

**PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 27, 2016**

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PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

TIME: 7:00 PM [or thereafter]

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**NOTICE OF TOUR:** AT 6:30 PM, PRINCIPAL GROSSMAN LED BOARD MEMBERS ON A TOUR OF LHS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - School Board Chair Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL-** Chair Leslie Stevens, Gary Epler, Jeff Landry, Vice – Chair Tom Martin, Ann Walker, Patrick Ellis, Nancy Clayburgh, Roseanne Vozella Clark, SAU 50 Representative Ann Mayer, Superintendent Stephen Zadavec, 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. **SEPTEMBER 13, REGULAR MEETING**

MOTION: Motion to accept the public minutes of September 13, 2016 by Ms. Walker

SECOND: Mr. Epler

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously approved.
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT-** None
- VII. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**
  - a. **ELEMENTARY FACILITIES**

Superintendent Zadavec introduced the two- part Elementary Facilities presentation. The District is currently in a four- year trajectory to address all of the elementary schools construction projects, with Little Harbour being the first. The first part of the presentation was an overview of the Phase II improvements completed at Little Harbour, and the second part of the presentation was the future renovations for Dondero Elementary.

Principal Charles Grossman provided an overview of the Phase II improvements made to Little Harbour this Summer. Principal Grossman thanked the Board and the community for their support. He also thanked Ken Linchey, Assistant Principal Erin Lawson, and the LH staff. Last Friday, LH had their school-wide monthly meeting on respect and gratitude. They discussed how fortunate and grateful staff and students are to have the renovated facility and how to respect the building for future generations. The new facility has had a big impact on the school culture. LH was the receipt of several private fundraising efforts. Principal Grossman thanked the Portsmouth

Rotary's contribution of \$5,000 towards the climbing wall in the gym. Also, LH raised money through the Box Tops for Education program.

Facilities Director Ken Linchey provided an overview of Dondero Elementary School's future improvements, by sharing the architectural design. Construction will hopefully begin this Spring.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Dondero Elementary- the boiler room will be reduced in size and condensing boilers will be installed. The current roof section will be replaced during this project. The phasing of the project will be dependent on the cost of the project. There is flexibility with the design to allow for future space considerations.

## VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

### a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

- i. POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016
- ii. OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP- ALEXANDRIA, NH
- iii. *BOARD & ADMINISTRATOR*, SEPTEMBER 2016
- iv. CENTRAL OFFICE UPDATE, SEPTEMBER 2016
- v. CURRENT ENROLLMENT NUMBERS
- vi. PAST TWO YEARS' ENROLLMENT NUMBERS

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: There has not been a significant change in the Free & Reduced population.

- ❖ There are three interested parties for the Teacher Representative vacancy.
- ❖ PHS Junior Andrew Rodgers is the new Student Representative.

### b. CORRESPONDENCE

- i. LETTER OF RESIGNATION, MICHAEL PROULX
- ii. THANK YOU LETTER, KATE BORELLI

### c. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- i. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE- Assistant Superintendent Shea provided an update of the professional learning opportunities offered throughout the District. Professional Development is offered in various ways: early release days, two In-Service Days (October & March), and afterschool offerings, i.e. Professional Learning Communities, Mindset for Learning, Teacher to Teacher, and ongoing technology training.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Department heads are responsible for training new teachers to use Infinite Campus (attendance, gradebooks, etc.). Teachers are still attending out-of-District Professional Development opportunities.

IX. **OLD BUSINESS-** Superintendent Zadravec will provide an update on the PHS intersection at a future meeting.

X. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF VACANT BOARD SEAT CANDIDATE**

MOTION: Motion to approve Kristin Jeffrey by Ms. Clayburgh

SECOND: Mr. Ellis

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously approved.

❖ Welcome new School Board Member Kristin Jeffrey!

b. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

MOTION: Motion to approve the leave of absence by Mr. Ellis

SECOND: Mr. Martin

DISCUSSION: The job has been posted. This is a grant funded position, and there are no concerns of losing the grant funding. Administration is working closely with Department of Health and Human Services.

VOTE: Unanimously approved.

XI. **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

a. **POLICY**

b. **BEC-** Ms. Vozella Clark reported on the latest BEC meeting. Some highlights were:

- ♦ CTC will have a new website and it will be maintained in-house by Beth Melanson.
- ♦ Socially Savvy, a marketing workshop, will be held on October 7th
- ♦ Two field trips will be offered prior to Christmas.
- ♦ Offering two new programs: LNA and Web Development- Intro to Python.
- ♦ Due to declining enrollment over the past eight years, they decided to discontinue the construction program.
- ♦ Mobile App Design Workshop for 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade girls next summer.
- ♦ The next meeting is December 7, 2016.
- ♦ Ms. Canada is scheduled to speak in depth regarding the future of the CTC program offerings. There should be a discussion of the many different pathways available for students, providing a better understanding of what the various programs have to offer.

XII. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS-** Later Start Public Forum on November 8, 2016.

XIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Mr. Epler

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously approved.