

**PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES FOR Tuesday, April 9, 2013**

LOCATION: City Hall, Council Chambers

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: April 9, 2013

TIME: 7:00 PM [or thereafter]

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**I. CALL TO ORDER** -The meeting was called to order by Chair Stevens at 7:10 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

- a. Present: LESLIE STEVENS (CHAIR), ANN WALKER, MITCH SHULDMAN, CAROL CHELLMAN, PATRICK ELLIS, MARY OLEA, KENT LAPAGE, ED MCDONOUGH, (SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT), STEPHEN BARTLETT (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR), ANN MAYER (SAU 50 REPRESENTATIVE) OLIN JOHANNESSEN (EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE)

**III. INVOCATION**

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chair Stevens led the Pledge of Allegiance

**V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

a. **March 26, 2013**

MOTION: Motion to accept the minutes of March 26, 2013 by Dr. Shuldman  
SECOND: Ms. Walker  
DISCUSSION: None  
VOTE: Unanimous approval

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**VII. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Food Service Update, Deb Riso, and Elementary School Garden Presentation, Kate Mitchell

Deb Riso, Food Service Director, shared with the board the events going on in the school. Ms. Riso entered the elementary schools into the Going for the Challenge program. If chosen, a USDA Nutrition rep will come from the DOE to recognize us for excellence in nutrition and physical activity. CLIPPERS ON THE RUN was introduced at the high school with great success. A box lunch is available for students who leave campus, or have meetings and wish to take lunch with them. An incentive to get this program going was to advertise that there were gas gift cards in some of the boxes.

Deb has been working on grants to help with gardens at schools. She introduced Kate Mitchell as they work on a Farm to School Planning Grant to help in the development of the gardens at each of the elementary schools.

Kate Mitchell, a community member, worked with Dondero to help with the compost program and now all 3 elementary schools have composting. A grant from Lowe's for \$5,000 was awarded to Dondero. Ms. Mitchell worked with all 3 schools to help with the gardens. With the help and support of local businesses and farms they have been very successful in teaching the students about growing their own produce, recycling and composting, responsibility and team work. They hope to expand this program to the middle school and high school.

## VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION
  - i. BOARD & ADMINISTRATOR, APRIL
  - ii. POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2013
  - iii. PHS HISTORY CLUB TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC
  - iv. *BILL GATES: A FAIRER WAY TO EVALUATE TEACHERS*, APRIL 4, WASHINGTON POST
  - v. *CITY TEACHERS MAY MAKE OVER \$100K*, APRIL 3, 2012 EAGLE TRIBUNE

- b. CORRESPONDENCE

- i. LETTER OF RESIGNATION, JACQUES BERIAU, RJLA

- c. DISTRICT REPORTS

- i. PRINCIPAL COLLINS, PHS Mr. Collins was excited to share that PHS spring sports are in full swing with the parking lot filled as 150 PHS students participated in a track meet, while tennis matches, and baseball games are underway.

The CLIPPER ON THE GO lunchbox provided by Food Service has been a huge success.

Craig Scott, brother of Rachel Scott, brought their story of the incident at Columbine High School to students from PHS, PMS and Rye and Greenland which had a powerful impact on the students. The membership of The Friends of Rachel Group increased tremendously. The students have begun High 5 Fridays where students High 5 each other in the hallway on Fridays, Face Book Fridays and Twitter Tuesdays where students will post positive and encouraging comments.

There are meetings scheduled to debrief parents on what the students are doing and what the parents can do to encourage positive behavior.

87% of the seniors have applied to colleges.

Percussion Ensemble will travel to Dayton Ohio for the World Championship.

- ii. DIRECTOR, CANADA, CTE, introduced her staff and told of the many successes students are having earning Medals and placing in competitions, summer job opportunities or internships, community involvement. The CTE programs are designed with the knowledge that not all students will be architects, or chefs, or run childcare centers but they will all be able to use the skills they learn in other areas as they are taught critical thinking, problem solving, and teamwork. These programs allow students to test these areas out to see if these would be of interest as a career or just a hobby.

Teachers collaborate with core programs as students need what they learn in the core programs to help them be successful in the CTE programs. They also share their successes with other classes as Mr. Johannessen has experienced in his classroom.

Bill Humphreys is working with 7 students in TV Production, in the business community, where they learn accountability and responsibility.

The Clipper News has been a great success.

- iii. FINANCIAL, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR BARTLETT

Mr. Bartlett sees the budget as pretty well on target with some areas better than last year. A lot of professional development was done in-house. Timing of weather conditions did not cause any big increase in necessary overtime pay.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

a. UPDATE ON SECURITY ASSESSMENT

Mr. McDonough reported that there were 20 recommendations made which include areas for the Police Department, some trainings and exercises, and upgrades physical facilities. First phase will look at shades, locks, doors and doing some lockdown drills. The second phase will include facility upgrades for safe haven, secure locations. In August there will be meetings and discussions with officials from EMT fire, police and schools. In September there will be trainings of lockdown procedures.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

a. DISCUSSION OF 2012-2013 SCHOOL CALENDAR ADJUSTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RSA 189-1

Mr. McDonough notified the staff that he has been in touch with the DOE for approval, based on the hours our students have been in school, to setting the last day for students as Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. He will ask for a vote at the next meeting.

b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACTS

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the Administrator Contracts by Ms. Walker  
SECOND: Mr. Shuldman  
DISCUSSION: None  
VOTE: Unanimous

c. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES (INAA) (1<sup>st</sup> READING)

MOTION: Motion made to accept by Mr. Shuldman  
SECOND: Mr. Ellis  
DISCUSSION: None  
VOTE: Unanimous approval

d. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE: ALYSSA BAILEY, LHS

MOTION: Motion made to accept by Mr. Ellis  
SECOND: Ms. Walker  
DISCUSSION: None  
VOTE: Unanimous approval

**COMMITTEE UPDATE**

e. JBC

Ms. Walker noted there will be a public hearing with the City Council on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> with a vote expected to follow for the additional money needed to complete the middle school building. JBC will do a tour of the 30's building on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

f. POLICY

Ms. Walker stated the committee is still working on the policy for students driving themselves.

**XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. WORKSHOP SESSION: SCIENCE, MAY 28, 2013
- b. PERFORMING ARTS (MUSIC/THEATRE UPDATE) FALL, 2013

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 by Ms. Chellman  
SECONDED: Mr. Schuldman  
DISCUSSION:  
VOTE: Unanimous approval

Respectfully submitted by:

