

PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

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PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

TIME: 7:00 PM [or thereafter]

NOTICE OF RECEPTION: THE SCHOOL BOARD HELD A WELCOMING RECEPTION FOR NEW TEACHERS IN THE PORTSMOUTH ROOM AT 6:30 P.M.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER-** School Board Chair Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL-** Chair Leslie Stevens, Gary Epler, Jeff Landry (phone), Tom Martin, Ann Walker, Patrick Ellis, Nancy Clayburgh, Roseanne Vozella Clark, SAU 50 Representative Ann Mayer, Teacher Representative Olin Johannesen, Superintendent Stephen Zadavec, 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. AUGUST 9, REGULAR MEETING
- MOTION: Motion to accept the public minutes of August 9, 2016, by Ms. Walker
- SECOND: Mr. Epler
- DISCUSSION:
- VOTE: Jeff Landry abstained. All other members unanimously accepted.
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT-** Abby Trainor- 747 Sagamore Road, Rye, David Witham- 238 Walker Bungalow Road, Portsmouth, Aiden Sweet- 72 Walker Bungalow Road, Portsmouth, Peter Coren 430 Lafayette Road, Portsmouth. All spoke in regards to the CTE Construction program offered at PHS.
- VII. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**
- a. INTRODUCTION OF NEW TEACHING STAFF- Assistant Superintendent Shea introduced the new teaching staff.
- VIII. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
- a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION
- i. POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES, AUGUST 11, 2016
- ii. *BOARD & ADMINISTRATOR*, AUGUST 2016
- iii. SCHOOL BOARD WORK CALENDAR- DRAFT
- iv. NH SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION RESOLUTIONS
- COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:
- ♦ The State is working through the newest authorization of Every Student Succeeds Act.
 - ♦ IDEA Funding is still included in the NHSBA Resolutions.

- ♦ The Portsmouth School Board Work Calendar was designed around the 2016-2017 School Board Goals.

b. CORRESPONDENCE

- i. THANK YOU LETTER, SUE SPIEGLE

c. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- i. FINANCIAL REPORT

Business Administrator Bartlett provided the refined version of June month end. The July report is just a comparison to the past year.

- ii. UPDATE ON LITTLE HARBOUR RENOVATION

Mr. Bartlett provided an update on the LH renovation and other Summer projects.

- ♦ LH- The Certificate of Occupancy was received and the students started school on time. Mr. Bartlett thanked Ken Linchey and his staff. As well as, thanked the City and the City Inspection staff.
- ♦ RJLA- A drainage issue was addressed. As a result, the parking lot was regraded and repaved.
- ♦ NF- The bus turnaround is complete.
- ♦ PMS- The permanent shoring is complete. The replacement flag pole arrived and is ready to be installed.
- ♦ PHS- The solar panels are in the process of being installed. The size of the system is 252kw.

- iii. SCHOOL OPENING – Superintendent Zadavec reported a good school opening. This week was the first full week of school and activities are in full swing. Mr. Johannesen also reported a “fantastic and smooth opening”. He added the Freshman Orientation program is doing a nice job. It was great to see upper classman providing tours to the freshman students.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

- a. BUS CONTRACT BID- Superintendent Zadavec included in the packet an example of what they intend to use in the bus contract bidding process. Two scenarios were created. The first scenario is similar to now. The second scenario suggests the middle school and high school start later. Mr. Bartlett is working on the bid specifics in greater detail and provided the timeline of the bid process.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

- ♦ Discussion of utilizing bus monitors and the possibility of intermixing different grades.
- ♦ The PHS Scheduling Committee is discussing how the task block may be implemented and this will be a consideration in the discussion of school start times.

- ♦ Late Bus- Currently, there is not a bus offered that provides transportation after 2:30 p.m. to high school students. A high school late bus was offered in the past, but it was not well utilized.
 - ♦ Discussion of a third scenario to be presented in the bidding process.
 - ♦ Mr. Bartlett reported that previously he used a RFP format which provides more flexibility and allows for more creative solutions.
 - ♦ Question: Is there enough bus space if every student were to ride the bus?
 - ♦ Every year there are minor adjustments to the bus routes. Sometimes efficiencies lead to longer routes.
- b. JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT- Superintendent Zadravec reported the Joint Budget Committee is seeking two representatives from the Board to serve on their committee.
- c. UNITIL REQUEST FOR EASEMENT AT NEW FRANKLIN- Mr. Bartlett reported Unitil has requested an easement that would provide access to complete a service upgrade on Woodbury Avenue. If the Board approves the proposal, it would go before the City Council for final approval.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: There will be no impact on the new turnaround at NF or with the existing sound barrier. Mr. Bartlett will clarify Unitil is responsible for maintaining the easement. In addition, the Board would like to the planting of trees negotiated as part of the proposal.

MOTION: Motion to approve the administration to negotiate with Unitil on behalf of the Board by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Mr. Epler recused himself from the discussion and vote. All others unanimously approved.

- d. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF 2016-2017 SCHOOL BOARD GOALS

MOTION: Motion to approve the 2016-2017 School Board Goals by Mr. Martin

SECONDED: Mr. Ellis

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously approved.

- e. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT

i. GRADE 5 TEACHER, LH

ii. SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER, LH

MOTION: Motion to approve employment by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Ms. Clayburgh

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously approved.

f. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF POLICIES (REVISE AND REAPPROVE):**

i. **EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES (IHBH)**

MOTION: Motion to approve policy IHBH by Mr. Martin.

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION: Clarification of the elimination of “limited” to encouraged.

VOTE: Unanimously accepted

ii. **DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE BY STUDENTS (JICH)**

MOTION: Motion to approve policy JICH by Mr. Martin.

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION: There is still an option of a disciplinary hearing. There is an extra “Superintendent” on the first page that will be removed.

VOTE: Unanimously accepted

iii. **GRANTS AND DONATIONS (KCD) - Chair Stevens tabled this policy.**

g. **SCHOOL BOARD APPOINTMENT-** Chair Stevens explained the process in regards to the vacant Board seat. A decision will be made tonight in a non- public meeting.

XI. **EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE-** Mr. Johannesen resigned his post as Employee Representative. He has served as Employee Representative for the past four years and thanked the Board for the opportunity and their support. He is actively soliciting his replacement. The Board thanked Olin for his valuable contribution and service. His presence will be missed.

XII. **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

a. **POLICY**

XIII. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

XIV. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 8:41 p.m. by Mr. Martin

SECOND: MS. Walker

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously accepted