

**PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES FOR MARCH 3, 2015**

CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015

TIME: 7:00 PM [or thereafter]

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
  - II. **ROLL CALL** LESLIE STEVENS (CHAIR), DEXTER LEGG (VICE CHAIR), ANN WALKER, TOM MARTIN, PATRICK ELLIS, JEFF LANDRY, LENNIE MULLANEY, GARY EPLER, NANCY NOVELLINE-CLAYBURGH, ED MCDONOUGH (SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE BARTLETT (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR) AND OLIN JOHANNESSEN (EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE)
  - III. **INVOCATION** - Chair Stevens asked for a moment of silence in recognition of the recent passing of Mr. Bob Hopley, a staunch supporter of the Portsmouth School Department and athletics.
  - IV. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Chair Stevens led the Board in the pledge of allegiance.
  - V. **PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FY 16 BUDGET** –Board members commented on the lack of public input at both budget public hearings. Continual budgetary conversations and planning throughout the year have made the budget process a smooth and seamless process, allowing Board members to focus on how to do things better and make the most out of valuable time. The Board will approve a final budget on March 10<sup>th</sup> that reflects 3.42% increase.
  - VI. **ADJOURNMENT** - Motion to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Ellis.