

School Board Summary/Action Sheet

Date of Meeting: June 11, 2002

A regular meeting of the Portsmouth School Board was held on Tuesday, June 11, 2002 in the Council Chambers at the Portsmouth Municipal Complex.

PRESENT: Mr. Kent LaPage (Chair), Mr. John Lyons, Jr. (Vice-Chair), Mr. Raimond Bowles, Mrs. Nancy Novelline-Clayburgh, Mrs. Nansi Craig, Mr. Clay Hayward, Mrs. Colleen Montminy, Mr. Charles Vaughn

ABSENT: Mr. Carvel Tefft

PARTICIPATING: Dr. Lyonel B. Tracy (Superintendent of Schools), Dr. Robert J. Lister (Assistant Superintendent), Ms. Sarah Sanger (Student Representative), Mrs. Ann Walker (Employee Representative), Mrs. Ann Mayer (SAU 50 Representative)

Retirement Reception

A retirement reception was held to honor the 2001/02 School Department retirees: Carol Arey, Bruce Boley, Carole Bunting, Barbara Doyle, Marie Gibson, Linda Handschy, Gail Hunter, Patricia Jewell Johnson, Margaret McGrath, Janice Mincey, Mildred Parks, Edward Parr, Mary Paul, Susan Rafferty, Donald Spaulding, Ann Walker, and Alfred Young. Assistant Mayor Alex Hanson and Chair LaPage addressed the retirees. Each retiree was called forward and presented with a plaque in appreciation for their years of service.

Chair LaPage recognized Ann Walker for having served ten years as the Employee Representative to the School Board.

Actions Taken by the Board

Chair called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. He called for a moment of silence. Mrs. Ann Walker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

C. Vaughn moved the minutes be approved as written; J. Lyons seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Chair reminded Board members of the groundbreaking ceremony at Portsmouth High School on Thursday at 5:15 p.m.

Public Commentary Session – There was no one in attendance who wished to address the Board.

Recognition of Staff/Students – There were no staff/student presentations to come before the Board.

PERSONNEL

The following professional nominations were unanimously approved by the Board:\

Amy Mercier (high school guidance counselor): motion by C. Vaughn, seconded by N. Clayburgh.

Nancy Modern (2/3 international languages – 1/3 social studies teacher at Portsmouth High School): motion by C. Vaughn, seconded by C. Montminy.

Richard Hugener (high school earth science teacher): motion by C. Vaughn, seconded by C. Montminy.

Tracey Gilroy (high school earth science teacher): motion by C. Vaughn, seconded by C. Montminy.

Shailagh Curry (third grade teacher at Little Harbour School): motion by C. Vaughn, seconded by N. Clayburgh.

Jessica LaMantia (high school French teacher): motion by C. Vaughn, seconded by N. Clayburgh.

Dr. Lister provided an update on the current professional vacancies and the interview processes that are being used to fill these vacancies.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Joint Building Committee: Chair LaPage reported on the activities of this committee, including construction at the New Franklin Elementary School; construction preparation at Portsmouth High School; and renovation plans for the Mary C. Dondero School. Business Administrator Torrey and Dondero School Principal Jill LeMay answered questions from the Board.

R. Bowles moved, seconded by J. Lyons, that the Board approve the expenditure of up to \$250,000 to fund renovations at the Mary C. Dondero School as presented to the Board this evening. Motion unanimously approved.

“SchoolMatch” Audit Report Committee: C. Hayward reported the committee met on June third and assembled a portfolio of materials in response to the recommendations and commendations contained within the “SchoolMatch” audit report. Dr. Lister said the portfolio will be available for review at Central Office. J. Lyons moved, seconded by N. Clayburgh to accept the documentation from the “SchoolMatch” Committee. The motion was unanimously approved.

Technology Committee: C. Hayward reported the Technology Committee met on May 23, 2002. The committee discussed the possibility of implementing mobile wireless laptop computers during the 2002/03 school year; reviewed the proposed update to the Acceptable Use Policy; and reviewed a recent news article about the City renegotiating the Cable TV franchise.

Clipper Health Center: J. Lyons reported the Clipper Health Center Board met on May 29. The Board is requesting a work session with the School Board. Chair LaPage suggested that he, along with Mr. Lyons, Dr. Tracy, and Dr. Lister, meet with Ms. McCarthy and Dr. Turner prior to the work session.

NEW BUSINESS

(A. Mayer left the meeting at this time – 8:35 p.m.)

J. Lyons moved the Board accept the first reading of the Acceptable Use Policy; C. Montminy seconded the motion. Mr. Edward Stokel, Technology Director, was present to answer questions. Motion was unanimously approved.

C. Vaughn moved the Board refer the request from Group Workcamps Foundation of Loveland, Colorado be referred to Dr. Tracy, Dr. Lister and Mr. Torrey for review, with a recommendation coming back to the School Board. N. Craig seconded the motion. J. Lyons asked Mr. Vaughn if he would amend his motion to refer it to the Superintendent of Schools with power to make a decision. C. Vaughn was agreeable to this amendment. The motion was unanimously approved.

Out of courtesy to a concern expressed by N. Craig, R. Bowles moved the Board express its need to approve a 2/3 international language and 1/3 social studies teaching position at Portsmouth High School for the 2002-03 school year. C. Montminy seconded the motion. Following discussion, the motion failed in a three to five vote (R. Bowles, C. Hayward and C. Montminy voted for the motion; N. Clayburgh, N. Craig, J. Lyons, C. Vaughn, and K. LaPage voted against the motion).

FINANCIAL

Mr. Torrey reviewed the May 2002 financial report.

NEXT AGENDA

Board members did not request any items to be added to the June 25 agenda.

OTHER

N. Clayburgh commended Dr. Tracy for helping out at the eighth grade barbeque, and commended Dr. Lister for his tireless efforts on behalf of Special Olympics.

Mrs. Walker thanked the Board for the plaque and roses, and for the privilege of working with the Board over the years. She stated this Board is the most professional and cohesive that she has worked with over the past ten years.

Chair LaPage commended High School Principal Rick Gremlitz and his staff for the outstanding graduation ceremony held last Friday.

There was no further business to come before the Board. C. Vaughn moved the Board adjourn its meeting; C. Montminy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

