

PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 24, 2013

PORTSMOUTH MIDDLE MEDIA CENTER

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2013

TIME: 7:00 [or thereafter]

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL** LESLIE STEVENS (CHAIR), TOM MARTIN (VICE CHAIR), ANN WALKER, KENT LAPAGE, MITCH SHULDMAN, PATRICK ELLIS, DEXTER LEGG, ED MCDONOUGH, (SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE BARTLETT (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR), JAMES SULLIVAN (STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE), OLIN JOHANNESSEN (EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE) AND ANN MAYER (SAU 50 REPRESENTATIVE)
- III. **INVOCATION** – Former Portsmouth School District employees, Ms. Cheryl Nelson and Ms. Yvette Arno, were remembered with a moment of silence.
- IV. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chair Stevens led in the pledge of allegiance.
- V. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
- a. SEPTEMBER 10, 2013
- MOTION: Motion to accept the minutes of September 10, 2013 by Mr. Shuldman
SECOND: Mr. Ellis
DISCUSSION: None
VOTE: Unanimously Approved
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None
- VII. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**
- POWERPOINT PRESENTATION OF DISTRICT 2013 PROGRESS REPORT – Mr. McDonough shared highlights from the recently released 2013 progress report. Board members followed up with comments and questions.
- VIII. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**
- a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION
- i. MEMO RE: VENDING MACHINES - Board members requested further investigation on whether G2 is sugar free, calorie free or other beverages that could be substituted for GS, if found to have sugar and calories.
- ii. MEMO RE: CONCUSSION INFORMATION & MUSIC/DRAMA BUDGETS – Mr. Shuldman stated that Mr. Isaiah Kacyvenski, the guest invited to the concussion forum that became ill, volunteered to reschedule if the Board desired. Board members requested that Mr. Shuldman follow up with Mr. Kacyvenski and provide him with some dates that he could attend a School Board meeting at city hall and have the discussion taped to be televised on Channel 22.

- iii. ASSISTANT SYSTEMS MANAGER, ANTON BOUZAKINE
- b. CORRESPONDENCE
 - i. NH DOE MANUFACTURING WEEK
 - ii. LETTER FROM PORTSMOUTH ELKS & MAYOR SPEAR'S RESPONSE

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- a. UPDATE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AT PORTSMOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL – Assistant Superintendent Zdravec and Director Thomas Lotz shared a brief PowerPoint highlighting recent technology updates made at the Portsmouth Middle School and how the district intends to expand district wide. Mr. Zdravec shared the results from a Monkey Survey where all staff were invited to share how often they use technology, how often they request help from IT and how they felt response time rated.
- b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO ADDRESS DONDERO KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

MOTION: Motion to approve request to address kindergarten enrollment by Ms. Walker

SECOND: Mr. Ellis

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

X. NEW BUSINESS

- a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT
 - i. SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR, PHS

MOTION: Motion to approve employment of PHS substance abuse counselor, Ms. Marci Albert, by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Mr. Shuldman

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

XI. COMMITTEE UPDATE

- a. JBC – Mr. Legg provided a brief update stating that Phase II is complete and Phase III, the final phase, has begun and is on schedule to be completed for the return of students after their winter holiday break.

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. PERFORMING ARTS (MUSIC/THEATRE UPDATE), OCTOBER 22, 2013
- b. PRESENTATION OF PORTSMOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL RESULTS ON STUDENT ATTITUDES & BEHAVIOR SURVEY BY FCD EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, OCTOBER 8
- c. WORKSHOP ON PORTSMOUTH HIGH OPEN CAMPUS: NOVEMBER 26, 2013
- d. UPDATE ON SOLAR PROJECT AT PHS

- XIII. **ADJOURNMENT** - Motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. by Ms. Walker and seconded by Mr. Martin. Unanimously approved.