

**PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES FOR APRIL 14, 2015**

EILEEN FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015

TIME: 7:00 PM [or thereafter]

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL** – LESLIE STEVENS (CHAIR), DEXTER LEGG (VICE CHAIR), ANN WALKER, TOM MARTIN, PATRICK ELLIS, LENNIE MULLANEY, JEFF LANDRY, NANCY NOVELLINE-CLAYBURGH, GARY EPLER, EDWARD MCDONOUGH (SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT), OLIN JOHANNESSEN (EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE), ANN MAYER (SAU 50 REPRESENTATIVE) AND JULIA ADLER (STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE)
- III. **INVOCATION**
- IV. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Chair Stevens led the Board in the pledge of allegiance.
- V. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
  - a. MARCH 24, 2015 NON PUBLIC  
MOTION: Motion to accept the non-public meeting minutes of March 24, 2015 by Ms. Walker  
SECOND: Ms. Novelline-Clayburgh  
DISCUSSION:  
VOTE: Unanimously Approved
  - b. MARCH 24, 2015 REGULAR MEETING  
MOTION: Motion to accept the regular meeting minutes of March 24, 2015 by Ms. Novelline-Clayburgh  
SECOND: Ms. Mullaney  
DISCUSSION:  
VOTE: Unanimously Approved
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE**
- VII. **PUBLIC HEARING: DEDICATION OF PMS COMMONS IN HONOR OF PRINCIPAL JOHN STOKEL** - Mr. Peter Weeks (677 Dennett Street), John McMaster (132 Raleigh Way) and Lyndsey Bouzakine (23 Harrison Avenue)
- VIII. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**
  - a. PERFORMANCE: PHS CHOIR
  - b. RECOGNITION: PHS PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE, REGIONAL NEW ENGLAND CHAMPS (COLIN YOST, AMA CARNEY AND SETH LAMPERT)  
PHS DRAMA TEAM, NH DRAMA FESTIVAL (BEN COSTA AND CHARLIE NITSCHELM)
  - c. INTRODUCTION: PHS PRINCIPAL ELECT, BRIAN BALDIZAR
  - d. PRESENTATION: DISCOVERY TECHBOOK, PMS SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHERS-  
Over the past school year, social studies teachers Kathleen Curtin, Erin Bakkom and Jocelyn Garganta participated in a pilot program testing electronic textbooks available through Discovery. All three found the resources engaging to students and valuable in exploring history at deeper levels. Heavy textbooks do not need to be remembered or carried and students aren't responsible for an expensive textbook. A student poll also showed that every student had access to electronic

techbooks. Board members challenged the social studies department to encourage either the high school social studies teachers or science teachers at the middle school to pilot electronic textbooks next year.

## **IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

- i. POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES, MARCH 18, 2015
- ii. FY 2016 BUDGET BOOKLET AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES
- iii. NFS GAZETTE
- iv. CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP ON BUDGET, SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2015
- v. JOINT BUILDING COMMITTEE PMS OPEN HOUSE, SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015
- vi. FIELD TRIP – CULINARY PRO START COMPETITION
- vii. FIELD TRIP – LHS GRADE 5, CAMP CALUMET

### **b. CORRESPONDENCE**

- i. LETTER OF RESIGNATION, ROSEANNE VOZELLA-CLARK

### **c. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

- i. FINANCIAL, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR BARTLETT- Areas of concern remain the same as last month. FEMA officials are reviewing school department snow removal expenses, added to the city's submission for reimbursement.

## **X. OLD BUSINESS**

### **a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF 2015 END OF SCHOOL DATES**

MOTION: Motion to approve June 19<sup>th</sup> as the last day of school, with the exception of Little Harbour which will end June 18<sup>th</sup>, by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Mr. Ellis

DISCUSSION: June 18<sup>th</sup> will be a full day and June 19<sup>th</sup> will be a half day of school.

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

### **b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ALTERNATIVE APPROACH TO 2015-16 SCHOOL CALENDAR TO ACCOMMODATE LHS IMPROVEMENTS**

MOTION: Motion to extend the Little Harbour 2015-2016 school day by ten minutes and begin the school year on September 8, 2015 by Vice-Chair Legg

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION: Superintendent McDonough reported that a SurveyMonkey poll floated two options to staff and parents; reworking professional development days or extending the school day by ten minutes. 86% of responders favored extending the school day by ten minutes. The bus company will be able to support the extended day at no additional cost.

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

### **c. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF POLICIES (SECOND READING):**

#### **i. EMPLOYEE USE OF SOCIAL NETWORKING WEBSITES (GBEBD)**

MOTION: Motion to approve policy GBEBD, Employee Use of Social Networking Websites by Ms. Mullaney

SECOND: Mr. Epler

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

ii. SUSTAINABILITY (ECFE)

MOTION: Motion to approve policy ECFE, Sustainability by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Mr. Ellis

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

XI. **NEW BUSINESS**

MOTION: Motion to add agenda item Consideration and Approval of Portsmouth Middle School Principal by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

MOTION: Motion to approve Mr. Phil Davis as the Portsmouth Middle School Principal by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

MOTION: Motion to approve Mr. George Shea as the Assistant Superintendent of Schools by Mr. Legg

SECOND: Mr. Martin

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF POLICIES: (FIRST READING)

i. EARLY GRADUATION (IKFA)

MOTION: Motion to approve policy IKFA, Early Graduation by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Ms. Mullaney

DISCUSSION: Check Title and code

VOTE: Pending above changes, Unanimously Approved

ii. SCHOOL FAMILY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS (KA)

MOTION: Motion to approve policy KA, School Family and Partners by Ms. Novelline-Clayburgh

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

iii. AWARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT (IKG)

MOTION: Motion to approve policy IKG, Awards for Achievement by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Mr. Ellis

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

iv. PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM (KDA)

MOTION: Motion to approve policy KDA, Public Information Program by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Mr. Ellis

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

- c. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF HEALTH AND SEX EDUCATION EXEMPT FORM (IHAM-R)

MOTION: Motion to approve IHAM-R, Health and Sex Education Exempt form by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Mr. Ellis

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

- d. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO ELIMINATE POLICIES:

i. EXPELLED STUDENTS (JICD)

ii. SCHOOL INFORMATION, (KBC)

MOTION: Motion to eliminate policies JICD, Expelled Students and KBC, School Information by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

## XII. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. JBC- Invitation will be sent out electronically, inviting staff, city employees, committee members and the community to the Portsmouth Middle School Open House on May 16, 2015. Vice Chair Legg stated the School Board and city should be proud of the building now available to students and staff, and that Portsmouth should be proud to call it a city owned building that, due to location, should be enjoyed by many.
- b. POLICY- The Policy Committee continues to update existing policies and review new policies required by law.
- c. SAGAMORE CREEK – A second public hearing is being scheduled. School Board members discussed meeting with Mr. Wilson to decide whether the Board should formally endorse using the land for athletic fields.

XIII. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS-** School Start times, Retreat date with new administration in attendance

XIV. **ADJOURNMENT-** Motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Ellis.