

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

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

1. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**: No Report.
2. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**: Dr. Lusi stated that she would hold her remarks for the Spotlight section.
 - a) **Teaching and Learning**: No Report.
 - b) **Finance and Operations**: No Report.
 - c) **High School Liaison**: Madison Burns thanked Dr. Lusi and Mrs. Jermain for providing everything the students need in these not-so-successful times. She stated that parents, teachers, and administrators are appreciated.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and was seconded by Mrs. Levesque to approve the minutes of the meeting held October 26, 2010. So voted 7-0.
4. **SPOTLIGHT**
 - a) **Recognition of School Committee Members for their service.** Dr. Lusi profoundly thanked the three departing School Committee members and acknowledged their years of service. Mr. Carpender, Mrs. Levesque, and Mr. Buddemeyer have all contributed countless hours to our students and our district. They have attended innumerable School Committee meetings, subcommittee meetings, Town Council meetings, and school-related events, and have represented the Portsmouth School Department well in every aspect. Mr. Carpender, who is our Chair, as well as Chair of the Negotiations Subcommittee, has also served as Vice Chair and Chair of the School Committee and also Finance Subcommittee Chair during his most recent tour of duty over the past few years. She could not thank him enough for his leadership, support, clear and level-headed thinking, understanding of the School Committee's policy making role, and his courtesy in every instance. Mrs. Levesque is the School Committee's Clerk and has served as Chair of the Policy Subcommittee and also served on the Finance subcommittee and

Negotiations Subcommittee during in her time on the Committee. She has been and will remain a consistent and powerful advocate for all students and their learning needs, whether they are gifted and talented or special education, and Dr. Lusi gives her enormous thanks. Mr. Buddemeyer currently chairs both the Facilities and Finance Subcommittees and has provided strong leadership in both areas. Dr. Lusi appreciates his pragmatism, intelligence, and dedication to our students, and she looks forward to continuing to work with him in his new role as Town Councilman.

Ms. Wedge presented Mr. Carpender, Mrs. Levesque, and Mr. Buddemeyer with Town Tile plaques in recognition of their years of service to the students and staff of the Portsmouth School Department. Mr. Carpender stated that the last several years have been the most difficult. Dr. Lusi and her cabinet have been good stewards of the system, and he thanked them personally. He stated that the Committee's decisions were made with the best interest of the students at heart, and the rewards of doing so are significant. Mrs. Levesque thanked Mr. Carpender for his leadership and personal integrity. She thanked Ms. Wedge for her leadership, integrity, and sense of humor. She also thanked Mr. Buddemeyer for the work he did on the Facilities Report, for his work as the Budget Subcommittee Chair, and for the exemplary job he did. She thanked the Administration and staff for all their hard work. She wished the best of luck to the students, and she thinks most of the Town is very proud of their accomplishments. Mr. Buddemeyer thanked the voters for electing him. He stated that it was a challenge and a pleasure serving on the School Committee. The main purpose of the Committee is to provide the best education for kids, and he hopes the new Committee keeps their eye on the goal going forward.

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 2010-11 school year for student HS #25-11/10, as listed in the confidential memo dated November 3, 2010, in accordance with the provisions of R.I. Law 16-19-2."

A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and was seconded by Mrs. Levesque to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. So voted 7-0.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

7. **BUSINESS AGENDA**

- a) **2010-11 Budget Adjustments.** A motion was made by Ms. Wedge to approve the realignment of the bottom line budget allocation of \$35,957,720, as presented. Seconded by Mrs. Levesque. So voted 7-0. Mr. Dunham stated that the Town Council passed our bottom line budget at their last meeting.

- b) **Acceptance of Donation from PMS PTO.** A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and was seconded by Mrs. Levesque to accept the very generous donation from the PMS PTO for 17 Elmo projectors for PMS. So voted 7-0. Marianne Raymo, who is on the board of the PMS PTO, stated that in addition to the PMS PTO donation, they used the transition funds from the Elmhurst closure, and those that Melville and Hathaway donated for Grades 4 and 5.

8. **SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA**

- a) **Facilities.** No report.
- b) **Finance.** No report.
- c) **Health and Wellness.** No report.
- d) **Policy.** No report.

A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and was seconded by Mrs. Levesque to adjourn the meeting. So voted 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Patti Cofield
Recording Secretary for:

Mrs. Marjorie Levesque, Clerk