

PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 9, 2016

EILEEN M. FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2016

TIME: 7:00 PM [or thereafter]

NOTICE OF NON- MEETING WITH COUNSEL: THE SCHOOL BOARD WILL HOLD A NON-MEETING WITH COUNSEL AT 6:15 P.M., IN ACCORDANCE WITH RSA 91-A: 2, IN THE SCHOOL BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM

I. **CALL TO ORDER**-School Board Chair Leslie Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

II. **ROLL CALL**- Chair Leslie Stevens, Lennie Mullaney, Gary Epler, Ann Walker, Nancy Clayburgh, Patrick Ellis, Roseann Vozella Clark, SAU50 Representative Ann Mayer, Superintendent Stephen Zdravec, Assistant Superintendent George Shea, Business Administrator Steve Bartlett, Student Representative Julia Adler

III. **INVOCATION**

IV. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**- Chair Stevens led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

a. JANUARY 26, REGULAR MEETING

MOTION: Motion to accept the public minutes of January 26, 2016 by Mr. Epler

SECOND: Ms. Mullaney

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously accepted

b. FEBRUARY 2, BUDGET WORKSHOP

MOTION: Motion to accept the public minutes of February 2, 2016 by Mr. Epler

SECOND: Ms. Mullaney

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously accepted

VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT**- Mark Brighton (285 Union Street, Portsmouth) spoke in regards to non-meeting disclosure.

VII. **PUBLIC HEARING ON FY17 BUDGET**

Superintendent Zdravec gave an updated PowerPoint budget presentation and an overview on the work to date which included a review of the budget process, enrollment headlines and impacts on the FY17 budget (decline in outside funding, ESOL, technology, maintenance). The retirement incentive offered has brought us closer to the 3% . At the February 16 workshop there will be further discussion of some needs outside of the status quo budget: ESOL, Speech, Wellness/Substance Abuse Counselor, support to the Business Office and data reporting.

Questions/Discussions: None

PUBLIC HEARING COMMENT: Mark Brighton (285 Union Street, Portsmouth) spoke in regards to the FY17 Budget.

VIII. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- a. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS REPORT- Elementary Principals Kate Callahan, Charlie Grossman and Joanne Simons presented a PowerPoint focusing on mathematical thinking that takes place in K-5 classrooms. The presentation included an overview in the standards- shift in thinking, the progression for learning, an overview of the geometry learning trajectory, partnering with parents and keys to success. Everyday Math provides parent home and study links, selected answers, vocabulary and tutorials. NF hosted a family math night with 118 participants (students and parents). All three elementary schools are all talking about the same learning but are at slightly different stages.

Questions/Discussion followed: EDM is the main program but it is not everything. EDM does provide a greater depth. The importance of continued support to the teachers and providing parental support was discussed. There is no longer afterschool math enrichment but teachers have incorporated it into the daily routine. Mr. Shea reported there has been an increase in math test scores.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION
 - i. FIELD TRIP- PINKERTON ACADEMY
 - ii. BOARD & ADMINISTRATOR
- b. CORRESPONDENCE
- c. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT
 - i. FINANCIAL, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR BARTLETT- Business Administrator Mr. Bartlett provided an overview on the December and January month end financial reports.

Questions/Discussions followed: None

X. OLD BUSINESS

- a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF POLICIES (SECOND READING)
 - i. TRANSGENDER AND GENDER NON CONFORMING STUDENTS-JBAB

MOTION: Motion to approve JBAB by Ms. Walker

SECOND: Mr. Ellis-

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously accepted

- b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF 2016-2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR

MOTION: Motion to approve the 2016-2017 school calendar by Ms. Walker

SECOND: Ms. Clayburgh

DISCUSSION: Superintendent Zdravec stated the calendar mirrors this year's school calendar except for one change (November 8, no school K-8). In regards to the teachers request to shift the

April vacation, it was important to align with SAU 50 calendar. Steve will follow up with Sal Petralia to determine their calendar approval timeline is for next year.

VOTE: Unanimously accepted

XI. NEW BUSINESS

a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF HEALTHTRUST AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

MOTION: Motion to approve HealthTrust Resolution and appoint Mr. Bartlett as authorizing agent by Ms. Clayburgh

SECOND: Mr. Ellis

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bartlett explained that HealthTrust is one of the insurance pools we participate in. The certificate of authorizing resolution is a formality related to the HealthTrust bylaws.

VOTE: Unanimously accepted

b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF LEAVES OF ABSENCES

MOTION: Motion to approve leave of absences by Ms. Mullaney

SECOND: Mr. Ellis-

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously accepted

XII. COMMITTEE UPDATES

a. JBC- update on punch list and monitoring school

XIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a. ELECTRONIC TEXT BOOK POLICY

b. STEM

OTHER: Ms. Clayburgh asked for an update on the New Castle tuition vote, an update on the PHS Advisory Meeting and for the Board to follow up with Mr. Brighton's remarks regarding non-meeting protocol.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion to adjourn the meeting by Ms. Mullaney at 8:28 p.m.

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously accepted