

**Portsmouth School Board
Portsmouth, New Hampshire**

March 2, 2004 Meeting

A meeting of the Portsmouth School Board was held on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 in the Board Room at Little Harbour School.

Attendance

PRESENT: Mr. Kent F. LaPage (Chair), Mrs. Nancy Novelline Clayburgh (Vice-Chair), Mr. Raimond Bowles, Mrs. Roseann Vozella Clark, Mrs. Nansi Craig, Mr. Clay Hayward, Mr. John Lyons, Jr., Mr. Charles Vaughn, Mrs. Ann Walker

PARTICIPATING: Dr. Lyonel B. Tracy (Superintendent of Schools), Dr. Robert J. Lister (Assistant Superintendent), Mr. W. Peter Torrey (Business Administrator)

Call to Order

The Chair called the budget work session to order at 8:10 p.m. and apologized for the late start to the educators who were there to present their budgets.

Motion to Go Into A Regular Session

Mrs. Clayburgh moved the Board suspend the rules and go into a regular session. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion. The Chair requested that Assistant Superintendent Lister take the place of the Superintendent and call the roll for the vote. In a roll call vote, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

The Chair stated the Board met in a non-public session and received legal advice from City Attorneys Robert Sullivan and Kathleen Dwyer on how to handle an allegation with regards to the Superintendent. He asked for a motion.

Motion Re: Issues and Allegations

Mr. Bowles moved that subsequent to a review of all issues which have currently been raised concerning the performance of Superintendent Lyonel Tracy, the School Board: fully supports the performance of the Superintendent; commends him for the overall quality of his management of the Portsmouth School System and his initiative of a child specific education for each student; and believes that no further action needs to be taken with regard to any of the complaints being currently made. Mr. Vaughn seconded the motion. Dr. Lister called the roll, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Comments from Chair

Mr. LaPage said the School Board worked extremely hard tonight

(Approved by the Portsmouth School Board 3-9-04.)

***Comments from
Chair (continued)***

wrestling with an issue that has been continually played out in the press. He thanked the Board members and their families for dealing with this situation. He said the vote this evening was done in a public session after Board members took all things under consideration. Mr. LaPage said he truly appreciates the due diligence and support from throughout the community for the great things this school system does.

Dr. Tracy thanked the Chair and members of the Board for their continued support of our school children.

Adjournment

Mr. Lyons moved the Board end the special meeting and go back into a budget work session. Mrs. Clayburgh seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The special meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

***Budget Work
Session***

The Board went into a budget work session, specifically dealing with the special education accounts.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Lister, Assistant Superintendent
Acting Secretary