

**PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES FOR Tuesday, April 22, 2014**

ROBERT J. LISTER ACADEMY

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: Tuesday, April 22, 2014

TIME: 7:00 PM [or thereafter]

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**I. CALL TO ORDER** -The meeting was called to order by Chair Stevens at 7:00 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

- a. Present: LESLIE STEVENS (CHAIR), TOM MARTIN, JEFF LANDRY, LENNIE MULLANEY, GARY EPLER, ANN WALKER, DEXTER LEGG (VICE-CHAIR), ED MCDONOUGH, (SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT), STEPHEN BARTLETT (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR), NANCY CLAYBURGH, PATRICK ELLIS, OLIN JOHANNESSEN (EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE), JAMES SULLIVAN (STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE)

**III. INVOCATION** – Mrs. Stevens called for a moment of silence.

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Mrs. Stevens led the pledge of allegiance.

**V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

a. **April 8, 2014**

MOTION: Mr. Martin to accept the minutes

SECOND: Mrs. Clayburgh

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimous approval

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**VII. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Diane Canada, Director of Career and Technical Programming, gave an update on the Career Tech Education courses. Several awards were earned in competitions. On May 22<sup>nd</sup> 20 students will be inducted into the National Technical Honor Society and awards will be given to students at the CTE Awards Ceremony. All are welcome to attend.

The CTE Smart Goal was to improve soft skills, teaching students the ethical nature of working and communication. Next year they hope to include social media as an individual and as an employee.

Students are getting internships, taking courses that give them college credits, tour facilities where they can apply for jobs, with some students in the CTE program being hired.

CTE programs are designed to meet the needs of the student community. The program is looked at each year to determine the value of the program.

The CTE Programs will be evaluated next year, like the accreditation.

## **VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

- i. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATOR, APRIL 2014
- ii. CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSESSION AGENDA, MAY 10th AND POSSIBLE SESSION ON MAY 27th. The meeting on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> will be at the Portsmouth Public Library in the Levenson Room at 1:00. The School Board will move their May 27<sup>th</sup> School Board Meeting to May 28<sup>th</sup> to be available for the City Council Budget Work Session on May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- iii. COMPUTER SCIENCE PROGRAM OF STUDIES
- iv. POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES - MARCH 12, 2014 & APRIL 7, 2014
- v. FY 15 BUDGETS AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES VIEW BOOK. Mr. Martin found this book to be first class.
- vi. TIMELINE, SURVEY & INVITATION TO SERVE ON PHS PRINCIPAL SEARCH.  

An invitation was sent out in the Friday newsletter for anyone interested in being on the committee. There will be 14 members including staff members, board members, parents and students. The Assistant Principal search will follow and will include the newly hired Principal.
- vii. FIELD TRIP CHECKLIST, RJLA

### **b. CORRESPONDENCE**

- i. LETTERS OF RESIGNATION
  1. NEW FRANKLIN - Linda Bogan, Paraprofessional
  2. PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – Jeff Collins, Principal
- ii. REQUEST FOR MEETING, IT DEPARTMENT – Chair Stevens will arrange for two board members to meet with Tom Lotz.
- iii. LETTER RE: USE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY IN CONJUNCTION WITH CITY PROPERTY, PORTSMOUTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Doug Bates, President of The Chamber of Commerce, will be going before the City Council for approval to use school and city property for an upcoming event.
- iv. LETTER RE: CULINARY ARTS PROGRAM AND CHEF LONG

## **IX. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL 2014/2015 CALENDAR, EARLY RELEASE DAYS  
MOTION: To approve, Mr. Ellis  
SECOND: Ms. Walker  
DISCUSSION: Survey results from parents and staff supported Early Release as opposed to Delayed Opening.  
VOTE: Unanimous

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

New Hampshire Governor Hassan attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting where Mrs. Clayburgh was able to ask about bringing back the Building Aid Program. The Governor said she was looking at revamping the program. Mrs. Clayburgh wondered if the NHSBA would like to weigh in on this. Chair Stevens will be interviewing to be a member of NHSBA and will bring this up.

LHS will be presenting Aladdin on Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m.

**XI. COMMITTEE UPDATES**

- a. POLICY – Ms. Walker will bring updated information from the committee at the next meeting.

**XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES AT PHS, MAY 28, 2014
- b. ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS FACILITIES REPORTS AND ASSESSMENT, MAY 28, 2014
- c. ELEMENTARY/PMS GUIDANCE UPDATE, TBD
- d. ART, HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION, K – 12 PROGRAM, TBD
- e. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMMING, TBD
- f. RE-EXAMINING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOREIGN LANGUAGE, TBD
- g. UPDATE IN SOLAR PROJECT @ PHS, TBD
- h. STRENGTHENING STEM INITIATIVES, TBD

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT** The next meeting of the board will be May 13<sup>th</sup> at City Hall.

MOTION: Mr. Martin made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30.  
SECONDED: Mr. Ellis  
DISCUSSION:  
VOTE: Unanimous approval

Respectfully submitted by:

