

School Committee Meeting  
September 11, 2012  
Public Session

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mrs. King, at 6:32 PM.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Marilyn King, Chair; Jon Harris, Vice Chair; Angela Volpicelli, Clerk; David Croston; Thomas Vadney; Sylvia Wedge, and Michael Daly (7:02 PM)

Also Present: Jeffrey Schoonover, Interim Director of Instruction and Assessment; Patti Cofield, Administrative Assistant; and John Souza, Interim Director of Finance and Administration (7:00 PM)

A motion was made by Mr. Harris and was seconded by Ms. Volpicelli 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. So voted 6-0

Public Session recessed at 6:32 PM and resumed at 7:00 PM.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** A moment of silence was held in memory of David White, son of Diana White; and the victims of September 11<sup>th</sup>.
2. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Mrs. King reported that an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting, and no votes were taken. A motion was made by Mr. Harris and was seconded by Ms. Volpicelli to seal the minutes of the Executive Session. So voted 6-0.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mr. Allan Shers spoke to the Committee about the importance of looking at outside sources of revenue. He also spoke about our school facilities and commended Mr. Davidson for doing well with the dollars he has.
4. **SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATION**
  - A. August Financial Report: Mr. Souza informed the Committee that revenue has been reported as budgeted, and there is no information to suggest that revenue will be any more or less than what is budgeted. Expenditures to date are minimal and offer few trends. The budget is monitored on a regular basis, and anomalies are researched in detail. Applicable action is taken as necessary.

Dr. Krizic announced that the Friends of the PHS Arts and Athletics Complex received their first \$15,000 donation towards the field turf project at a presentation held at Friday night's varsity football game. It was the official public launching of their fundraising project.

5. **APPROVAL OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

- A. August 20, 2012: Mr. Daly thought the August 20, 2012, minutes had been approved at a prior meeting; however, there was confusion regarding the prior 3-3 vote, so the minutes were pulled from that agenda. They will be presented at the next meeting for approval.

- B. August 28, 2012: A motion was made by Mr. Harris and was seconded by Ms. Wedge to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2012, meeting. So voted 5-0-2. Ms. Volpicelli abstained due to her absence from that meeting. Mr. Daly abstained because he arrived at the meeting late.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Teacher Resignation – Diane Sheehan, .2 Art Teacher, Melville  
B. Appointment – Modern World Languages Teacher, PHS (French and Portuguese)  
C. Approval of Home School Requests

A motion was made by Mr. Harris and was seconded by Ms. Volpicelli to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. So voted 7-0.

Dr. Krizic announced the appointment of Irene de Amaral to the position of Modern World Languages Teacher at PHS.

7. **BUSINESS AGENDA**

- A. Approve Second Reading and Adoption 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

A motion was made by Mr. Harris and was seconded by Ms. Volpicelli to approve the second reading and adoption of the identified policies. Mr. Vadney asked that the last sentence in the second to last paragraph of Policy 8030 be removed. Mr. Fitzmorris had questions about Policy 8030 relative to the Open Meetings Act. Dr. Krizic suggested having Attorney Robinson review it. Mr. Vadney made a motion to table Policy 8030. Seconded by Ms. Wedge. So voted 7-0.

Mr. Fitzmorris requested that reference to the Town Charter of Portsmouth be added to Policies 8000 and 8010. Mr. Daly made a motion to include the reference to the Town Charter. Seconded by Ms. Volpicelli. So voted 7-0.

Mr. Harris amended the original motion to include the removal of Policy 8030 and the addition of the reference to the Portsmouth Town Charter in Policies 8000 and 8010. Seconded by Ms. Volpicelli. So voted 7-0.

- B. Budget Transfers: A motion was made by Mr. Harris and was seconded by Ms. Volpicelli to approve the budget transfers as presented. So voted 7-0.

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: Mr. Vadney stated that the next meeting will be held on Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Harris and was seconded by Ms. Volpicelli to adjourn the meeting. So voted 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Patti Cofield  
Recording Secretary for:

Angela Volpicelli, Clerk