

PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES FOR JULY 8, 2014

SCHOOL BOARD CONFERENCE RM, CITY HALL

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2014

TIME: 6:00 PM [or thereafter]

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Stevens called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL** – LESLIE STEVENS (CHAIR), DEXTER LEGG (VICE CHAIR), ANN WALKER, TOM MARTIN, NANCY NOVELLINE-CLAYBURGH, JEFF LANDRY, GARY EPLER, ED MCDONOUGH (SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT) AND STEVE BARTLETT (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR)
- III. **INVOCATION**
- IV. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Chair Stevens led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
 - a. JUNE 10, 2014

MOTION: Motion to accept the regular meeting minutes of June 10, 2014 by Mr. Martin
SECOND: Ms. Walker
DISCUSSION:
VOTE: Unanimously Approved
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- VII. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**
 - a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION
 - i. *BOARD & ADMINISTRATOR*, JUNE 2014
 - ii. POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES, JUNE 30, 2014
 - iii. ELEMENTARY FACILITIES REPORT, AUGUST 2012
 - iv. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS EVALUATION FORM – Chair Stevens requested that Board members return their completed forms by August 12th.
 - v. ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS FEASIBILITY SUMMARY, DORE & WHITTIER ARCHITECTS, INC.
 - vi. ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS UPGRADE, CITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN
 - vii. PORTSMOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS
 - viii. PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT PROGRESS REPORT – 2014
 - b. CORRESPONDENCE
 - c. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS
 - i. FINANCIAL REPORT, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR BARTLETT –Based on preliminary numbers, the school department will finish the year in good position. By repurposing funds, unanticipated overages in out of district tuition, transportation, leaves of absence and maintenance can be covered. Mr. Bartlett will provide final numbers at the August 12th meeting.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL REVISING EXISTING POLICIES: (SECOND READING)
 - i. JIH - SEARCHES AND SEIZURES OF STUDENTS AND PROPERTY
MOTION: Motion to revise Policy JIH (Second Reading) by Mr. Martin
SECOND: Ms. Clayburgh
DISCUSSION:
VOTE: Unanimously Approved
 - ii. IGE – PARENTAL OBJECTIONS TO SPECIFIC COURSE MATERIAL
MOTION: Motion to revise Policy IGE (Second Reading) by Ms. Walker
SECOND: Ms. Clayburgh
DISCUSSION:
VOTE: Unanimously Approved
- b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL ELIMINATING EXISTING POLICIES:
 - i. JIHE – SEARCH AND SEIZURE
MOTION: Motion to eliminate Policy JIHE by Ms. Walker
SECOND: Mr. Martin
DISCUSSION:
VOTE: Unanimously Approved

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF POLICY EFA – MEAL CHARGING (FIRST READING)
MOTION: Motion to accept the first reading of Policy EFA by Mr. Epler
SECOND: Mr. Martin
DISCUSSION:
VOTE: Unanimously Approved
- b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL REVISING EXISTING POLICIES: (FIRST READING)
 - i. ADD – PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY AGENCIES
MOTION: Motion to revise Policy ADD (First Reading) by Ms. Clayburgh
SECOND: Mr. Martin
DISCUSSION: Ms. Clayburgh inquired why the policy did not mention lockdown drills at schools. Superintendent McDonough stated that lockdown drills are part of mandatory drills required by law.
VOTE: Unanimously Approved
- c. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ONE YEAR LEAVE OF ABSENCE – DONDERO ELEMENTARY
MOTION: Motion to approve a one year leave of absence for Ms. Emily Healy by Mr. Martin
SECOND: Ms. Clayburgh
DISCUSSION:
VOTE: Unanimously Approved
- d. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT
 - i. SPECIAL EDUCATION – NEW FRANKLIN
 - ii. SPECIAL EDUCATION – PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

iii. SPECIAL EDUCATION – PORTSMOUTH EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM (PEEP) –

iv. MODERN & CLASSICAL LANGUAGE – PORTSMOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL –
Provided through the MOU with Confucius.

v. ADMINISTRATION – PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

MOTION: Motion to employ Ms. Rebecca Gianforte, Ms. Karina Grant, Ms. Joanne Allfrey, Ms. Jufen Rui and Mr. Andrew Korman as a group by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

e. RETREAT SESSION – SCHOOL BOARD GOALS 2015

MOTION: Motion to adjourn and enter a work session by Mr. Martin at 6:22 p.m.

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

X. COMMITTEE UPDATES

a. JBC – No update provided

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a. ELEMENTARY/PMS GUIDANCE UPDATE, FALL 2014

b. ART, HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION, K-12 PROGRAM, TBD

c. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMMING, TBD

d. RE-EXAMINING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOREIGN LANGUAGE, TBD

e. STRENGTHENING STEM INITIATIVES, TBD

XII. ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn the regular School Board meeting at 6:22 p.m. by Mr. Martin and seconded by Ms. Walker. Unanimously approved. The Portsmouth School Board then entered into a work session which concluded at 8:10 p.m.