

PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES FOR JANUARY 13, 2015

CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015

TIME: 7:00 PM [or thereafter]

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL LESLIE STEVENS (CHAIR), DEXTER LEGG (VICE CHAIR), ANN WALKER, TOM MARTIN, PATRICK ELLIS, LENNIE MULLANEY, GARY EPLER, NANCY NOVELLINE-CLAYBURGH, ED MCDONOUGH (SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE BARTLETT (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR) AND JULIE ADLER (STUDENT REP)

III. INVOCATION

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

a. DECEMBER 9, 2014 REGULAR MEETING

MOTION: Motion to accept the regular meeting minutes of December 9, 2014 by Ms. Mullaney

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT – Ms. Christina Bates, Association of Portsmouth Teachers – regarding the 2015/2016 school calendar. Ms. Angela Pont – 133 Miller Avenue regarding Smarter Balance Assessment. Councilor Zelita Morgan, 39 Richards Avenue regarding the City Master Plan, school start time and the high school/middle school Principal searches.

VII. SPECIAL PRESENTATION FY 2016 PROPOSED BUDGET –The Superintendent thanked all staff for their time, energy and thoughtfulness preparing next year’s budget. Board members followed up with the following comments and questions: Is financial support needed within the budget to implement teacher efforts surrounding the new Teacher Quality Panel? Is the request to support summer learning camps in the budget? In regards to recent on line school rankings, do the measurements used by these websites/magazines align with the district’s way of measuring success? If so, how does the district move up in ranking? Board members thanked the Superintendent for his consistent way of approaching the needs of all students within the district. By providing Board members with key budget elements and removing the minutia, improvements become the focus. Board members applauded the Superintendent’s ability to make the entire budget process simple and allow the focus to be on the important. To view the Superintendent’s FY16 Proposed Budget PowerPoint, visit <http://cityofportsmouth.com/school/FY16ProposedBudget.pdf> or simply click [HERE](#).

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

a. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

i. *BOARD & ADMINISTRATOR, DECEMBER*

- ii. SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE, JANUARY 2015
 - iii. POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR JANUARY 6, 2015
 - iv. LATER START WORKSHOP QUESTIONS
 - v. START TIMES FOR COHORT I, II AND NEW ENGLAND SUCCESS STORIES
 - vi. SCHOOL BOARD RETREAT, JANUARY 27, 2015, 4 PM
 - vii. FY16 BUDGET GUIDELINES
- b. CORRESPONDENCE
- i. LETTER TO MAYOR LISTER RE: SAGAMORE CREEK BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE – Chair Stevens appointed Ms. Lennie to represent the School Board on the Sagamore Creek Blue Ribbon Committee.
 - ii. LETTER OF RESIGNATION, JUDITH FINGERLOW, DONDERO- Superintendent McDonough congratulated Ms. Fingerlow on 39 years teaching within the Portsmouth School District.
- c. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS
- i. FINANCIAL REPORT, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR BARTLETT –Salary and benefit sections should level out after teachers receive their retro payments. Department Operating Supplies are not following historical patterns but overall are within total allotted budget. Utilities and maintenance are the biggest pressure points this year and are being monitored closely.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF POLICIES (2ND READING)
- i. (CHB) BOARD REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS
MOTION: Motion to accept policy CHB, Board of Review of Administrative Regulations, by Ms. Walker
SECOND: Mr. Ellis
DISCUSSION:
VOTE: Unanimously Approved

X. NEW BUSINESS

- a. DISCUSSION OF APT 2015/2016 SCHOOL CALENDAR DRAFTS – Superintendent McDonough presented the Board with two drafts of next year’s calendar. The first reflects teacher workshops at the beginning of the school year and the second at the end. APT will present their final choice at the first regular School Board meeting in February.
- b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF POLICIES (1ST READING)
- i. (JICD) SUSPENSION OF PUPILS
MOTION: Motion to accept first reading of JICD, Suspension of Pupils, by Mr. Ellis
SECOND: Ms. Novelline-Clayburgh

DISCUSSION: Although this policy reflects a student's rights, this procedure would not take place without a parent or guardian present.
VOTE: Unanimously Approved

(ACE, IHBA) PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS: NON-DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF HANDICAP / DISABILITY

MOTION: Motion to accept first reading of ACE, IHBA, Procedural Safeguards: Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Handicap/Disability, by Ms. Walker

SECOND: Mr. Ellis

DISCUSSION: Title of IHBA will be checked for second reading

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

ii. **(JIA) DUE PROCESS**

MOTION: Motion to accept first reading of JIA, Due Process, by Ms. Mullaney

SECOND: Ms. Novelline-Clayburgh

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

c. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF POLICIES (REAFFIRMED)**

i. **(JICDE) RESPECT**

MOTION: Motion to reaffirm policy JICDE, Respect, by Ms. Mullaney

SECOND: Ms. Novelline-Clayburgh

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

XI. COMMITTEE UPDATES

a. **POLICY**

Student Representative Adler stated that students are being asked to choose between music and certain athletic programs. In years past, coaches worked with the Music Department to minimize conflicts. Superintendent McDonough will touch base with Mr. Cirillo and Mr. Wilson.

- b. JBC – Vice Chair Legg reported that meetings between JBC Co-Chairs, Gilbane and Legal continue in hopes of finalizing documentation necessary for CHIP reimbursement from the state. The African Burial Ground Committee will be hosting its Grand Opening at the new middle school. This will be the community's first opportunity to enjoy the new courtyard and student common area. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 2015.

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- XIII. ADJOURNMENT** - Motion to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Ellis. Unanimously approved.