

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the Chairman, Mr. Carpender, and the following members were present:

Mr. Richard Carpender, Chair	Ms. Angela Volpicelli	Mrs. Marilyn King
Ms. Sylvia Wedge, Vice Chair	Mrs. Marge Levesque	Mrs. Cynthia Perrotti

Also Present: Dr. Lusi, Asst. Supt. Jermain, Mark Dunham, and Patti Cofield.

Absent: Mr. Michael Buddemeyer, Daniel Klemmer

1. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Mr. Carpender reported on the following:

- An Executive Session was held at 6:30 PM pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5, Sections (a)(1) and (a)(2). No motions were made, and no votes were taken. A motion to adjourn the Executive Session was made by Ms. Wedge and seconded by Mrs. Levesque. So voted. A motion to seal the minutes was made by Ms. Wedge and seconded by Mrs. Levesque. So voted.
- Attended the quarterly meeting of RIASC Chairs' meeting.
- We will have one meeting in December, on the 8th.
- Senator Levesque and Council Seveney presented an American Flag for Portsmouth High School. The flag was obtained from Senator Reed's office and was flown at the Capitol.

2. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- H1N1 – Attendance rates are back to normal. The first clinic went very well.
- Saturday, December 12th – Clinic for students who attend school out of state.
- Congratulated Chris King, PHS Senior, who signed a letter of intent to play baseball at Coastal Carolina.
- Attended a session put on by RISSA regarding Providence's new criterion based hiring system with Mr. Dunham.
- Met last week with Janet McCarthy, the new school liaison with Naval Station Newport to discuss the role. She will attend a future meeting to explain her role to the Committee.

a) **Teaching and Learning:** No report.

b) **Finance and Operations:**

- Settling in to new role.
- Have been working on the audit, which is due December 31. Working to resolve one issue.
- Working on getting the budget into the software we have. The representative from the software company is coming in next week.

- Met with East Bay business managers and talked about bidding an East Bay transportation contract. In discussion phases.
- On July 1, 2010, Portsmouth is scheduled to join the state transportation contract for out-of-district busing of special education and private school students.
- Met with First Student, Chartwells, The Trust, several vendors, and colleagues.

c) High School Liaison: Absent.

3. SPOTLIGHT

- a) **Melville School's Feinstein Program, "I Can Make a Difference."** A motion was made by Ms. Wedge to commend Melville School for their participation in the Feinstein Program, "I Can Make a Difference." Seconded by Mrs. Levesque. So voted 6-0. Dr. Olson and Mrs. Takacs gave a Powerpoint presentation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the meeting held November 10, 2009. So voted 4-0-2. Mrs. Levesque and Ms. Volpicelli abstained due to their absence from that meeting.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Approval of Requests for Permission to Home School.** The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, "that the Committee approves the requests to provide home schooling for the 2009-10 school year for student HS#22-11/09, as listed in the confidential memo dated November 12, 2009, in accordance with the provisions of R.I. Law 16-19-2."
- b) **Request for Leave of Absence.** The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, "that the Committee approves the leave of absence request in accordance with the backup."

A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and seconded by Mrs. Levesque to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. So voted 6-0.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

7. **BUSINESS AGENDA**

- a) **Portsmouth High School Report on the Graduating Class of 2009 and Related Data.** Mr. Littlefield and Mr. Monahan gave a Powerpoint presentation on the Statistics of the Graduating Class of 2009. A copy of the presentation was distributed.
- b) **Educational Benefits Study.** A motion was made by Ms. Wedge to authorize the contribution of \$5,000 for the purpose of conducting an Educational Benefits Study, which will analyze the impact of the regionalization of Portsmouth, Middletown, and Newport School Departments, contingent upon the contribution of the other School Committees and Town Councils of Middletown, Newport, and Portsmouth, in the same amount of \$5,000. Seconded by Mrs. Levesque. Mr. Carpender explained that the RIPEC study shows the economic indicators, problems, and benefits of regionalization, but nothing about the educational benefits. The goal is to send out an RFP at the end of January with responses due in February, and a final report done by the end of June. So voted 6-0.
- c) **Student Enrollment Report.** Dr. Lusi reported on the official October 1st enrollment, and copies of the report were available for the public.

8. **SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA**

- a) **Facilities.** No report.
- b) **Finance.** Mr. Carpender reported that a Finance Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 30th, at 4:00 PM at the Town Hall.
- c) **Health and Wellness.** No Report.
- d) **Policy.** No Report.

A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and seconded by Mrs. Levesque to adjourn the meeting. So voted 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Patti Cofield
Recording Secretary for:

Mrs. Marjorie Levesque, Clerk