

**PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES FOR JANUARY 14, 2014**

CITY HALL CHAMBERS

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014

TIME: 7:00 [or thereafter]

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL** NANCY NOVELLINE-CLAYBURGH, PATRICK ELLIS, DEXTER LEGG, LESLIE STEVENS, ANN WALKER, JEFF LANDRY, LENNIE MULLANEY, TOM MARTIN, ED MCDONOUGH (SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE BARTLETT (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR) AND OLIN JOHANNESSES (EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE)

**III. INVOCATION**

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Chair Stevens led in the pledge of allegiance.

**V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

a. DECEMBER 10, 2013

MOTION: Motion to accept the minutes of December 10, 2013 by Mr. Ellis

SECOND: Tom Martin

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

MOTION: Motion to accept the minutes of January 7, 2014 by Ms. Clayburgh

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**VII. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

a. RECOGNITION OF DR. SHULDMAN'S SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL BOARD – Chair Stevens commended Dr. Shuldman for his 8 years of service, his leadership style while Board Chair and on his many contributions towards the school districts achievements through the past few years. Vice-Chair Legg spoke of Dr. Shuldman's many contributions and highlighted what he believes are Dr. Shuldman's legacies for the district: the new middle school, the way in which the Board conducts business and the hiring of Ed McDonough, who has set the "gold standard" for superintendents.

b. SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSED FY 15 BUDGET – Superintendent McDonough presented a PowerPoint highlighting the proposed FY15 budget. Board members recognized the gains made by the district throughout tough economic times and that now is the time to thoughtfully invest in the district's future. Vice – Chair Legg requested that city councilors and state representatives begin to look at the city's retirement plan. Should the state continue to run a mandated retirement fund when it is no longer contributing or should local cities have more flexibility and control?

**VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

i. BOARD & ADMINISTRATOR, JANUARY 14

ii. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

iii. NHSBA – 2014 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- iv. NESDEC ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS – Board members agreed that NESDEC statistics allow the Board to focus on education without having to focus on upcoming changes is the student population.
- v. POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR JANUARY 8, 2015
- vi. FY 15 BUDGET SCHEDULE WITH REVISED WORKSHOP START TIMES
- b. CORRESPONDENCE
- c. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS
  - i. STEVE BARTLETT, FINANCIAL – Mr. Bartlett provided a monthly financial overview. Overall, the general expenditures are 1/10 below last year, indicative of a budget created based on rolling averages. Board members followed up with comments and questions.
- d. PHS STUDENT UPDATE, JAMES SULLIVAN – Mr. Sullivan reported that the Student Council Holiday Raffle raised over \$2,000 and helped 61 families in need. The solar project at the high school continues to move forward. PSNH and utility commissions have been approved. Next step is to receive local approval.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. UPDATE ON COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS - Chair Stevens requested that Board members forward their requests to Amy Noble by the end of the week.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL REAFFIRMING EXISTING POLICIES:
  - i. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (BBA)
  - ii. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS (BBAA)
  - iii. RESPECT (BCA)
  - iv. CHAIRPERSON DUTIES (BCB)
  - v. SECRETARY – DUTIES (BCC)
  - vi. REORGANIZATION MEETING (BDA)
  - vii. VICE CHAIRPERSON DUTIES (BDB)

MOTION: Motion to reaffirm policies BBA, BBAA, BCA, BCB, BCC, BDA and BDB by Mr. Ellis

SECOND: Ms. Mullaney

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

- b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF READING TEACHER, DONDERO ELEMENTARY

MOTION: Motion to approve Ms. McCain as the new reading teacher at Dondero Elementary by Mr. Legg

SECOND: Tom Martin

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

**XI. COMMITTEE UPDATES**

- a. POLICY – Update provided in policy minutes.

- b. JBC – Vice Chair Legg reported that at December’s JBC meeting the question was asked regarding any impact that the water leak might have on mold issues. All materials were cut out quickly and Gilbane, along with city staff continually monitored moisture content to assure that all moisture was removed before dry walling began. Vice-Chair Legg reported that the city has the utmost confidence that the leak was remediated properly and that no future issues will arise. Vice Chair Legg anticipates reporting out a revised completion date at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

**XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. UPDATE ON SOLAR PROJECT AT PHS, TBD
- b. ADVANCEMENT: TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2014, 4PM

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. by Mr. Martin and seconded by Ms. Walker. Unanimously Approved.