

**PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 15, 2016**

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PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2016

TIME: 7:00 PM [or thereafter]

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER**- School Board Chair Stevens called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m.
- ❖ The Board welcomed Teacher Representative Kimberly McGlinchey and Student Representative Andrew Rodgers.
- II. **ROLL CALL** - Chair Leslie Stevens, Tom Martin, Kristin Jeffrey, Jeff Landry, Ann Walker, Gary Epler, Nancy Clayburgh, Patrick Ellis, Roseanne Vozella Clark, SAU 50 Representative Ann Mayer, Teacher Representative Kimberly McGlinchey, Student Representative Andrew Rodgers, Superintendent Stephen Zdravec, 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. OCTOBER 25, REGULAR MEETING  
MOTION: Motion to accept the public minutes of October 25, 2016 by Ms. Walker  
SECOND: Mr. Ellis  
DISCUSSION:  
VOTE: Unanimously accepted
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT**- Arthur Clough- 431 Pleasant Street, Portsmouth spoke in regards to boundaries in the classroom (Mr. Clough submitted documentation for the record). Karen Allen- 81 Grove Road, Rye; Kathleen MacLeod-7 Stonewell Lane, Rye; Jenn Roelofs- 24 Geremia Street, Rye; Sharon Brown- 119 Little Bay Road, Newington; Tony Coviello- 341 Denet Street, Portsmouth; Mike Schwartz- 161 Wallis Road, Rye; Maurra McCafferty- 15 Sanderling Way, Portsmouth; Beth Yeaton- 10 Lens Avenue, Portsmouth; Amy Bourne- 431 Wallis Road, Rye; Danielle O'Neill- 199 Gosport Road, Portsmouth; Christina Rodgers- 304 Sagamore Avenue, Portsmouth; and Michael Edwards- 64 Brackett Road, Portsmouth all spoke in support for PHS Honors Program for freshman students.
- VII. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**
- a. PHS PRINCIPAL LYONS- Portsmouth High School Principal Mary Lyons provided high school highlights including Granite State Challenge team results, PHS Clipper Band accomplishments (a

gold medal and overall 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in Division 5), PHS presentation of High School Musical, College Counseling, Teacher Recognition of Judy Butler and Laura LaVallee, and Spirit Week. TASC Block Committee Update: The TASC Block is modeled after Conval's TASC Block. The Scheduling Committee continues to meet to work out details of the implementation, and was tasked with creating a forty minute block that all students and teachers would be available. The objective during the TASC Block is to empower students to take ownership in their learning and provide an opportunity for additional enrichment and intervention.

Honors Programs Update: There was discussion of a change in the Honors Program for incoming freshman next year. Freshman Honors currently only exists in Science and English. As discussed, there is an accelerated Math class currently listed as Honors. The accelerated Math class will still be offered but as a Level 4 class instead. The staff is committed and confident that the level of rigor in these classes will be maintained, and this will be a positive change.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: TASC Block- TASC Block provides the same amount of instructional time. The Board requested a presentation and additional information about TASC Block scheduling.

Honors- Clarification was provided about the structure of the classes. A presentation was requested by the Board to allow a better understanding of the rationale behind this matter. Chair Stevens suggested putting the conversation on hold until the Board is provided additional information. Chair Stevens requested Board Members send her questions and she will meet with Superintendent Zadavec to address concerns or questions.

## VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

### a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

- i. POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES, OCTOBER 18, 2016
- ii. *BOARD & ADMINISTRATOR*, NOVEMBER 2016
- iii. FUTURES NEWSLETTER
- iv. DOE NEWS RELEASE
- v. OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIP- DENVER, CO
- vi. NESDEC ENROLLMENT REPORT

### b. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- i. FINANCIAL REPORT- Business Administrator Stephen Bartlett provided the month-end October financial report.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Clarification was provided regarding the Mathematics Elementary line.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **SCHOOL START TIMES-** The Board had an open discussion regarding the options presented and the public feedback received.

**COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:**

Several suggestions were made:

- ♦ Develop a plan to address the multi- level ridership concern, including the cost of bus monitors.
- ♦ Monies to implement the proposal as a supplemental request from City Council.
- ♦ The ability to pull metrics to measure the impact of the change to see if it was positive two years down the road.
- ♦ Possibly select a team of individuals to preview the issue with City Council to ensure support of the increase to the budget

The Board will vote on the school start time proposal at the next Board Meeting on November 29, 2016.

- b. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF POLICIES (2ND READING):**

- i. **REVENUES FROM LOCAL TAX SOURCES (DEA)**

**MOTION:** Motion to approve Policy DEA by Mr. Ellis

**SECOND:** Mr. Epler

**DISCUSSION:**

**VOTE:** Unanimously accepted

- ii. **GIFTS AND DONATIONS (KCD)**

**MOTION:** Motion to approve Policy KCD by Mr. Martin

**SECOND:** Ms. Walker

**DISCUSSION:**

**VOTE:** Unanimously accepted

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF POLICIES (REAFFIRM-SINGLE READING):**

- i. **SALES AND DISPOSAL OF BOOKS EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES (DN)**

**MOTION:** Motion to approve Policy DN by Ms. Walker

**SECOND:** Ms. Clayburgh

**DISCUSSION:**

**VOTE:** Unanimously accepted

- b. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF POLICIES (REVISE & REAPPROVE- SINGLE READING):**

i. **BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION AND CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK (GBCD)**

MOTION: Motion to approve Policy GBCD by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Mr. Epler

DISCUSSION: A designated volunteer is an individual that volunteers on a regular basis.

VOTE: Unanimously accepted

ii. **TRANSPORTATION/PURPOSES (EEA)**

MOTION: Motion to approve Policy EEA by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously accepted

c. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF 2016/2017 TUITION RATES**

MOTION: Motion to approve the 2016/2017 Tuition Rates by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Mr. Epler

DISCUSSION: There are two non-area tuition students.

VOTE: Unanimously accepted

**XI. COMMITTEE UPDATES**

- a. POLICY- The next Policy Committee meeting is November 17, 2016.

**XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. STATE OF THE ARTS

**XIII. UPCOMING EVENTS**

- a. PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT CALENDAR MAY BE FOUND ONLINE  
<http://www.cityofportsmouth.com/school/index.htm>
- i. PHS PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT- "HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL"  
PERFORMANCE WILL BE NOVEMBER 17-20

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 10:18 p.m. by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Mr. Epler

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously accepted

- ❖ Next meeting: November 29, 2016, at Robert J. Lister Academy 7:00 p.m.