

Portsmouth School Committee Minutes

November 9, 2004

Public Session

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

Mr. Ralph Cassese, Chair

Mr. Duncan Ingraham

Mr. Jack Taylor

Mr. James Seveney

Ms. Karen Gleason

Mr. Roy Twaddle

Mr. Terry Kavanagh

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was no Chairman's report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Ryan reported that the high school girls' varsity soccer team won the State Title in Division II. He also reported that the swearing-in ceremony for the new School Committee and Town Council members

is scheduled for Monday, November 22, 2004, and the next School Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 23, 2004.

A motion was made by Mr. Seveney and seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve the minutes of the meeting held October 26, 2004. So voted 4-1. Ms. Gleason voted against the motion. Mr. In-graham and Mr. Twaddle abstained from voting.

CONSENT AGENDA

a) Teacher Resignation, PMS. A motion was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Gleason to accept with deep regret the resignation of Jason M. Ryan from the position of Computer Technology Teacher at Portsmouth Middle School, effective November 26, 2004. So voted 7-0.

BUSINESS AGENDA

a) Appt. – School Nurse Teacher, PMS. A motion was made by Mr. Seveney and seconded by Mr. Taylor to affirm the Superintendent's appointment, Recommendation #1-11/9/04, to the position of School Nurse Teacher at Portsmouth Middle School for the remainder of the 2004-05 school year. So voted 6-1. Ms. Gleason voted against the motion.

b) Discussion/Action – Contract for Director of Finance and

Administration. A motion was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Seveney to approve the contract for Mrs. Brown as presented. Much discussion took place. Mr. Twaddle requested a history of Mrs. Brown's salary increases over the past several years. A motion was made by Mr. Twaddle and seconded by Mr. Ingraham to take a short break so that Mrs. Brown could gather that information. So voted. 7-0.

The meeting recessed at 8:37 PM and resumed at 8:54 PM. Mrs. Brown presented her salary history over the past six years. Discussion continued, and the motion was amended by Mr. Ingraham to base the salary on the following formula: Base pay plus advanced degree, plus longevity, compounded by CPI on the base and longevity only. Seconded by Mr. Seveney. So voted 6-1. Ms. Gleason voted again the motion.

c) Gym Project Committee Report. Ms. Gleason thanked the voters and the Gymnasium Project Committee (GPC) members for the success of the gym bond. She stated that the GPC wishes to remain in tact. She announced that the next GPC meeting would be held on November 10th, 7:00 PM, at the Administration Building.

A motion was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Seveney to adjourn the meeting. So voted 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Cofield

Recording Secretary for

Karen Gleason, Clerk