

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mrs. Perrotti, at 6:30 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cynthia Perrotti, Chair; Marilyn King, Clerk; David Croston; Thomas Vadney; and Angela Volpicelli

Also Present: Dr. Krizic, Superintendent; Jeffrey Schoonover, Interim Director of Instruction and Assessment; Mark Dunham, Director of Finance and Administration; Patti Cofield, Administrative Assistant; Joseph Quinn, Little Compton Liaison

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jonathan Harris, Vice Chair; and Sylvia Wedge

A motion was made by Mr. Croston 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 5-0.

The Public Session recessed at 6:30 PM and resumed at 7:00 PM.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **RECOGNITIONS**

A. **Students**

1. **Girls' Co-Op Hockey Team – Division 1 Champions.** The Division I Girls Hockey Co-op team, representing the communities of Portsmouth, Barrington, and Mt. Hope, were recognized for their championship season. Two of the players on the Barrington Girls Hockey Co-op team from Portsmouth were Mia Hallgring and Danielle Makucevich.
2. **PMS Geography Bee Winner.** Zachary Powrie, a 7th grade Portsmouth Middle School Student, was recognized as the PMS National Geography Bee Champion. Zachary also successfully passed the written portion of the National Geography Bee process and is eligible to compete in the State Geography Bee.
3. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Mrs. Perrotti reported that Ms. Wedge was away and Mr. Harris was ill. Mrs. Perrotti thanked Dr. Lori McEwen for her service to the district as the Assistant Principal at Portsmouth High School and wished her success in her new role. Mrs. Perrotti expressed expectations of dialogue at the School Committee table.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Georgiana Murphy, President of Local 2669, spoke on behalf of Council 94. She asked the School Committee to not privatize the custodial services. Janet Marshall, Secretary of Local 2669, echoed Mrs. Murphy's comments. Custodians Bob Ibbotson and Jan Gair also urged the School Committee to not privatize custodial services.

Mr. Croston asked to respond to the public comments. Mrs. Perrotti stated that the School Committee cannot comment on public comments. Mr. Croston asked for Point of Order and said it takes precedent. Mrs. Perrotti asked the Committee members if they wanted to allow Mr. Croston to comment, and they agreed to allow it. Mr. Croston stated that he wants the monkey off the back of these individuals, and he believes there will be sufficient votes to end this. He stated that he would put forth an agenda item tomorrow.

5. **SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATION**

A. **Common Core Standards Overview.** Mr. Jeff Schoonover, Interim Director of Instruction and Assessment, and Dr. Lynn Krizic, Superintendent, provided an overview of the Common Core Standards Initiative, the PARCC assessment, and the Portsmouth School Department's implementation plan related to these two significant educational initiatives.

The Powerpoint of the presentation can be found at the following link:

<http://portsmouthpublic.novusreview.com/BlueSheet.aspx?ItemID=168&MeetingID=9>

6. **APPROVAL OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mrs. King and was seconded by Mr. Croston to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2012, meeting. So voted 4-0-1. Ms. Volpicelli abstained due to her absence from that meeting.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. **Personnel**

1. **Requests for Leave of Absence.** The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, "that the Committee approves the requests for Family and Medical Leave in accordance with the backup.
2. **Coaching Appts. – PHS.** The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, "that the Committee approves the coaching appointments at Portsmouth High School for the spring season."

A motion was made by Mrs. King and was seconded by Mr. Croston to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. So voted 5-0. Dr. Krizic announced the following coaching appointments:

Christina Collins	Assistant Coach	Girls Track
Patrick McHugh	Assistant Coach	Baseball
David Awamleh	Volunteer	Baseball
Alexander Dresser	Volunteer	Baseball
Sidney Wordell	Volunteer	Baseball

Tina Schroeder	Head Coach	Boys Tennis
Keneth Kirby	Assistant Coach	Softball
Richard Heller	Assistant Coach	Softball

8. **BUSINESS AGENDA**

- A. **Agenda Item Request – Discussion re Participation in Interlocal Trust for Health Insurance** (Requested by Mr. Harris). This item was withdrawn due to Mr. Harris' absence from the meeting.
- B. **Discussion/Approval – FY12-13 Budget Request.** A motion was made by Mrs. King and was seconded by Ms. Volpicelli to approve the FY12-13 budget request. Mr. Dunham reviewed the details and described the line-by-line budget proposal. Highlights of the budget include the following: Proposed 2012-2013 Operating Budget in the amount of \$37,747,237; budget submitted is currently balanced with no further reductions required, pending Town Council and General Assembly action; represents an increase of 1.57%, or \$582,378 from the 2011-2012 Operating Budget; absorbs a \$383,000 loss of State Aid to Education; includes \$75,000 of expenditure items previously allocated to the technology warrant, thereby reducing the technology warrant request from \$350,000 to \$275,000; does not include any funds from the previous years' Fund Balance; based upon the 2012-2013 State Budget submitted to the General assembly by Governor Chaffee (State Aid to Education is fluid at this time and may change prior to the final budget in late June); assumes the Town Council appropriates 90% of tax revenue allowable by state law (i.e., \$1,078,799 increase or 3.67% for a new Town Appropriation of \$30,476,892); includes new curriculum, instruction and assessment initiatives. The motion to approve the budget was passed 4-1. Mr. Croston was opposed.
- C. **Budget Transfers.** A motion was made by Mrs. King and was seconded by Ms. Volpicelli to approve the budget transfers as presented. So voted 5-0.
- D. **Discussion – Finalize Legislative Agenda.** Mr. Vadney submitted a proposed legislative agenda. The Committee discussed the agenda and identified various legislative items to add to it. A special meeting will be scheduled for the Committee to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of certain aspects of pending legislation with the Portsmouth Legislators.

9. **SUBCOMMITTEE COMMUNICATION**

- A. **Facilities:** Mr. Croston stated that a meeting will take place on Thursday, March 15, 2012, with Studio JAED at RIDE, and he will report back at the next meeting. Dr. Krizic stated that the meeting is part of the requirement for the approval process.

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- B. **Finance:** Mrs. Perrotti stated that a subcommittee meeting was held last night to finalize the budget request.
- C. **Health and Wellness:** The Health and Wellness Committee met on Tuesday, March 13th. The committee was appreciative of the School Committee's approval of the new Health and Wellness and Allergy policies. Data collected from each of the schools will be discussed at the next meeting.
- D. **Negotiations:** No report.
- E. **Policy:** No report.
- F. **Technology:** The Technology Committee is still seeking at least one additional member with a strong background in application licensing. Applications of interest should be sent to Patti Cofield at cofieldp@portsmouthschoolsri.org

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mrs. King and was seconded by Ms. Volpicelli to adjourn the meeting. So voted 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Patti Cofield
Recording Secretary for:

Marilyn King, Clerk