

**PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES FOR MARCH 24, 2015**

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PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015

TIME: 7:00 PM [or thereafter].

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- II. ROLL CALL** LESLIE STEVENS (CHAIR), DEXTER LEGG (VICE CHAIR), ANN WALKER, PATRICK ELLIS, JEFF LANDRY, LENNIE MULLANEY, GARY EPLER, NANCY NOVELLINE-CLAYBURGH, ED MCDONOUGH (SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE BARTLETT (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR), OLIN JOHANNESSEN (EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE), JULIE ADLER (STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE) AND ANN MAYER (SAU 50 REPRESENTATIVE)

**III. INVOCATION**

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

a. MARCH 10, 2015

MOTION: Motion to accept the regular meeting minutes of March 10, 2015 by Ms. Walker

SECOND: Mr. Ellis

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE**

- VII. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:** K-5 GUIDANCE PRESENTATION - Guidance Department Head Ms. Amy Donovan, along with guidance counselors Lisa Chapman, Kalli Brinkman Lilly, Joy Testa Cutting and Alyssa Brown, provided Board members with an overview of what the guidance department does at the elementary level and how counselors meet each student's needs.

**VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

- i. OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIP – WASHINGTON DC
- ii. POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES
- iii. *BOARD & ADMINISTRATOR MARCH, 2015*
- iv. 2015-2016 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

b. CORRESPONDENCE

- i. LETTER OF RESIGNATION – LITTLE HARBOUR ELEMENTARY

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. DISCUSSION OF LITTLE HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS AND POSSIBLE SCHEDULE IMPACT – After meeting with the project contractor and architect, the Superintendent recommends constructing certain permanent walls and electrical wiring in phase I. Enough funds are allocated this summer to include the additional work and, by completing now, the school district will save money in the long run. However, contractors are requesting an extra week to complete phase I. The building will need to be empty by June 24<sup>th</sup> and would be completed by

September 8<sup>th</sup>. Board members discussed releasing Little Harbour students one day early and returning to school a week later in the fall. The extra week would be realized by moving teacher workshop days and eliminating October, March and May's all together. Board members requested that the Superintendent have further conversation with SAU 50's Superintendent and report back other options. Board members also requested that Mr. Bartlett confirm that walls being constructed in phase I are consistent with overall architectural plans and the district's long term vision.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF TEACHER CONTRACTS**

**MOTION:** Motion to approve offered teacher contracts for the 2015/2016 school year by Ms. Walker

**SECOND:** Mr. Epler

**DISCUSSION:**

**VOTE:** Unanimously Approved

**b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF PHS PRINCIPAL**

**MOTION:** Motion to approve Mr. Brian Baldizar as Portsmouth High School's Principal by Ms. Novelline-Clayburgh

**SECOND:** Ms. Walker

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Epler thanked search committee members for taking the search seriously and providing valuable insight from all perspectives.

**VOTE:** Unanimously Approved

**c. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF DEDICATING A SPACE TO PRINCIPAL STOKEL**

**MOTION:** Motion to waive policy guidelines included in Policy FF, (Naming, Dedicating Buildings, Schools Spaces or Other Areas) that require a person not be employed by the school system at the time of dedication by Ms. Walker

**SECOND:** Mr. Ellis

**DISCUSSION:** This allows for the naming and dedication to take place at the Grand Opening. A Public Hearing will be scheduled for the next regular Board meeting.

**VOTE:** Unanimously Approved

**MOTION:** Motion to name the Portsmouth Middle School student commons area the John M. Stokel Commons by Ms. Walker

**SECOND:** Mr. Legg

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Stokel's leadership has been remarkable throughout his career and extraordinary over the past four years of construction, showing flexibility and leadership skills that kept faculty and students focused throughout the entire project.

**VOTE:** Unanimously Approved

**d. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF EXTENDED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**MOTION:** Motion to extend Ms. Tuttle's leave of absence through the 2015/2016 school year by Mr. Ellis

**SECOND:** Ms. Mullaney

**DISCUSSION:**

**VOTE:** Unanimously Approved

**XI. COMMITTEE UPDATES**

- a. JBC - None
- b. POLICY- Several policies will be presented at the next regularly scheduled School Board meeting.
- c. SAGAMORE CREEK – The committee held an evening meeting that allowed for input from school, recreation, sustainability and conservation officials.

**XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS-None**

- XIII. ADJOURNMENT** - Motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. by Ms. Mullaney and seconded by Mr. Landry. Unanimously Approved.