT LAPAGE, CAROL CHELLMAN, PATRICK ELLIS, MARY OLEA (VIA TELEPHONE), ED MCDONOUGH (SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT), OLIN JOHANNESSEN (EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE), ANN MAYER (SAU 50 REPRESENTATIVE) AND JAMES SULLIVAN (STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE)
- III. **INVOCATION**
- IV. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- V. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
- a. NOVEMBER 26, 2013
- MOTION: Motion to accept the minutes of November 26, 2013 by Ms. Walker
SECOND: Ms. Chellman
DISCUSSION: Employee Representative Olin Johannessen was not in attendance
VOTE: **Roll Call Vote:** Pending above change, unanimously approved
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- VII. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**
- a. RECOGNITION OF SUPPORT FROM NEWBURYPORT FIVE CENT SAVINGS BANK- President Janice Moore of Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank introduced a new program being launched this spring at Portsmouth’s local farmers market. The program, already running successfully in Newburyport, sells reusable bags with tokens inside for shoppers to place in different containers. These tokens translate to funds for each school. The bank will work closely with Nutrition Director Riso to assist students in need of proper nutrition. Board members thanked Newburyport Bank for launching the program at their new branch and for their generous donation in the amount of \$2,500 to kick off the program.
- b. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS- Each board member thanked Ms. Carol Chellman and Mr. Kent LaPage for their years of service and dedication to the city of Portsmouth. Ms. Walker shared a short narrative highlighting Mr. LaPage’s many years of service. Ms. Chellman and Mr. LaPage both thanked the Board and commented about their times serving. Athletic Director Rus Wilson and Coaches Mike and Stan Lyford presented Mr. LaPage with a plaque recognizing his many years of involvement in Athletics. Mr. Shuldman who is unable to attend tonight’s meeting will be recognized at the next board meeting.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

- i. *REVISED* FY 2015 BUDGET MEETING SCHEDULE
- ii. POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES, DECEMBER 4, 2013

b. CORRESPONDENCE

- i. AP DISTRICT HONOR ROLL RECOGNITION
- ii. NH DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY, HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT AWARD

c. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

- i. DEB RISO, NUTRITION DIRECTOR- Ms. Kate Mitchell provided an update on the new Farm to School grant and answered questions regarding her role in the grant. 72 school districts throughout the country were awarded the grant. However, the Portsmouth School Department was the only school department in New Hampshire to be awarded and one of only 30 districts nationwide to be chosen as a Farm to School Planning Partner. Board members followed up with questions and comments.
- ii. DIANE CANADA, CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR - Ms. Canada provided an update highlighting the new Joy Betts library, a new “soft skills” smart goal being implemented and explaining why Early Childhood Education will be changing its name next year. Board members followed up with questions and comments. Ms. Canada thanked Mr. LaPage for his many years of service.
- iii. JEFF COLLINS, PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL- Principal Collins began by thanking Mr. LaPage for his many years of service and for being a model of “Clipper Pride”. Principal Collins provided an update highlighting national recognition of the number of students earning 3's or above in AP classes at PHS and the math department utilizing common planning time to read How the Brain Learns Math. Board members followed up with questions and comments.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. COMMITTEE UPDATES

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. UPDATE ON SOLAR PROJECT AT PHS, TBD
- b. ADVANCEMENT: EXTENDED MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 28th

XIII. ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.