MARCH 9, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Shuldman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL
Present: MITCH SHULDMAN (CHAIR), ANN WALKER (VICE CHAIR), LESLIE STEVENS, KENT LAPAGE, DEXTER LEGG, CAROL CHELLMAN, REBECCA EMERSON, STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT), ED MCDONOUGH, (SUPERINTENDENT), STEPHEN BARTLETT (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR), LINDA BRIOLAT (EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE), ANN MAYER (SAU 50 REPRESENTATIVE) AND PHILIP BOYNTON (STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE)

Absent: LISA SWEET AND TOM MARTIN

III. INVOCATION

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Chair Shuldman led in the pledge of allegiance

V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES
a. JANUARY 28, 2010 PUBLIC HEARING/WORK SESSION
   MOTION: Motion to accept the minutes of January 28, 2010, Public Hearing/Work Session by Mr. LaPage
   SECOND: Ms. Walker
   DISCUSSION:
   VOTE: Unanimous

b. FEBRUARY 9, 2010 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
   MOTION: Motion to accept the minutes of February 9, 2010, by Ms. Emerson
   SECOND: Ms. Walker
   DISCUSSION:
   VOTE: Unanimous

c. FEBRUARY 11, 2010 PUBLIC HEARING/WORK SESSION
   MOTION: Motion to accept the minutes of February 11, 2010 Work Session by Ms. Walker
   SECOND: Ms. Emerson
   DISCUSSION:
   VOTE: Unanimous
VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

a. UPDATE ON SCHOOL BOARD GOAL #1 - PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES: IMPLEMENTATION, GOALS AND INTERVENTIONS – Mr. McDonough presented the following PowerPoint, which can be viewed in whole by clicking here.

The work of the administrative team with PLC’s, along with their administrative “Smart Goals”, can be viewed in this presentation. Administrators have analyzed data at each school to see where highs and lows are and to identify what needs to be discussed further with staff members.

The District is showing results. NECAP results show that New Franklin math scores have increased and Dondero student “bench marks” have already increased half way through the first year, due to PLC work focusing on reading.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

i. BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO BOARD MEMBERS

ii. SCHOOL LUNCH MENU – MARCH

iii. BOARD & ADMINISTRATOR

iv. PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP BOOKLET

v. FY 2011 BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

vi. LETTER FROM JANET LOVERING

vii. KENT LAPAGE LETTER

viii. NOTIFICATION OF RESIGNATIONS

1. NICOLE SMITH – GRADE 3, LITTLE HARBOUR

ix. ARTICLE “HIGH SCHOOLS TO OFFER PLAN TO GRADUATE 2 YEARS EARLY”

b. DISTRICT REPORTS

i. PHS PRINCIPAL, JEFF COLLINS- Mr. Collins provided the Board with an update regarding the high school hockey situation with Kennett High School. Mr. Collins will report any action taken or recommended by administration. Mr. Collins full update can be viewed by clicking here.

ii. CTE DIRECTOR, DIANE CANADA – Ms. Canada’s full update can be viewed here. Mr. Summers, Automotive Instructor, asked Ms. Canada to join him in the classroom. A representative from Ohio Technical College offered $12,000 to Sam French and Adam Doyle if they decide to go to Ohio Tech. Sam and Adam will be competing nationally this summer.

iii. STEVE BARTLETT – FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT –Minor damage was sustained during the windstorm. Maintenance Staff is collecting estimates to submit to our insurance provider. FEMA funds will be announced Friday.
VIII. NEW BUSINESS

a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE – ANNE ELLIS

   MOTION: Motion to approve Ms. Ellis’ leave of absence by Ms. Walker
   SECOND: Ms. Stevens
   DISCUSSION:
   VOTE: Unanimously approved

b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CELEBRATION GRADUATION REQUEST FOR DONATION - $500.00

   MOTION: Motion to approve donation in the amount of $500 to Celebration Graduation
   By Mr. Legg
   SECOND: Ms. Emerson
   DISCUSSION:
   VOTE: Unanimously approved

c. FIRST READING OF POLICY (GCO) EVALUATION OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF

   MOTION: Motion to accept first reading of Policy GCO, Evaluation of Professional Staff by Ms. Walker
   SECOND: Ms. Emerson
   DISCUSSION:
   VOTE: Unanimously approved

d. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING JOB DESCRIPTIONS:
   i. PRINCIPAL
   ii. ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
   iii. SUPERINTENDENT
   iv. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
   v. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR
   vi. DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL SERVICES
   vii. CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR
   viii. TITLE I DIRECTOR

   MOTION: Motion to approve above referenced job descriptions by Ms. Walker
   SECOND: Ms. Emerson
   DISCUSSION:
   VOTE: Unanimously approved

e. DISCUSSION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET PROCESS – Ms. Emerson proposed a Sub Committee be formed for budget purposes. What would this committee be formed for? Would they study districts comparable to Portsmouth and see how Portsmouth compares? Would it be a sub group that gathers information and brings the information back to the board, as opposed to working with administration to “craft” a budget? Chair Shulman requested that Ms. Emerson clearly define this committee’s purpose and propose again at a later date.
IX. COMMITTEE UPDATES

a. BEC – A mission statement will be voted on soon. Mr. LaPage requested that a presentation from this committee be on the agenda in the near future.

b. BOOSTER CLUBS – Annual meeting was held the first week in February. More than 80% of official booster groups attended. Two discussion points will need to be discussed further by the Board. Gate receipts (do performing arts continue to collect funds?) and Celebration Graduation.

c. POLICY – The next step for the Policy Committee is the remaining policies required by law. Next meeting April 8, 9 a.m.

d. JBC – Students will be kept on site during construction. The JBC looked at possibilities and, after due diligence, agreed with School Board members’ decision to keep students on site. The Construction Manager selected is Gilbane Inc. Gilbane’s capability and experience with students on site has been proven through past history. City Council is considering a recreation facility to replace the Connie Bean Center in adjacency with the gymnasium being built at the new middle school. The city hopes to save cost in construction by combining with middle school plans.

e. TECHNOLOGY – A meeting was held on March 3, 2010. The committee is gathering information to do a technology audit. This audit will look at infrastructure AND ways to deliver education in the classroom.

f. ATHLETICS/EXTRA CURRICULAR – A meeting is scheduled for April 13, 5:00 p.m.

g. FACILITIES – A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 7, 2010. The District will be participating in the NHDOE “Healthy Schools” program as a pilot.

X. ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn by Ms. Emerson and seconded by Ms. Walker at 9:10 p.m. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

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