

**PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MEETING WORKSHOP SESSION #5
MINUTES FOR MARCH 7, 2017**

EILEEN D. FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017

TIME: 7:00 P.M. [or thereafter]

- I. **CALL TO ORDER-** School Board Chair Leslie Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

- II. **ROLL CALL-** Chair Leslie Stevens, Jeff Landry, Kristin Jeffrey, Ann Walker, Gary Epler, Nancy Clayburgh, Patrick Ellis, Roseann Vozella Clark, SAU 50 Representative Ann Mayer, Superintendent Stephen Zdravec, Assistant Superintendent George Shea, Business Administrator Steve Bartlett

- III. **INVOCATION**

- IV. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** Chair Stevens led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- V. **PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FY18 BUDGET**

- VI. **BUDGET WORK SESSION-** Superintendent Zdravec provided an overview of the FY 18 Budget. The status quo Budget was at 4.86%. However, the current proposed Budget is \$46,471,405, which represents a 4% increase over FY 17. The proposed Budget meets the City Council 4% Budget guideline. This was attainable through reductions in projected out-of-district expenses, health insurance rates, and adjustments in grant allocations.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: How will potential reimbursement for offering full-day Kindergarten, Special Education reimbursements, and School Choice affect the District? These topics are being discussed at the State level, the New Hampshire School Board does advocate on behalf of local Boards.

Discussion ensued regarding Professional Development, Late Start bus transportation costs, out-of-district tuition costs, and providing a clear explanation of the FTEs to the City Council.

Forming committees to study the feasibility of an expanded preschool program and expansion in the World Language program is beneficial towards looking at the budget long-term.

Superintendent Zdravec reported that he is working with Ms. Souther in regard to her request for an additional Special Education Case Manager.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:40 p.m. by Mr. Ellis

SECOND: Ms. Jeffrey

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously accepted