

Portsmouth School Committee Minutes

December 7, 2004

Public Session

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Twaddle, at 7:00 PM. The following members were present:

Mr. Roy Twaddle

Mr. Douglas Wilkey

Ms. Karen Gleason

Mr. Terry Kavanagh

Mrs. Terri Cortvriend

Ms. Sylvia Wedge

Mr. Duncan Ingraham

Also Present: Timothy Ryan, Colleen Jermain, Cindy Brown, Rick Updegrove, Rick Elmasian, Patti Cofield

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Twaddle reported that the meeting was a special meeting and that the Committee must open the meeting in Public Session and vote to go into Executive Session. Mr. Twaddle explained that after he appointed the Clerk at the November 23rd meeting, he learned that the appointment must be voted on by the Committee. Therefore, the

appointment will be listed on the December 14th agenda for ratification by the Committee. Mr. Twaddle also mentioned the other agenda items on the December 14th agenda.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

There was no Superintendent's Report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the minutes of the meeting held November 23, 2004, pending the clarification of the vote on Item b) Election of Vice Chairman on the Organizational Agenda. Mr. Wilkey stated that he did not vote against the motion to appoint Mr. Kavanagh to the position of Vice Chairman, as listed on the minutes. Ms. Cofield will check the tape and report back to the Committee. So voted 6-0. Mr. Ingraham abstained due to his absence from that meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

a) Approval of Requests for Permission to Home School. A motion was made by Mr. Kavanagh and seconded by Mr. Wilkey to approve the request to provide home schooling for the 2004-05 school year for student HS#18-11/04, as listed in the confidential memo dated November 15, 2004, in accordance with the provisions of R.I. Law

16-19-2. So voted 7-0.

BUSINESS AGENDA

a) Selection Process for School Attorney. Discussion took place. A motion was made by Ms. Gleason and seconded by Mr. Wilkey that the School Committee advertise and solicit bids for attorneys that may be interested in serving the Portsmouth School Committee. The motion was amended by Mr. Ingraham and seconded by Mr. Kavanagh to solicit attorneys who reside or have offices in Portsmouth. The amendment passed 6-1. Ms. Gleason voted against the amendment. The original motion including the amendment was voted on and passed 6-1. Ms. Gleason voted against the motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Kavanagh and seconded by Mr. Ingraham to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to R.I. Law 42-46-5, Exception (a)(8) Student Discipline. So voted 7-0. Ms. Gleason recused herself from the Executive Session.

Public Session recessed at 7:22 PM and resumed at 11:28 PM.

Mr. Twaddle announced that an Executive Session was held and legal action was taken in a student discipline case. A motion was made by Mr. Kavanagh and seconded by Mr. Ingraham to seal the minutes of the Executive Session. So voted 6-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Ingraham and seconded by Mr. Wilkey to adjourn the Public Session. So voted 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Cofield

Recording Secretary for

Douglas Wilkey, Clerk