

**PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES FOR JULY 12, 2016**

EILEEN M. FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016

TIME: 7:00 PM [or thereafter]

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**NOTICE:** THE SCHOOL BOARD WILL HOLD A NON- PUBLIC MEETING AT 6:15 P.M., IN ACCORDANCE WITH RSA 91-A: 3, II (b) IN THE SCHOOL BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER-** School Board Chair Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL** - Chair Leslie Stevens, Vice Chair Tom Martin, Gary Epler, Ann Walker, Patrick Ellis, Nancy Clayburgh, Roseanne Vozella Clark, Assistant Superintendent George Shea, Business Administrator Stephen Bartlett
- III. **INVOCATION**
- IV. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** Chair Stevens led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
  - a. JUNE 14, REGULAR MEETING

MOTION: Motion to accept the public minutes of June 14, 2016 by Ms. Clayburgh

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously accepted
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT-** None
- VII. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**
  - a. SMARTER BALANCE & SAT RESULTS- Assistant Superintendent Shea provided an overview on the Smarter Balance & SAT results. The Smarter Balance testing window was April through June 10. Results were received on a staggered basis through the online reporting system. The individual student level results were accurate and student reports were distributed in report cards. However, the State final tallies are still preliminary. Teachers have not had a chance to analyze the results to determine areas of strengths and areas of weaknesses. Once complete, the analysis will be shared with the public.

SAT- The SAT test format was new this year. The test focused on two sections with an optional essay. The test aligned with Common Core standards. Every 11th grader was asked to take the test and there was an improved level of student engagement.

**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:**

Smarter Balanced Proficiency Comparison chart – perhaps build a different graph to compare cohorts moving through (compare apples to apples). Portsmouth remains consistently above the State average. Precipitous drop in math.

The Smarter Balance math section involves a higher level thinking, a lot of writing and requires using different algorithms. It is more than just knowing math facts and skills. Logistically, it was particularly challenging for third graders.

## **VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

- i. POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES, JUNE 20, 2016
- ii. OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIP- LOUISVILLE, KY

### **b. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

- i. YEAR END REPORT – Business Administrator Bartlett reported the internal auditing process has begun and he will provide a detailed report in August. This is the third year in a row that the Food Service program had to be supported. Mr. Bartlett believes Special Education will break even and we are in good shape in regards to “energy”. The projects that have been completed so far are contributing to savings.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS: There are still some outstanding lunch program bills.

### **c. CORRESPONDENCE**

- i. LETTER OF RESIGNATION, GEORGE HAILS
- ii. LETTER OF RESIGNATION, LAURA GARDOCKI
- iii. LETTER OF RESIGNATION, KATELYN BEACH
- iv. THANK YOU LETTER, BARBARA BRINKHAM
- v. THANK YOU LETTER, JULIE WOODS
- vi. THANK YOU LETTER, JOY BRYAN MARKLEY
- vii. THANK YOU LETTER, LYNN DIELSI (HAND CARRY)

## **IX. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. UPDATE- BOARD RETREAT- Tuesday, August 16- 4:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. in the PMS library. An agenda will be provided at the August 9 SB meeting. Principals will be invited.

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT**

- i. ESOL TEACHER, LH & PMS
- ii. .5 LITERACY TEACHER, NF
- iii. MATH TEACHER, PMS
- iv. SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER, LH

MOTION: Motion to approve employment by Ms. Walker

SECOND: Mr. Martin

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously accepted

- b. OTHER- Leslie Stevens announced that member Ms. Lennie Mullaney resigned from the Board. The Board will be moving forward with the correct protocol for a replacement. The Board thanked Ms. Mullaney for her dedication and service.

- c. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF POLICIES (FIRST READING):

- i. PUBLIC SOLICITATIONS IN THE SCHOOLS (KH)

- MOTION: Motion to approve first reading of policy KH by Mr. Martin

- SECOND: Mr. Ellis

- DISCUSSION:

- VOTE: Unanimously accepted

- d. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF POLICIES (REVISED)

- i. ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE SCHOOLS (KHB)

- MOTION: Motion to revise policy KHB by Mr. Martin

- SECOND: Mr. Epler

- DISCUSSION: The Superintendent determines if the request complies with policies.

- VOTE: Unanimously accepted

- ii. EXTRA AND CO- CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (IGD)- **TABLED**

- e. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE (HAND CARRY)

- MOTION: Motion to approve leave of absence by Ms. Clayburgh

- SECOND: Ms Walker

- DISCUSSION:

- VOTE: Unanimously accepted

## XI. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. POLICY- The next meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2016.
- b. BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE (LHS & PMS) - Mr. Bartlett reported LH is in their second phase. Sheetrock will probably begin tomorrow. David Desfossess from Public Works is overseeing the water supply project required for the sprinkler system and assisting with the improvement of the bus/parent drop off at NF. The permanent shoring at PMS and the PHS solar array projects are both underway.
- c. FUTURES- Ms. Clayburgh reported the Futures program is supporting twenty eight students (fourteen students attending UNH). A total of \$85k was provided to these students. It is a great organization and Amy Brnger is doing a great job.

**XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 8:15p.m. by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Mr. Ellis

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously accepted

- ❖ The Clinton/Sanders event at PHS was a success! Chair Stevens and Assistant Superintendent Shea thanked all of the individuals involved in facilitating the event.