



Highlights from the January 10, 2012, Portsmouth School Department Committee Meeting

Chairperson Communication

Mrs. Perrotti reported out on the School Committee votes taken in closed session with regard to pending litigation. She highlighted the key accomplishments of the School Committee which included, but were not limited to, finalization of the collective bargaining agreement with NEA Portsmouth, working with the Town Council on having an approved budget for FY12, and working to address pension issue funding.

Superintendent's Communication

Trish Martins, Newport County Regional Special Education Program Executive Director, provided an overview of the role/responsibilities of the Regional program, reviewed changes made and/or being made to Federal/State Regulations and Initiatives, reviewed budgetary changes from FY11 to FY12, and highlighted area of focus for the FY12 school year.

School Committee Vice-Chair Jon Harris provided an update on the work of the Town Council's subcommittee charged with evaluating the retirement plan for employees of the Town of Portsmouth, which also includes employees of the Portsmouth School Department. The evaluation of the current pension system has been conducted by Nyhart.

Superintendent Krizic reviewed with the School Committee the plans for developing the tentative enrollment plan for FY13. Enrollment information and student course selection data will be used to generate a tentative enrollment plan. Changes to the dates of new kindergarten/first grade registration and the course selection process for 8th through 11th grade students will enable a tentative enrollment plan to be developed in accordance with budgetary timelines and all other staffing notifications required under RI law. The tentative enrollment plan will be presented for discussion at the February 14th School Committee meeting.

The dates of this year's kindergarten and new first grade students enrolling for the 2012-13 school year are January 17th through February 10th. Information has been sent out to the schools, to the local newspaper, and has been posted to the district website.

Consent Agenda Items

- A. *Approved personnel appointment for the part-time payroll technician (Marcie Williams).*
- B. *Approved request for permission to home school.*

Business Agenda

- A. *Approval of appointment of Interim Director of Instruction and Assessment (Jeffrey Schoonover).*
- B. *Presentation of information from RI State Statutes regarding the basic management principals and ethical school standards for School Committees and Superintendents (16-2-9.1) and Rhode Island Association of School Committees (RIASC) guidelines for School Committee Members was made.*
- C. *Personnel Subcommittee appointments were made: Angela Volpicelli (chair), Tom Vadney, and Marilyn King.*
- D. *Technology Subcommittee appointments were made: Tom Vadney (chair), Jon Harris, and Angela Volpicelli.*
- E. *The Alternative Revenue Subcommittee was folded into the Finance subcommittee. Members are Cynthia Perrotti (chair), Marilyn King, and Jon Harris.*

School Committee Communication

Reports were made by the Health and Wellness Committee (next meeting date announced); Negotiations Committee (update on Council 94 mediation); and Policy (update on the ongoing work being done at the subcommittee level).