

PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES FOR JUNE 9, 2015

EILEEN M. FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

PORTSMOUTH, NH

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL** LESLIE STEVENS (CHAIR), ANN WALKER, TOM MARTIN, PATRICK ELLIS, LENNIE MULLANEY, JEFF LANDRY, NANCY NOVELLINE-CLAYBURGH, GARY EPLER, ED MCDONOUGH (SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE BARTLETT (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR), OLIN JOHANNESSEN (EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE) AND JULIA ADLER (STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE)
- III. **INVOCATION**
- IV. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Chair Stevens led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
 - a. MAY 26, 2015
MOTION: Motion to accept the public minutes of May 26, 2015 by Ms. Mullaney
SECOND: Ms. Walker
DISCUSSION:
VOTE: Unanimously Approved
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE**
- VII. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**
 - a. RECOGNITION OF SCHOOL DEPARTMENT RETIREES & STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE
 - b. SUSTAINABILITY: MR. BERT COHEN, a former teacher at Little Harbour, a professor at University of New Hampshire and now an advocate for the city of Portsmouth regarding sustainability measures, congratulated the Board on approving a sustainability policy for the district. Mr. Cohen recognized that the Board had several members with vast knowledge on sustainability measures and encouraged the Board to take the policy and begin to implement it into curriculum, the classroom and facility wide. Board members agreed that now that the policy is in place, administration should begin to evaluate current district procedures. Do they support sustainability efforts? While the district moves forward, involvement of community and parents will be a necessary piece in collecting ideas to weave together the broader story.
- VIII. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**
 - a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION
 - i. POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES, JUNE 3, 2015
 - ii. NEW FUTURES DIRECTOR, AMY BRNGER
 - b. CORRESPONDENCE
 - i. LETTER OF RESIGNATION, BRIAN BALDIZAR
 - c. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT
 - i. FINANCIAL, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR BARTLETT- Salaries and benefits tracking well. The district received \$10,000 in FEMA reimbursement which will offset overrun in maintenance .

IX. **OLD BUSINESS - NONE**

X. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN SAU # 52 AND CLERICAL EMPLOYEES OF PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

MOTION: Motion to approve the contract between SAU #52 and Clerical Employees of Portsmouth School District by Mr. Ellis

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

b. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF NEW FRANKLIN PRINCIPAL**

MOTION: Motion to approve Ms. Joanne Simons as New Franklin Principal by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

c. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF PORTSMOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

MOTION: Motion to approve Mr. Tim Hodgdon as Portsmouth Middle School Assistant Principal by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Mr. Ellis

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

d. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT**

i. **DONDERO, KINDERGARTEN**

MOTION: Motion to approve a one-year contract for Ms. Faith Masterson as Dondero Kindergarten teacher by Ms. Walker

SECOND: Mr. Martin

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

ii. **PORTSMOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL, 8TH GRADE MATH**

MOTION: Motion to approve Ms. Ashley Hass as Portsmouth Middle School Grade 8 Math teacher by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Ms. Novelline-Clayburgh

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

e. **DISCUSSION OF PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL VACANCY**

MOTION: Motion to approve Ms. Mary Lyons as Portsmouth High School Principal by Ms. Walker

SECOND: Ms. Mullaney

DISCUSSION: Superintendent McDonough was pleased to nominate Ms. Lyons and stated that he heard from many staff, parents and students requesting the Ms. Lyons remain the PHS Principal. Chair Stevens requested a roll call vote.

VOTE: 8 YES (DL Absent)

f. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE DURING SUMMER MONTHS**

MOTION: Motion to authorize the Superintendent to hire during the summer by Ms. Walker

SECOND: Mr. Ellis

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

g. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF POLICIES (FIRST READING):**

i. **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION COMPETENCIES (ILBAA)**

ii. MOTION: Motion to approve first reading of High School Graduation Competencies (ILBAA) by Ms. Mullaney

SECOND: Mr. Martin

DISCUSSION: This is a new policy required by law.

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

iii. **HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT FOR GRADE EIGHT COURSE WORK (IMBD)**

MOTION: Motion to approve first reading of High School Credit for Grade Eight Course Work (IMBD) by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Mr. Landry

DISCUSSION: This is a new policy required by law. Board members discussed who would be responsible for the approval process and how to assure that parents understand that the grade will appear on a student's transcripts but will not affect a student's GPA.

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

h. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF REVISION TO POLICY (GBEBB) EMPLOYEE STUDENT RELATIONS (FORMERLY KNOWN AS PHYSICAL RELATIONSHIPS)**

MOTION: Motion to revise policy GBEBB, Student Relations by Ms. Novelline-Clayburgh

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

i. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

MOTION: Motion to approve a one-year leave of absence for Ms. Trisha Lee by Ms. Walker

SECOND: Ms. Mullaney

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

XI. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. POLICY- The committee will revisit the Sustainability policy at the next scheduled Policy meeting.

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. ELECTRONIC TEXT BOOK POLICY

- b. LATER START

- c. SCHOOL BOARD / LEADERSHIP RETREAT, AUGUST 18, 2015, 4 PM

XIII. ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. by Mr. Martin and Seconded by Mr. Ellis. Unanimously approved.