

PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES FOR MAY 10, 2016

EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016

TIME: 7:00 PM [or thereafter]

- I. **CALL TO ORDER-** School Board Chair Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL-** Chair Leslie Stevens, Lennie Mullaney, Gary Epler, Ann Walker, Nancy Clayburgh, Patrick Ellis, Roseann Vozella Clark, Superintendent Steve Zdravec, Assistant Superintendent George Shea
- III. **INVOCATION**
- IV. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** Chair Stevens led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance
- V. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
 - a. **APRIL 12, REGULAR MEETING**

MOTION: Motion to accept the public minutes of April 12, 2016 by Mr. Epler

SECOND: Mr. Ellis

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously accepted
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT-** None
- VII. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**
 - a. **YRBS PRESENTATION-** Superintendent Zdravec introduced Wellness Coordinator Laura Burbine. Ms. Burbine works primarily at the middle school but provides outreach to the high school and elementary schools. PSD received a two year extension in the grant which funds the Wellness Coordinator and Substance Abuse positions. The grant allows continued prevention efforts for students with substance abuse. The YRBS results show some positive trends in the areas the grant was written to address.

Ms. Burbine provided highlights of the programs/ curricula that support the drug and alcohol prevention/intervention efforts taking place within the schools. Ms. Burbine explained the holistic manner which they approach prevention and intervention. Highlights were provided of the results from the YRBS.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS: Positive feedback in the holistic approach being utilized. It is a community wide issue and there is “no quick fix”. An explanation was provided on how to identify higher risk students. It was requested that to see the data from the YRBS. Questions regarding what drug abuse was reported in the high school. PBS’s Frontline program offers an informative podcast regarding Opium.
 - b. **FOOD SERVICE REPORT-** Director of School Nutrition Deb Riso gave an overview of the Food Service Program News:
 - Clippers Farm to School logo was designed by a PHS student and the van was detailed with the logo today
 - List of local food distributors

- School Nutrition Association Spring Conference
- PHS salad bar delayed opening to the fall 2016
- Results from the State Administrative Review

Farm to School Program Manager Kate Mitchell provided a progress update of the Clippers Farm to School Grant. PSD was awarded a two year \$100,000 USDA Farm to School Implementation Grant. Ms. Mitchell shared the mission statement and the objectives that must be met by December 2017. Also, she shared some of the efforts that have materialized that were not outlined in the grant. Information and notes from the Clippers Farm to School Steering Committee March meeting were provided. Upcoming Market Booth Dates: June 14, July 23 and October 1 (National Farm to School Month Celebration)

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS: There might be an opportunity for funding through the Clippers Foundation. Ms. Mitchell reported the Clipper Foundation has already funded two greenhouses. Also, possible additional funding opportunities might be available through Rotary. Volunteers will maintain the gardens during the summer months. Possibly explore additional help through garden clubs or students with Capstone Projects.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

- i. *BOARD & ADMINISTRATOR, APRIL 2016*
- ii. POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES, MAY 4
- iii. FIELD TRIP- CAMP CALUMET
- iv. BEN FRANKLIN LOAN TO THE PORTSMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
- v. PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL WATER TEST RESULTS
- vi. PHS STUDENT PERSUASIVE WRITING LETTERS
- vii. 1st IN NH STAFF SURVEY- Results will be shared at the next meeting.

b. CORRESPONDENCE

- i. ROBERT J. LISTER LETTER

c. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- i. FINANCIAL- Financial Report Narrative & Financial Report Month End April 2016 provided.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF POLICIES (SECOND READING)

i. WELLNESS- JLCF

MOTION: Motion to approve policy JLCF by Ms. Clayburgh

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION: It is a wielding policy. A clarification was provided regarding the number of representatives in the Wellness Advisory Committee.

VOTE: Unanimously accepted

X. NEW BUSINESS

a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT

- i. SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER, PMS
- ii. SCIENCE TEACHER, PMS
- iii. SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER, PMS
- iv. TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATOR, PMS

MOTION: Motion to approve by Ms. Walker

SECOND: Mr. Ellis

DISCUSSION: PSD is very lucky to have such great candidates.

VOTE: Unanimously accepted

b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MOTION: Motion to approve Leave of Absence by Mr. Ellis

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously accepted

c. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF POLICIES (REVISED)

i. FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM – EF

MOTION: Motion to approve policy EF by Mr. Ellis

SECOND: Ms. Clayburgh

DISCUSSION: Clarification provided on the revision.

VOTE: Unanimously accepted

XI. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. POLICY- Chair Stevens provided a brief update. Currently, the committee is working on the discipline policy.
- b. JBC- Superintendent Zdravec provided a brief update.
- c. BEC- BEC meets tomorrow and will provide an update at the next meeting.

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. ELECTRONIC TEXT BOOK POLICY
- b. STEM
- c. FUTURE STATE OF ARTS

Upcoming Events:

May 11- City Council Public Hearing 6:30 p.m.

May 10- Opening Reception of Power of Voice: Past, Present and Future Special Exhibit, an art exhibit by PMS students in grades 6-8, at the Seacoast African American Cultural Center

May 18- All City Spring Concert

May 19- CTE Awards Ceremony Invitation

May 26- PMS Spring Showcase

- ❖ Congratulations to the PHS Band! The PHS band travelled to Disney over April vacation and had a very successful trip. They scored silver second overall and best in their class.
- ❖ PMS travelling to Great East Competition on Friday, May 13.
- ❖ 2016-2017 School Board Proposed Meeting Dates will be added to the next agenda. A request to possibly consider moving the second November meeting date.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. by Mr. Ellis

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously accepted