

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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 (6:45 PM)	Mrs. Cynthia Perrotti

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

Absent: Ms. Angela Volpicelli and Daniel Klemmer

A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and was seconded by Mrs. Levesque 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 5-0.

The Public Session recessed at 6:01 PM and resumed at 7:00 PM.

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

- An Executive Session was held prior to this meeting pursuant to R.I. Law 42-46-5, Exceptions (a)(1) Job Performance/Personnel Matters; (a)(2) Collective Bargaining and/or Litigation. Ms. Wedge made the motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Seconded by Mrs. Levesque. So voted 5-0. No motions were made, and no votes were taken. A motion to seal the minutes was made by Ms. Wedge and was seconded by Mrs. Levesque. So voted 6-0.
- The budget workshop scheduled for June 10th has been postponed until June 14th, 6:00 PM, at PHS Library.
- The Parents Group that has filed the appeal for the closing of Elmhurst filed a motion with Superior Court yesterday asking for a temporary restraining order to stop the closing of Elmhurst. The hearing was heard by Judge Nugent, who denied the motion on all counts.

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

- All elementary school assignments to Melville and Hathaway were released this past Friday. A dedicated voicemail box and email box were established for all inquiries. A total of 29 inquiries have been received, and some were administrative requests such as name change, etc. Dr. Lusi thanked the Transition Advisory Committee and Central Office Staff for their assistance, as well as the elementary school principals and office staff, and the IT staff.
- Dr. Lusi read an email Mr. Littlefield sent out on his listserv this morning regarding high school science teacher and department head, Jeffrey Schoonover, who received a Presidential Award for the Teaching of Mathematics and Science.

- Consent Agenda Item f) is being removed from the agenda. Dr. Lusi asked Mr. Lunney not to bring forward any coaching appointments for next year until we have a clearer picture of our budget.
 - The rescissions on the Consent Agenda are for teachers who were displaced, not laid off. Dr. Lusi is trying to recall teachers on layoff before the year ends, so that they don't have to apply for unemployment, given our budget uncertainty.
- a) Teaching and Learning: Assistant Superintendent Jermain reported on the following:
- Continuing to look at local assessment data on our students and where students are being placed as far as groupings for next year.
 - Attended the chorus and band concerts at Portsmouth Middle School. Mrs. Jermain thanked the music teachers: Mr. Barclay deTolley, Mrs. Phillips, and Mr. Price.
- b) Finance and Operations: No report.
- c) High School Liaison: Andrew Kelly filled in for Daniel Klemmer and reported on the following:
- Boys Tennis won the State Championships in Division III and set a record for most state championships in one year in PHS History.
 - Monday, June 13th, are Senior Awards
 - Wednesday, June 16th, is the Senior Prom at Rose Cliff and then the Post Prom Party at the Elks Club.
 - Saturday, June 19th, is Senior Graduation at 4:00 PM.

3. SPOTLIGHT

- a) **James Madison Fellowship.** A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and was seconded by Mrs. Levesque to commend PHS Social Studies Teacher and Department Head, Mr. James Betres, for being selected for the James Madison fellowship. So voted 6-0.

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 May 25, 2010. So voted 5-0-1. Mr. Buddemeyer abstained due to his absence from that meeting.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Appt. – Grade 4/5 House Leader/Guidance Counselor.** The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, "that the Committee affirms the Superintendent's appointment, Recommendation #1-6/8/10, to the position of Grade 4/5 House Leader/Guidance Counselor at Portsmouth Middle School, effective July 1, 2010."

- b) **Appt. – Grade 7 House Leader.** The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, "that the Committee affirms the Superintendent's appointment, Recommendation #2-6/8/10, to the position of Grade 7 House Leader at Portsmouth Middle School, effective July 1, 2010."
- c) **Appt. – Grade 8 House Leader.** The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, "that the Committee affirms the Superintendent's appointment, Recommendation #3-6/8/10, to the position of Grade 8 House Leader at Portsmouth Middle School, effective July 1, 2010."
- d) **Appt. – Department Heads, PHS.** The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, "that the School Committee approves the Department Head appointments at Portsmouth High School for the 2010-11 school year as presented."
- e) **Rescission of Teacher Displacements.** The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, "that the School Committee rescinds the teacher displacements as presented."
- f) **Coaching Appt. – PMS.** The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, "that the Committee affirms the coaching appointment at Portsmouth Middle School for the 2010-11 school year as presented." (This item was withdrawn from the agenda.)

A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and was seconded by Mrs. Levesque to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. So voted 6-0. Dr. Lusi announced the following appointments:

- a) Grade 4/5 House Leader/Guidance Counselor – Lisa Mello.
- b) Grade 7 House Leader – Christine Homen.
- c) Grade 8 House Leader – Lisa Freeman.
- d) PHS Department Heads:
 - English – Vicky Hathaway
 - Fine Arts – Meryl Moore
 - Health/Physical Ed – Michael Medeiros
 - Library/Media Services – Sarah Hunicke
 - Mathematics – Patricia McCarthy
 - Modern World Languages – Marjorie Cogar
 - Science – Jeffrey Schoonover
 - Social Studies – James Betres
 - Special Education – Peter Dugan

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1. Andrew Kelly presented the School Committee with the The Patriot Ledger, Senior Edition 2010.

2. Kathy Melvin thinks the School Department shouldn't have a role in organizing any rally regarding the budget. The General Assembly put every town and city in a very difficult situation this year. She advocated for athletic programs, music, and arts, as they are part of a balanced program. She thinks there is an obligation on the part of the School Committee to consider the impact of this economy and what it has done to the cities and towns and to look at it from every angle.

7. **BUSINESS AGENDA**

- a) **Bid Award - Transportation Contract.** A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and was seconded by Mrs. Levesque to award the contract for transportation services as presented to First Student. So voted 6-0.
- b) **Bid Award – Snow Removal Contract.** A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and was seconded by Mrs. Levesque to award the contract for snow removal as presented to Aquidneck Construction. So voted 6-0. Mr. Dunham stated that it is a 1-year extension on the contract, and the price is the same that has been in effect for the past two years.
- c) **Report on May Financials.** Mr. Dunham stated that we are still struggling with what the final 2010 allocation will be. There has been a slight improvement in the expenditure. At this point, we will finish balanced. We are anticipating a \$177,000 shortfall in state aid. We expect to be ahead of that on the expenditure side. The financials will be voted on at the next meeting.
- d) **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.

8. **SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA**

- a) **Facilities.** No report.
- b) **Finance.** Mr. Buddemeyer stated that the budget workshop will be held Monday, June 14th, 6:00 PM, at PHS Library.
- c) **Health and Wellness.** No report.
- d) **Policy.** No report.
- e) **Transition Advisory Committee (TAC).** Dr. Lusi thanked the TAC. The final meeting was held last week. They were very instrumental in advising the department and assisted with reorganizing our elementary boundaries. The TAC's work has been completed, but we will meet again in the fall to address any glitches that may occur. Students either

have or are in the process of visiting their new schools. PMS visits have already taken place. There are also opportunities for parents to visit the schools. Dr. Lusi stated that we had 29 responses to the elementary assignments. Some were administrative in nature, such as a name change. When we redrew the boundaries, there was a slight overage in Kindergarten at Hathaway, so we asked the parents if anyone wanted to volunteer to move their child to Melville. Some of the responses were to volunteer. The rest of the responses were for some students to remain at their current school. We have those requests every year, and we address them on a case by case basis. In many of these cases, the parents must agree to provide their own transportation. The transition has gone very well, but we need to stay on top of it and address people's questions and concerns. She thanked Dr. Olson for calling every family in her school that was going to be re-assigned to Hathaway.

A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and was seconded by Mrs. Levesque to adjourn the meeting. So voted 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Patti Cofield
Recording Secretary for:

Mrs. Marjorie Levesque, Clerk