

PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES FOR MAY 14, 2013

CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2013

TIME: 7:00 [or thereafter]

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL** - LESLIE STEVENS (CHAIR), ANN WALKER, DEXTER LEGG, KENT LAPAGE, PATRICK ELLIS, MARY OLEA, MITCH SHULDMAN, ED MCDONOUGH, (SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT), OLIN JOHANNESSEN (EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE) AND ANN MAYER (SAU 50 REPRESENTATIVE)
- III. **INVOCATION**
- IV. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Chair Stevens led in the pledge of allegiance.
- V. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
 - a. APRIL 9, 2013
MOTION: Motion to accept the minutes of April 19, 2013 by Mr. Shuldman
SECOND: Ms. Walker
DISCUSSION: None
VOTE: Unanimously Approved
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – The following community members spoke regarding Ms. Aista Kazlauskas, a teacher at Dondero: Mr. Robert Yeaton – 130 FW Hartford Drive, Ms. Stephanie Lazenby – 303 McKinley Road, Mr. George Burke – 15 FW Hartford Drive, Mr. Cliff Lazenby – 303 McKinley Road, Ms. Katie Lazenby – 303 McKinley Road, Ms. Georgia Hudson – 165 Middle Road, Mr. Jason Yeaton – 130 FW Hartford Drive and Lanee and Kyrie Johnson – 18 Felds Road.
- VII. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**
- VIII. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**
 - a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION
 - i. PROPOSED MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS, 2013/2014
 - ii. BOARD & ADMINISTRATOR, MAY 2013
 - iii. SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE, MAY 2013
 - iv. PORTSMOUTH HIGH SENIOR ACTIVITIES CALENDAR, JUNE 2013
 - v. PORTSMOUTH HIGH RECOGNITION: US NEWS & WORLD REPORT SILVER
 - vi. TEACHER EFFECTIVENESS RECOMMENDATIONS: INTERIM UPDATE-Mr. Shuldman commented that the two new hires mentioned earlier had participated in the new teacher induction process, clearly indicating that the recommendations are working.
 - vii. POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES
 - viii. LITTLE HARBOUR ENVIRONMENTAL TRIP TO OSSIPEE, NH
 - ix. *THE NEW INTEREST IN BARGAINING*, NEA TODAY, OCTOBER 1994
 - b. CORRESPONDENCE
 - i. THANK YOU LETTER: TESS HALL

- ii. LETTER OF RESIGNATION: ANNE ELLIS – Board Member Ellis thanked Ms. Ellis for her dedication to the Portsmouth School District, stating that although the middle school will feel the impact of losing her as assistant principal, Kittery has gained a great principal.
- c. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS
 - i. FINANCIAL REPORT, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR BARTLETT – The salary and benefit lines show a favorable variance and will continue to shrink with the addition of coaching, extra-curricular, and teacher contract step and cola adjustments. The sub line continues to run a few points higher than last year. Benefits currently show a positive variance and non-salary and benefit operating expense lines continue to run ahead of the historically based plan in individual cost centers. Overall, the budget balances remain manageable for the rest of the year. SPED is predicted to come in on budget, as well as energy. Maintenance expenses, due to needed infrastructure repairs are predicted to be slightly over by year end. Cost Center 207 continues to track as expected.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO CHANGE 2012-13 CALENDAR

MOTION: Motion to approve changing the end of school date to Friday, June 21, 2013 by Ms. Walker

SECOND: Mr. Ellis

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

- b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF POLICY (INAA) EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES (2nd READING)

MOTION: Motion to approve Policy (INAA) Extended Learning Opportunities by Mr. Shuldman

SECOND: Mr. Ellis

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

- c. Energy RFQ – Superintendent McDonough updated the Board on the RFQ process and where the panel sits in the decision process. Board member LaPage requested that once a company is chosen, they be invited to present to the entire School Board.
- d. Board member Shuldman reported that due to scheduling conflicts, an informational meeting on concussions was not possible this school year. Due to the importance of both athletes and parents attending, Mr. Rus Wilson will work with Mr. Shuldman to arrange for all athletes to attend an event prior to the opening athletic season of the 2013/2014 school year. Community teams will also be invited to attend through the Recreation Department.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE: MS. SARAH JONES, PEEP

MOTION: Motion to approve a one year leave of absence for the 2013/2014 school year for Ms. Sarah Jones by Mr. Legg

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

- b. APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON TO FUTURES ADVISORY BOARD-Chair Stevens appointed Ms. Olea as the Board's liaison to the Futures Advisory Board. Ms. Olea accepted.

XI. COMMITTEE UPDATE

- a. JBC-Board member Legg reported that the City Council had approved the additional middle school bonding requested by unanimous vote; something rarely passed by unanimous vote. Phase II is on schedule to be completed in the fall and Phase III by the end of the year. Questions raised by Board member LaPage at a City Council meeting were then responded to by Board member Legg.
- b. POLICY-Board member Walker reminded the public that dogs are not allowed on school property by city ordinance. Although the school does not have a specific policy prohibiting dogs from school property, signs are posted by the city on all school properties. The committee also is working on revising the policy book to make it more user friendly on line.
- c. Board member LaPage updated the Board on the "Stump Dump" and encouraged other members to consider filling his seat on two committees, Career Tech and the Recreation Department, at the end of his term.

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. WORKSHOP SESSION: SCIENCE, MAY 28, 2013
- b. WORKSHOP SESSION: TECHNOLOGY STAFFING PLAN, MAY 28, 2013
- c. PORTSMOUTH HIGH NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES ACCREDITATION REPORT, JUNE 11, 2013
- d. PERFORMING ARTS (MUSIC/THEATRE UPDATE), FALL 2013

- XIII. ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. by Board member Legg. Seconded by Board member Walker. Unanimously Approved.