

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by the Chair, Mrs. Perrotti, and the following members were present:

Cynthia Perrotti, Chair; Jonathan Harris, Vice Chair; Marilyn King, Clerk; David Croston, Thomas Vadney, Angela Volpicelli, and Sylvia Wedge

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

Absent: Madison Burns

1. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**: Mrs. Perrotti reported on the following:
 - Visited PMS on Thursday, January 13th. Met with house leaders and spent time in a classroom.
2. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**: No report.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mrs. King requested that item a) be moved to the Business Agenda.

- a) **Appt. – District Technical Support Specialist.** The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, "that the Committee affirms the Superintendent's appointment, Recommendation #1-1/18/11, to the position of District Technical Support Specialist, effective January 19, 2011."
- b) **Teacher Resignation.** The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, "that the School Committee accepts the teacher resignation as presented."

A motion was made by Mr. Harris to approve Item b) on the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mrs. King. So voted 7-0. Dr. Lusi announced the resignation of Kimberly Cunningham, Math Teacher at Portsmouth High School, and thanked her for her service to the students of the Portsmouth School Department. Mrs. Perrotti also expressed her thanks.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**: Mrs. Kathy Melvin expressed her concern over the resignations of two Teachers of the Year and thinks the community deserves an explanation as to why they have chosen to resign.
5. **BUSINESS AGENDA**

Item a) from the Consent Agenda.

- a) **Appt. – District Technical Support Specialist.** A motion was made by Mr. Harris to affirm the Superintendent's appointment, Recommendation #1-1/18/11, to the position of

District Technical Support Specialist, effective January 19, 2011. Mr. Dunham stated that funds became available for this position with the closure of Elmhurst School. The money had been allocated in the operating budget for other positions that no longer exist. Seconded by Mrs. King. So voted 7-0.

Regular Business Agenda:

- a) **Approval of Policy #4111 – Selection and Appointment of School Personnel.** A motion was made by Mr. Harris to approve the proposed changes to Policy #4111, Selection and Appointment of School Personnel, as a first reading. Seconded by Mrs. King. Dr. Lusi read the policy. So voted 7-0.
- b) **Approval of Policy #8050 – Minutes of Meetings of School Committee.** A motion was made by Mr. Harris to approve the proposed changes to Policy #8050, Minutes of Meetings of School Committee, as a first reading. Seconded by Mrs. King. Mrs. Perrotti gave a summary of the policy. So voted 7-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Harris to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to R.I. Law 42-46-5, Exceptions (a)(1) Job Performance/Personnel Matters, and (a)(2) Collective Bargaining and/or Litigation. Seconded by Mrs. King. So voted 7-0.

The Public Session recessed at 6:55 PM and resumed at 9:12 PM.

Mrs. Perrotti announced that an Executive Session was held after the Public Session, and no votes were taken. A motion was made by Mr. Harris to seal the minutes of the Executive Session. Seconded by Mrs. King. So voted 7-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Harris and was seconded by Mrs. King to adjourn the meeting. So voted 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Patti Cofield
Recording Secretary for:

Marilyn King, Clerk