

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM by the Chairman, Mr. Carpender, and the following members were present:

Mr. Richard Carpender, Chair	Mrs. Marge Levesque, Clerk	Mrs. Marilyn King
Ms. Sylvia Wedge, V. Chair	Mr. Michael Buddemeyer	Mrs. Cynthia Perrotti

Also Present: Dr. Lusi, Colleen Jermain, Patti Cofield

Absent: Mrs. Angela Volpicelli, Mr. Mark Dunham, Daniel Klemmer (High School Liaison)

A motion was made by Mrs. Levesque and was seconded by Mrs. King to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to R.I. Law 42-46-5, Exceptions (a)(1) Job Performance/Personnel Matters; (a)(2) Collective Bargaining and/or Litigation. So voted 6-0.

The Public Session recessed at 6:45 PM and resumed at 7:05 PM.

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

- An Executive Session was held prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Mrs. Levesque and was seconded by Mrs. King to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to R.I. Law 42-46-5, Exceptions (a)(1) and (a)(2). So voted 6-0. No motions were made, and no votes were taken. A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Wedge and was seconded by Mrs. Levesque. So voted 6-0. A motion to seal the minutes of the Executive Session was made by Ms. Wedge and was seconded by Mrs. Levesque. So voted 6-0.

2. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Lusi reported the following:

- Mr. Dunham was called away on personal business this evening.
- Announced the agenda changes—withdrawing the transportation and food service bid awards. We are waiting for additional information/review on both items from RIDE. The Agency is understandably occupied with RTTT, which seems to be slowing some of our other work.
- Had meeting of Aquidneck Island Group last Monday. Heard from Superintendents of Bristol/Warren and Exeter-West Greenwich.
- Had the first meeting of the Transition Advisory Committee last night. Dr. Lusi explained the composition and charge and the focus of the agenda. All work will be uploaded to the School Department's website. The goal is to have placement of the majority of students finalized by June 4th.
- The PMS play, Romeo and Winifred, will be performed this Thursday and Friday night, and Saturday afternoon.

- a) Teaching and Learning: Assistant Superintendent Jermain reported the following:
- Professional Development is on-going in preparation for next year in math, literacy, and science.
 - Science NECAP is going on this week and next.
 - Mrs. Jermain attended several Race To The Top Steering Committee meetings. The meetings were very informative and positive. A lot of work has been done addressing issues and concerns from unions, teachers, community, etc. She attended a meeting this morning to review final drafts of the Memorandum of Understanding for the districts and to provide clarifying points for districts.
 - The State Student Information Systems Commission is almost ready to make a recommendation to the Commissioner regarding how to move forward. The recommendation will be forthcoming in June. They are currently working on a draft. Our school system is going to hold off on purchasing or implementing a new Student Information System until we get better direction regarding implications that Race To The Top and the State's Strategic Plan will have. Over the next year, our district will have to consider what type of Student Information System we need. We have been using SchoolMax for the past six years.
 - Kathleen (Mickey) Beebe, a PHS chemistry teacher, is very excited to attend the training on Systems Thinking at the Babson Conference Center. Our district would like to send more than one teacher. Our Senior Project Coordinator is also interested in attending. Mr. Buddemeyer has helped us with accommodations.
 - The last Dana session in math for this year will be held tomorrow. For next year, we are submitting two grant applications – one in math and one in science. We formed a consortium with six other districts in making the science application.
- b) Finance and Operations: No report.
- c) High School Liaison: Absent.

3. SPOTLIGHT

- a) **Portsmouth School Department Technology Training Participants.** A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and was seconded by Mrs. Levesque to commend the following clerical and teaching staff for their participation in technology training classes. So voted 6-0.

Sharon Allan – Microsoft Excel 2007

Anne Burns – Microsoft Word 2007

Margaret Ferreira – Microsoft Excel 2007 and Microsoft Word 2007

Patricia Wentzel – Microsoft Excel 2007 and Microsoft Word 2007

Jackie Katz – Microsoft Excel 2007 and Microsoft Word 2007

Patricia Massarotti – Microsoft Excel 2007 and Microsoft Word 2007

Janet Marshall – Microsoft Excel 2007 and Microsoft Word 2007

Elizabeth Patterson – Microsoft Excel 2007 and Microsoft Word 2007
Donna Garcia – Microsoft Excel 2007 and Microsoft Word 2007
Kerry Vye – Microsoft Excel 2007 and Microsoft Word 2007
Judy Krupa – Microsoft Excel 2007 and Microsoft Word 2007
Patricia Cofield – Microsoft Excel 2007 and Microsoft Word 2007
Jeanne Geary – Microsoft Excel 2007 and Microsoft Word 2007
Donna Lunney – Microsoft Excel 2007 and Microsoft Word 2007
Michelle Medeiros – Microsoft Excel 2007 and Microsoft Word 2007
Cathy Nash – Microsoft Excel 2007 and Microsoft Word 2007
Kimberly Colicci – Microsoft Excel 2007 and Microsoft Word 2007
Lori Sklarski – Microsoft Excel 2007 and Microsoft Word 2007

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and was seconded by Mrs. Levesque to approve the minutes of the meeting held April 27, 2010. So voted 5-0-1. Ms. Wedge abstained.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) **Request for Leave of Absence.** The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, "that the Committee approves the request for Family and Medical Leave in accordance with the backup information." Ms. Wedge made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Mrs. Levesque. So voted 6-0.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

7. **BUSINESS AGENDA**

- a) **Request for Donation to PHS Post Prom Party.** A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and was seconded by Mrs. Levesque to donate \$1,000 to the PHS Post Prom Party. So voted 5-1. Mrs. Perrotti was opposed.
- b) **NECAP Presentation.** Assistant Superintendent Jermain gave a PowerPoint presentation on the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) scores and cohorts. NECAP is a consortium of New England states. The assessments are aligned to our grade level expectations and grade span expectations. By the year 2014, every student must be Proficient or Proficient With Distinction on the assessments. Most districts have local assessment tools besides the NECAP.
- c) **Bid Award - Transportation Contract.** The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, "that the Committee awards the contract for transportation services as presented." This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

- d) **Bid Award – Food Service Contract.** The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, “that the Committee awards the contract for food service as presented.” This item was withdrawn from the agenda.
- e) **Teacher Displacements.** A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and was seconded by Mrs. Levesque to eliminate the positions of Teachers 37 and 38 on June 22, 2010, or the last day of the 2009-10 school year. The specific reason for this recommendation is due to the uncertainty of Federal, State, and local funds in support of the School Department’s 2010-11 budget, as well as declining enrollment. As a result, Teachers 37 and 38 will be displaced and will need to attend the June Job Fair. So voted 6-0.
- f) **Discussion/Action - Race To The Top (RTTT) Memorandum of Understanding.** Dr. Lusi stated that Rhode Island was not successful in the first RTTT attempt. If Rhode Island wins on our second attempt, our state will receive \$75 million over a period of 4 years to build systems of support for educators and students. Nearly all of the initiatives of RTTT are part of Rhode Island’s Strategic Plan at the state level. In the scope of work, under LEA benefits, the asterisked items are things that we are going to be legally required to do, with or without RTTT. If we are partners in RTTT, and the state is successful, we will receive at least some funding. The amount we would receive is not huge because it is allocated across the districts according to Title 1 distributions. Portsmouth’s estimate is \$197,478, assuming 100 percent participation in the state. RIDE has emphasized that participating in RTTT will impose no additional costs on school districts. Half of the \$75 million will be used at the state level, and the other half will go to local districts. Dr. Lusi recommended that the School Committee supports the MOU. She also recommended it to our NEA union; however, it is not clear as to whether or not they will support this proposal. Mr. Carpender stated that some of this is going to be required of us; and if we are a participating district, there will be no cost. However, if we are not, we will have to pay for it. Dr. Lusi stated that the MOUs are due back to RIDE on May 14th. She will be talking with the Union further over the next couple of days. Ms. Wedge made a motion to fully endorse the RTTT Memorandum of Understanding. Seconded by Mrs. Levesque. So voted 6-0.
- g) **Approval of March Financials.** A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and was seconded by Mrs. Levesque to approve the March financials. So voted 6-0.
- h) **Budget Transfers.** A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and was seconded by Mrs. Levesque to approve the budget transfers in accordance with the backup information provided. So voted 6-0.
- i) **Report on April Financials.** The April financials were distributed, and a vote will be taken at the next meeting.

8. **SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA**

- a) **Facilities.** Mr. Buddemeyer stated that the presentation to the Town Council will take place tomorrow night at 7:00 PM.
- b) **Finance.** Mr. Buddemeyer stated that the budget meeting with the Town Council is tentatively scheduled for June 2nd.
- c) **Health and Wellness.** No report.
- d) **Policy.** No report.

A motion was made by Mrs. Levesque and was seconded by Mrs. King to adjourn the meeting. So voted 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Patti Cofield
Recording Secretary for:

Mrs. Marjorie Levesque, Clerk