

PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

LITTLE HARBOUR SCHOOL, LIBRARY

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

TIME: 7:00 PM [or thereafter]

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**- School Board Chair Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL**- Chair Leslie Stevens, Jeff Landry, Lennie Mullaney, Gary Epler, Ann Walker, Dexter Legg, Nancy Clayburgh, Patrick Ellis, Tom Martin, Employee Representative Olin Johannesen, Superintendent Stephen Zadavec, Assistant Superintendent George Shea and Business Administrator Stephen Bartlett
- III. **INVOCATION**
- IV. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chair Stevens led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
- a. SEPTEMBER 8, REGULAR MEETING
- MOTION: Motion to accept the public minutes of September 8, 2015 by Mr. Martin
SECOND: Ms. Walker
DISCUSSION:
VOTE: Unanimously approved
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- Little Harbour Teacher Molly Green thanked the Board for their dedication and support of the renovation project. In the next few months, City Council and local media will be visiting Little Harbour. The Board also thanked the teachers and recognize it was a joint effort by all involved.
- VII. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**
- a. OVERVIEW OF LHS IMPROVEMENTS, PRINCIPAL GROSSMAN
Mr. Grossman thanked the Board, Administration, Mr. Linchey, Custodial Staff and the Little Harbour (LH) Staff for their hard work. He spoke of the level of cooperation among his staff and reported it was a remarkably smooth opening. Twelve classrooms and the central area still need to be renovated. Mr. Grossman reported no issues with the extended day. Discussion followed: Improved lighting. The current system cannot handle air conditioning. Magnetic doors were not part of the renovation but could be added at a future date for an additional cost.
- VIII. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
- Superintendent Zadavec introduced Paulette Rouse, the new Executive Assistant to the Superintendent.
- a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION
- i. POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 15, 2015
- ii. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATOR, SEPTEMBER, 2015
- iii. CURRENT ENROLLMENT NUMBERS- Population and enrollment numbers were discussed. To allow for comparison, the last two school year enrollment numbers will be brought to a future meeting.
- b. CORRESPONDENCE
- i. AFRICAN BURYING GROUND COMMITTEE- Received a thank you letter
- ii. NH DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SPECIAL EDUCATION DETERMINATION LETTER- Received a determination letter for the Special Education Program

c. **ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

i. **FINANCIAL**

Mr. Bartlett explained the Year-End report. Some adjustments needed to be made. In regards to utilities, the upgrades that have been made to the schools are beginning to pay off. For the upcoming budget season, there were a lot of extra pressures for equipment replacement for the high school with equipment failures. Questions and discussions followed regarding purchasing higher quality equipment and monitoring systems and software.

IX. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF POLICIES (2nd READING):-**

i. **PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS OF STUDENTS (JLCA) –**

MOTION: Motion to accept was made by Ms. Walker

SECOND: Mr. Legg

DISCUSSION: Some discussion and clarifications were made.

VOTE: Unanimously approved

X. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF WILLIAM AND IRENE MORTIMER SCHOLARSHIP FUND #2**

Chair Stevens was asked to table this for the evening and will bring it back another night.

XI. **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

a. **POLICY** Ms. Walker shared that the committee is working on MOU for sharing information with the police. Chair Stevens advised the committee is currently reviewing policies on social media and privacy in the classroom. Mr. Ellis asked the committee to take a look at how current policies align around ethics. Many of these policies may be found in the Employee Handbook (posted online). Mrs. Clayburgh suggested updating the current transgender policy after Oyster River updates their transgender policy.

b. **LATE START-** Mr. Ellis reported the committee is meeting on 10/1, 10/15. Discussion followed.

c. **ELEMENTARY FACILITIES COMMITTEE- UPDATE-** Mr. Legg stated the committee met earlier that day and reviewed a conceptual design to address life safety, energy efficiencies and program needs. The committee would like to present the proposal to the Board in October for feedback. Discussion followed.

XII. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

a. **ELECTRONIC TEXT BOOK POLICY**

b. **LATER START**

c. **BEC COMMITTEE**

d. **SAGAMORE CREEK COMMITTEE**

XIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Made the motion to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. by Ms. Walker

SECOND: Mr. Legg

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously approved