PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES WORKSHOP SESSION #4 FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2016

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DATE: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016   **TIME: 6:30** [or thereafter]

I.   **CALL TO ORDER-** School Board Chair Leslie Stevens called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

II.   **ROLL CALL-** Chair Leslie Stevens, Jeff Landry, Gary Epler, Ann Walker, Nancy Clayburgh, Patrick Ellis, Roseann Vozella Clark, SAU50 Representative Ann Mayer, Superintendent Stephen Zadravec, Assistant Superintendent George Shea, Business Administrator Steve Bartlett

III. **INVOCATION**

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

V.   **PUBLIC COMMENT-** None

VI.   **WORKSHOP SESSION ON FY 2017 BUDGET-**

Superintendent Steve Zadravec provided an updated FY17 Budget summary sheet. There was a favorable response to the retirement incentive (5 teachers) that differential helped incorporate into the budget the PHS Substance Abuse Counselor and the PMS Wellness Coordinator positions.

The budget will be presented to the city at 3% with a separate rationale for requested additions/needs.

Transportation- There are two primary transportation contracts both of which are coming to end this year. There was a 4% increase in the status quo budget for transportation. He would like to propose a one year extension to the current contract which would allow a budget reduction and additional time to address some future unknowns.

   i.   TRANSPORTATION- Business Administrator Steve Bartlett provided additional information about transportation and current transportation contracts.

        Questions/Discussions followed:

        There was Board consensus to extend the bus transportation contracts for one year.

   ii. TECHNOLOGY: INFRASTRUCTURE, 1:1, STAFFING (DATA)- Network Administrator Tom Lotz and Assistant Superintendent George Shea gave an overview of the FY17 Technology Budget.

        - Increase internet bandwidth from 100 Mbps to 1 Gbps

- Tech plan for new equipment: 3 PHS labs (graphic design lab, architecture lab, administrative offices), district wide mobile device deployment

- Increase in network maintenance and software licensing

- Increase in database (Infinite Campus, Blackboard Connect) costs

- Additional staff position: assistant to the database manager

Questions/ Discussions followed:
Increased bandwidth will improve accessibility.
RJLA is part of the high school's device inventory.
Career Tech equipment comes out the technology budget.
There have been some concerns in regards to Infinite Campus and Blackboard Connect issues. The issues of the emergency phone calls has been primarily been on the Blackboard Connect end.

OTHER: The next meeting is March 1, 2016.

VII.   **ADJOURNMENT**
MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. by Mr. Ellis
SECOND: Mr. Epler
DISCUSSION:
VOTE: Unanimously accepted