

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mrs. King, at 7:05 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marilyn King, Chair; Jon Harris, Vice Chair; David Croston; Thomas Vadney; Sylvia Wedge; and Michael Daly (7:57 PM)

Also Present: Jeffrey Schoonover, Interim Director of Instruction and Assessment; John Souza, Interim Director of Finance and Administration; Patti Cofield, Administrative Assistant; Joseph Quinn, Little Compton Liaison

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Krizic, Superintendent; and Angela Volpicelli, Clerk

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mr. Croston requested a moment of silence in memory of Michael J. Crowley, Jr., Chairman of the Middletown School Committee.
2. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Mrs. King shared that she attended Staff Orientation on Monday and was impressed with the teacher grants given by the Portsmouth Public Education Foundation as well as the presentations given by teachers and administrators. She also enjoyed the performance by members of the PHS Chorus.

Mrs. King announced that Dr. Krizic and Ms. Volpicelli were absent from the meeting due to illness.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mr. Croston spoke about Open Meetings relative to the August 14, 2012, meeting being postponed to August 20, 2012, and the modifications to that agenda.

Mr. Quinn, Little Compton Liaison, referred to the Insider Magazine that contained an article about Portsmouth Middle School. He also commended the Portsmouth Little League Challenger Division team for being invited to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, PA. Portsmouth was one of only two challenger teams invited to attend.

4. **SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATION**

- A. Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI) Presentation. Joe Gleason and Brent Ouellette of Envision Technology Advisors, LLC, gave a presentation on the use and benefits of Virtual Desktop Infrastructure.

5. **APPROVAL OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

- A. August 1, 2012: A motion was made by Mr. Daly and was seconded by Mr. Vadney to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2012, meeting. So voted 4-0-2. Mr. Harris and Ms. Wedge abstained due to their absence from that meeting.
- B. August 20, 2012: This item was withdrawn from the agenda due to the lack of a quorum of members present at the August 20, 2012, meeting.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Croston requested to move Item F to the business agenda. Seconded by Ms. Wedge. So voted 6-0.

A. Teacher Resignation – Joan Mouradjian, Library Media Specialist, Hathaway

B. Appointment – .6 Robotics Teacher, PMS

C. Appointment – Grade 4 Teacher, PMS

D. Appointment – Library Media Specialist, Hathaway

E. Approval of Requests to Provide Home Schooling

F. Approve Second Reading and Adoption of Identified Policies:

6205 Title 1 Programs (New)

1400 Parental Involvement (New)

A motion was made by Mr. Harris and was seconded by Ms. Wedge to approve Consent Agenda Items A-E. So voted 6-0.

Mr. Schoonover announced the following appointments:

B. Kristen Pacheco, .6 Robotics Teacher, PMS

C. Julia Rouse, Grade 4 Teacher, PMS

D. Jillian Waugh, Library Media Specialist, Hathaway

7. **BUSINESS AGENDA**

Item F was removed from the Consent Agenda by Mr. Croston.

F. Approve Second Reading and Adoption of Identified Policies:

6205 Title 1 Programs (New)

1400 Parental Involvement (New)

Mr. Croston thinks that the wording could be broader relative to the “Superintendent or designee,” but he stated that he would approve the policies as written. A motion was made by Mr. Harris and was seconded by Mr. Daly to approve as a second reading and adopt Policies 6205 and 1400. So voted 6-0.

- A. Agenda Item Request – Review of Procurement Practices for Large Ticket Computer Purchases (Requested by Mr. Croston). Discussion took place regarding procurement practices for large ticket computer purchases. Mr. Croston suggested that the Technology Subcommittee takes a closer look at these purchases.
- B. Agenda Item Request – Review/Discussion of Construction at Administration Building (Requested by Mr. Croston). Discussion regarding the recent renovation to the Finance Office at the Administration Building took place. Mr. Souza described the renovation, and Mr. Davidson confirmed that a Building Permit was received.
- C. Agenda Item Request – Discussion of Changes to the Length of Primary School Recess (Requested by Mr. Croston). Mr. Croston withdrew this item because he learned that there was no reduction in recess time.
- D. Agenda Item Request – Discussion re Increase in Budget Surplus, Projected Deficit Erased, OPEB and Pension Liabilities (Requested by Mr. Harris). Mr. Harris reviewed the Timeline of Portsmouth Schools’ Financial Picture from June 2010-August 2012.
- E. Agenda Item Request – Approve up to \$3,500 for Actuarial Costs to Recalculate COLAs under New Plan Design (Requested by Mr. Harris). A motion was made by Mr. Daly and was seconded by Ms. Wedge to approve up to \$3,500 for actuarial costs to recalculate COLAs under the new plan design. So voted 5-1. Mr. Croston was opposed.

8. **SUBCOMMITTEE COMMUNICATION**

- A. Facilities: No report.
- B. Finance: No report.
- C. Health and Wellness: No report.
- D. Negotiations: No report.
- E. Personnel: No report.
- F. Policy: No report.
- G. Portsmouth Joint Subcommittee on Fiscal Health: No report.
- H. Technology: No report.

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9. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Harris and was seconded by Mr. Daly to adjourn the meeting. So voted 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Patti Cofield
Recording Secretary for:

Angela Volpicelli, Clerk