

PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES FOR JUNE 14, 2016

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PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2016

TIME: 7:00 PM [or thereafter]

- I. **CALL TO ORDER-** School Board Chair Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL-** Chair Leslie Stevens, Vice Chair Tom Martin, Lennie Mullaney, Gary Epler, Ann Walker, Patrick Ellis, Nancy Clayburgh, Roseanne Vozella Clark, SAU50 Representative Ann Mayer, Superintendent Steve Zdravec, Assistant Superintendent George Shea, 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. MAY 24, REGULAR MEETING

MOTION: Motion to accept the public minutes of May 24, 2016 by Ms. Walker

SECOND: Ms. Mullaney

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously accepted
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT-** None
- VII. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**
 - a. RECOGNITION OF SCHOOL DEPARTMENT RETIREES & STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Assistant Superintendent Shea introduced each retiree and the Board thanked the 2015/2016 retirees for their many years of service and wished them well in their retirement. Chair Stevens also thanked Student Representative Julia Adler for her last two years of service. Board members wished Julia well as she heads off to college.
 - b. PHS HISTORY PROJECT

PHS Social Studies Teacher & 2018 Class Advisor Sam Tombarelli provided an overview of the PHS foyer makeover project. The Class of 2018 is finalizing design work to enhance the PHS foyer to reflect the core values and mission of Portsmouth High School. Part of the makeover is to correct the inaccurate Portsmouth High School's founding date of 1790. Three hundred twenty five students and staff provided feedback on the PHS seal design through a Google survey. Sophomore students Sebastian Logue, Mira Potter- Schwartz, Ana Musto and Julia MacNair shared the survey results, how the seal will be used and fielded questions.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

The 1790 founding date on the current seal is actually Portsmouth School Department's founding date. The correct founding date of Portsmouth High School is 1827. The Board thanked the students for their hard work.

c. SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT

Director of Pupil Support & Instruction Jeannette Souther discussed the ESOL- Access Testing This included test content areas, how the test was administered and the results. There were approximately 80 students receiving ESOL services with 29 testing proficient and exiting the program. Next year's ESOL staffing is appropriate to accommodate the anticipated needs.

Parental Involvement- This year two trainings in partnership with the Parent Information Center (November-Special Education Rights & April- Extended School Year) were offered. Also a Parental Advisory Group was formed and met in February and March. One of the results of the March Parental Advisory Group was the development of the Special Education Parent Feedback tool. The Parent Feedback was sent out last week. Ms. Souther plans to discuss the feedback with both the Parental Advisory Group and the Parent Information Center.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: The creation of the Parent Advisory Group has been well received. Summer tutoring time will be provided as part of the ESOL Grant to assist with any summer learning loss. Ms. Souther thanked the Board for a great first year.

d. TQP UPDATE

Assistant Superintendent Shea provided a thorough update on the work completed to date by the TQP-Teacher Quality Panel. The Committee created weighted components of Danielson's domain and selected priority component areas that teachers must demonstrate distinguished practice in order to achieve model teacher status. Mr. Shea provided a thorough explanation of the model teacher process and criteria. This is meant to run independent of evaluations.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

There was a lot of discussion and positive feedback. The Board is impressed with the work the Committee has completed. The work seems very detailed, thorough and easy to understand. The Committee has held forums at each school. Also, the website provides additional teacher resources. The Committee is comprised of three administrative representatives and three teacher representatives. A model teacher is a designation but does not mean they are obligated to be a mentor teacher.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

- i. *PARENTING FOR PREVENTION NEWSLETTER*
- ii. *POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES, MAY 31*
- iii. *OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIP- PENN STATE*
- iv. *OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIP- WEST FORKS, MAINE*
- v. *SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION- Please return the evaluation to Leslie or Paulette by July 1. The evaluation will be sent out electronically. The Board will meet in non-public prior to the July 12 School Board meeting to discuss the evaluation.*
- vi. *BOARD & ADMINISTRATOR, JUNE 2016*
- vii. *FUTURES NEWSLETTER*

b. CORRESPONDENCE

- i. *CTE DOE LETTER*

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS: The Construction Trade program struggles with enrollment numbers and they will take a year to study the program to see if they can make it more marketable to students. Further discussion will also include idea of how to embed the CTE program more at the high school.

c. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- i. FINANCIAL, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR BARTLETT- Superintendent Zadravec reported tracking favorably toward year end budget.

IX. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MOTION: Motion to approve leave of absence by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously accepted

b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT

- i. GRADE 1 TEACHER, DO (REHIRE)
- ii. SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS, PMS
- iii. OPTIONS COUNSELOR, PHS
- iv. LATIN TEACHER, PHS
- v. READING SPECIALIST, NF
- vi. SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER, NF
- vii. ENGLISH TEACHERS, PHS
- viii. SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER, RJLA
- ix. ELEMENTARY TEACHER, DO (HAND CARRY)
- x. GRADE K TEACHER, DO (HAND CARRY)

MOTION: Motion to approve employment by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Ms. Clayburgh

DISCUSSION: The District continues to attract highly qualified professionals.

VOTE: Unanimously accepted

c. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT TO HIRE PROFESSIONAL STAFF DURING THE SUMMER

MOTION: Motion to approve authorizing the superintendent to hire professional staff during the summer by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously accepted

- d. BOARD RETREAT DATE- Tuesday, August 16, 2016 4:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.- location TBA

X. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. POLICY- The next meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2016.
- b. JBC- The Committee met a few weeks ago and is on track for the summer work. The next meeting has not been scheduled yet

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. ELECTRONIC TEXT BOOK POLICY
- b. STEM
- c. FUTURE STATE OF ARTS

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:44 p.m.by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Mr. Ellis

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously accepted