

**PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2014**

SCHOOL BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2014

**TIME: 6:30** [or thereafter]

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Chair Stevens called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL** - LESLIE STEVENS (CHAIR), DEXTER LEGG (VICE CHAIR), ANN WALKER, NANCY NOVELLINE-CLAYBURGH, PATRICK ELLIS, TOM MARTIN, JEFF LANDRY, GARY EPLER, ED MCDONOUGH (SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE BARTLETT (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR) AND OLIN JOHANNESSEN (EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE)
- III. **INVOCATION**
- IV. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chair Stevens led the Board in the pledge of allegiance.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- VI. **WORKSHOP SESSION ON FY 2015 BUDGET**
  - a. **MAINTENANCE/CUSTODIAL BUDGET** – Facilities Director Ken Linchey presented a PowerPoint highlighting the maintenance and sustainability of Portsmouth schools including energy costs and usage, school security training/upgrades and Capital Improvement Projects. Mr. Linchey briefed the board on staff member responsibilities of maintenance and custodial staff district wide. Board members followed up with comments/questions regarding upcoming high school maintenance projects, Connie Bean shared energy costs with the city, potential locations for a second turf field, energy efficiency measures, recycling, pedestrian/bicycle sidewalk maintenance at Little Harbour security and Lister Academy maintenance.
  - b. **IMPACT/PRIORITIZATION OF ADJUSTMENTS** – Tabled until further notice.
  - c. **COHORT II** – Superintendent McDonough requested direction from Board members regarding a new set of cohorts for academic performance including Exeter, Goffstown, Oyster River and Hanover. Board members agreed to keep the original cohort group and add a second tier consisting of Exeter, Goffstown, Oyster River and Hanover.
- VII. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
  - d. **UPDATE ON SOLAR PROJECT AT PHS, TBS**
  - e. **ELEMENTARY/PMS GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE, TBD**
  - f. **COMMON CORE STANDARDS, TBD**
  - g. **ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS FACILITIES REPORT AND ASSESSMENT**
  - h. **PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES AT PHS**
  - i. **CAREER AND TECHNICAL PROGRAMMING**
  - j. **STRENGTHENING STEM INITIATIVES**
  - k. **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMMING**
  - l. **RE-EXAMINING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOREIGN LANGUAGE**
  - m. **ART, HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION, K-12 PROGRAM**
- VIII. **ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to adjourn at 8:02 pm by Tom Martin and seconded by Ms. Walker.