

PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MEETING FOR NOVEMBER 24, 2015

NEW FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2015

TIME: 7:00 PM [or thereafter]

NOTICE OF NON- PUBLIC MEETING: THE SCHOOL BOARD WILL HOLD A NON- PUBLIC MEETING AT 6:45 P.M., IN ACCORDANCE WITH RSA 91-A: 3 II c. IN A CLASSROOM

- I. **CALL TO ORDER-** School Board Chair Leslie Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL-** Chair Leslie Stevens, Dexter Legg, Jeff Landry, Gary Epler, Ann Walker, Nancy Clayburgh, Patrick Ellis, Tom Martin, Superintendent Stephen Zadavec, Assistant Superintendent George Shea, Student Representative Julia Adler

III. **INVOCATION**

IV. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

V. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

a. OCTOBER 27, NON- PUBLIC MEETING

MOTION: Motion to accept the public minutes of October 27, 2015 by Mr. Ellis

SECOND: Mrs. Clayburgh

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously accepted

b. NOVEMBER 10, NON-PUBLIC MEETING

MOTION: Motion to accept the public minutes of November 10, 2015 by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Mrs. Walker

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously approved

c. NOVEMBER 10, REGULAR MEETING

MOTION: Motion to accept the public minutes of November 10, 2015 by Mrs. Clayburgh

SECOND: Mr. Landry

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously approved

VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT-**None

VII. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Chair Stevens recognized this evening being Dexter's last meeting and the Board thanked him for his long time service and commitment.

- a. TQP UPDATE- Mr. Shea gave a brief overview of the Teacher Quality Panel and Peer Review Cycle. A FAQ was recently published and future education/training teachers for the evaluation

cycle will be provided. Questions arose and were addressed such as: What is the process for teachers to go forward with peer review? Do teachers usually set up on their own with colleagues? Is peer review ongoing? Is there a sense of where we are in the timeline? Are you getting feedback of what helps to further define the work?

- b. **NEW FRANKLIN: A CULTURE OF COLLABORATION, COLLEGIALITY & PEER COACHING** – Ms. Simons gave a thorough overview of the work that happens daily at New Franklin in particular a closer look at PLC groups and the process behind the professional Learning Communities. Ms. Simons stated “collaboration is the heart and soul” of PLC groups. Every Wednesday morning from 7:30- 8:30 is PLC and every morning from 8:45-9:15 is intervention block. She shared what work goes on during the block. She has observed that NF is a family working together towards a common goal and has shifted from “my kids” to “our kids”. She shared examples of collegiality that happens every day. Questions arose and were addressed such as: Are enrichment kids included in intervention block? Are kids on the lower end of spectrum getting more help as a result of a more individual level? Do we track students from elementary to middle school and can we compare NF students to other Portsmouth elementary schools? Is this work being replicated at the other two elementary schools? Do we have a sense of the culture in Portsmouth compared to other districts?

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- a. **ITEMS OF INFORMATION**
 - i. PMS POST
 - ii. CENTRAL OFFICE UPDATE
 - iii. PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT APP
 - iv. DOE TECHNICAL ADVISORY
- b. **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - i. THE DUFOUR AWARD
 - ii. GREAT BAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE HALL OF FAME

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- i. **SCHOOL START TIME SURVEY UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS-** Mr. Zadravec gave an update on the Committee. The survey closed last week. There were over 2000 responses (approx. 900 parents, 700 students, 300 staff). He will provide a report for the next Board meeting. SAU 50 included the anticipated increased transportation cost in their budget. They also sent a survey to their middle school students. Questions arose and were addressed such as: Did we receive a higher number of survey responses this time? Did we get a lot of responses from Greenland?

X. NEW BUSINESS

- i. **WORKSHOP SESSION: DISCUSSION OF FY17 BUDGET GOALS-** Mr. Zadravec discussed some budget factors. One narrative is the declining revenue and other sources. The budget will require thoughtful planning around sustainability for the programs that

could be affected. Currently looking at facilities and how to share some of the resources with the City. The ESOL population has had amazing growth with a convergence of students from India, China and Russia. Ms. Souther will report on this further at the next Board meeting as it is determined how to meet these student's needs. Budget will be presented 2nd week of January. Feedback for items to be possibly included in the budget: Review of current technology student needs, music program may be in need of instruments, PHS Newsletter, Drama classes at PMS and PHS, Summer Camps, foreign language at elementary school level.

XI. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- i. JBC

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. ELECTRONIC TEXT BOOK POLICY
- b. FY17 BUDGET PRESENTATION, JANUARY 12, 2016

XIII. Additional Comments- Chair Stevens acknowledged the accomplishment of receiving the Farm to School Grant. The play Chicago was "incredible" and gave some upcoming concert dates. Student Representative Julia Adler reported on some PHS events such as Battle of the Classes and the All Star Auditions were successes. OpenMic night will be on December 3.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:42 p.m. by Mr. Legg

SECOND: Mr. Ellis

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously approved