

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chair, Mr. Harris, at 6:00 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Harris, Vice Chair; Angela Volpicelli, Clerk; Michael Daly; and Thomas Vadney

Also Present: Dr. Krizic, Superintendent; Jeffrey Schoonover, Interim Director of Instruction and Assessment; John Souza, Interim Director of Finance and Administration; and Patti Cofield, Administrative Assistant

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marilyn King, Chair; David Croston; and Sylvia Wedge

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** No Report

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mrs. Melvin requested that Consent Agenda Items D, E, F, and H be moved to the Business Agenda for discussion purposes. A motion was made by Mr. Vadney and was seconded by Ms. Volpicelli to move Items D, E, F, and H from the Consent Agenda to the Business Agenda. So voted 4-0.

4. **SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATION**

A. July Financial Report: Interim Director of Finance and Administration John Souza reviewed the July 2012 Financial Report. He shared that the monthly financial report in the first month of the fiscal year does not reflect any significant trends.

B. Energy Improvements at PMS: Mr. Souza shared some information regarding an energy improvement plan at Portsmouth Middle School. Specifically, a lighting replacement project could immediately improve the quality of classroom lighting and yield energy savings over time. There are initial capital costs associated with the project which could be financed over a 2-year period. Mr. Souza will gather additional information for the School Committee with a recommendation to come forth at a future meeting.

5. **APPROVAL OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

A. July 18, 2012: A motion was made by Ms. Volpicelli and was seconded by Mr. Vadney to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2012, meeting. So voted 4-0.

B. August 1, 2012: This item was tabled due to the lack of a quorum present to approve the minutes of that meeting.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Teacher Resignation – Suzette Almeida, Modern World Languages, PHS

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- B. Teacher Resignation – Meghan Healy, .4 Art, PMS
- C. Custodian Resignation – David Homen, PMS
- D. Appointment – .5 Title 1 Literacy and Math Interventionist, Hathaway
- E. Appointment – .5 Title 1 Literacy and Math Interventionist, Hathaway
- F. Appointment – .5 Title 1 Literacy and Math Interventionist, Hathaway
- G. Appointment – .5 Kindergarten Teacher, Melville
- H. Appointment – .4 Math Literacy Coach, Melville
- I. Appointment – .4 Business Teacher, PHS
- J. Appointment – ELA Curriculum Coordinator, PMS
- K. Appointment – Grade 4/5 Guidance Counselor, PMS
- L. Appointment – Grade 6 House Leader, PMS
- M. Appointment – Grade 6 Math Teacher, PMS
- N. Appointment – Clerk B, PMS
- O. Appointment – Part-Time Clerk, PMS
- P. Appointment – Part-Time Clerk, PMS
- Q. Approval of Requests to Provide Home Schooling

A motion was made by Ms. Volpicelli and was seconded by Mr. Vadney to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items D, E, F, and H. So voted 4-0.

Mrs. Melvin inquired about the literacy positions. Dr. Krizic explained that Items D, E, and F are being funded with Title 1 funds, and Item H is being funded with local funds.

A motion was made by Ms. Volpicelli and was seconded by Mr. Daly to approve Items D, E, F, and H. So voted 4-0.

Dr. Krizic announced the appointments:

- Meredith Forster, Mary Jane Staples, and Nancy Dugan (.5 Title 1 Teachers at Hathaway)
- Ashley DEllena (.5 Kindergarten Teacher at Melville)
- Eva Silver (.4 Math Coach at Melville)
- Joanne Matisewski (.4 Business Teacher at PHS)
- Denise Dvorak (ELA Curriculum Coordinator at PMS)
- Nelia Almeida (4th/5th Grade Guidance Counselor at PMS)

- Michelle Michno (Grade 6 House Leader at PMS)
- Morgan Curtis (Grade 6 Math Teacher at PMS)
- Courtney Kellogg (Clerk B), Daniela Abuisi (Part-time Clerk), and Eileen Echevarria (Part-time Clerk) at PMS

7. **BUSINESS AGENDA**

A. Approve First Reading of Identified Policies:

8000 School Committee – School Department Governance (New)
8005 Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards of School Committee Members
8010 School Committee Elections (New)
8015 Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest (New)
8025 School Committee Member Professional Development (New)
8030 Video and Audio Recording of School Committee Meetings
8050 Minutes of Meetings of School Committee
6205 Title 1 Programs (New)
1400 Parental Involvement (New)

A motion was made by Ms. Volpicelli and was seconded by Mr. Vadney to approve the identified policies as first readings. So voted 4-0.

Mr. Fitzmorris stated that he has questions about several of the policies. It was agreed to move forward with second readings and adoption of Policies 6205 and 1400 at the next School Committee meeting in order to be in compliance. The remaining policies will be presented at a September meeting for further discussion, second reading, and adoption.

- B. Approve Tuition Rate for the 2012-13 School Year: A motion was made by Ms. Volpicelli and was seconded by Mr. Daly to approve the tuition rate for the 2012-13 school year. So voted 4-0.
- C. Agenda Item Request – Discussion re Grade 3 Scheduling (Requested by Mr. Daly): The literacy/math block schedule for elementary grades was discussed. Dr. Krizic provided an overview of the rationale affecting the allocation of staff, use of fiscal resources, and best practices demonstrated in schools implementing Professional Learning Community practices.
- D. Authorize Purchase of Technology Equipment (Requested by Mr. Daly): Mr. Daly stated that in light of the technology presentation to be given at the next School Committee meeting, he recommended that the Committee approved the expenditure of \$60,000 for items identified by Administration as necessary to support instruction. Mr. Harris agreed. A motion was made by Ms. Volpicelli and was seconded by Mr. Daly to authorize the technology equipment purchase of \$60,000. So voted 4-0.

8. **SUBCOMMITTEE COMMUNICATION**

- A. Facilities: No report.
- B. Finance: No report.
- C. Health and Wellness: No report.
- D. Negotiations: Mr. Harris stated that arbitration continues with Council 94, and he outlined the timeline for the arbitration process.
- E. Personnel: No report.
- F. Policy: Absent.
- G. Portsmouth Joint Subcommittee on Fiscal Health: Mr. Harris reported that a meeting with the Town Council will be arranged within the next few weeks.
- H. Technology: No report.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ms. Volpicelli and was seconded by Mr. Vadney to adjourn the meeting. So voted 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Patti Cofield
Recording Secretary for:

Angela Volpicelli, Clerk