

Portsmouth School Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 23, 2012
Public Session 6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mrs. King, at 6:00 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marilyn King, Chair; Jon Harris, Vice Chair (6:05 PM); Angela Volpicelli, Clerk; David Croston; Michael Daly; Thomas Vadney; and Sylvia Wedge

Also Present: Dr. Krizic, Superintendent; Jeffrey Schoonover, Interim Director of Instruction and Assessment; Joseph Crowley, Interim Director of Finance and Administration; Patti Cofield, Administrative Assistant; and Joseph Quinn, Little Compton Liaison (6:30 PM)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

A motion was made by Mr. Croston and was seconded by Mr. Daly to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5, Exception (a)(1) Job Performance/Personnel, and (a)(2) Collective Bargaining and/or Litigation. So voted 6-0.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **RECOGNITION**

A. PHS National Merit Commended Student – Steven Elleman. The School Committee recognized high school senior Steven Elleman for being selected as a National Merit Commended Student for his performance on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/ NMSQT). Being selected as a National Merit Commended student in the 2013 competition places him amongst the top 5 percent of U.S. high school seniors in the country.

3. **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:** Mrs. King reported that an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting, and no votes were taken. Mr. Croston made a motion to seal the minutes. Seconded by Ms. Volpicelli. So voted 7-0.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

5. **SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMUNICATION**

A. PMS Literacy Symposium – Informational Item. Dr. Lynn Krizic shared information on the Portsmouth Middle School’s Literacy Symposium “Keeping It Real: Reading and Writing for Authentic Purposes and Audiences in the Middle Grades,” scheduled for Tuesday, November 6th. This symposium was developed by Portsmouth Middle School staff, some of whom will also be serving as presenters.

B. IDEA Grant: Early Intervention Service Program – Informational Update. Mr. Schoonover provided an overview of the district’s Early Intervention Program (EIS), a program for kindergarten students who are identified as needing additional literacy and math support. The EIS program is anticipated to begin in November and will have a session at

both Melville and Hathaway Schools. This is the second year of the EIS program, which is fully funded through federal grant dollars.

6. **APPROVAL OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

- A. October 9, 2012: A motion was made by Mr. Croston and was seconded by Ms. Volpicelli to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2012, meeting. So voted 5-0-2. Mr. Harris and Mr. Daly abstained due to their absence from that meeting.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Appointment – Truancy/Residency Coordinators
B. Coaching Appointments – PHS
C. Approval of Home School Requests

A motion was made by Mr. Harris and was seconded by Mr. Daly to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. So voted 7-0. Dr. Krizic announced the following appointments:

- A. Truancy/Residency Coordinators: Nicole Pascoe (Melville, Hathaway, and PMS) and Colleen Larson (PHS).

- B. Coaching Re-Appointments:

Joe Occhi	Head Coach	Boys Basketball
Slader Lyell	Assistant Coach	Boys Basketball
Joshua Petersen	Volunteer	Boys Basketball
Cybil Pacheco	Head Coach	Gymnastics
Mike Monahan	Head Coach	Ice Hockey
Travis Holmes	Assistant Coach	Ice Hockey
Shaun Horgan	Head Coach	Boys Indoor Track & Field
Jeff Rose	Head Coach	Girls Indoor Track & Field
Regina Dublin	Assistant Coach	Cheerleading

8. **BUSINESS AGENDA**

- A. Agenda Item Request – Portsmouth Youth Basketball – In-Kind Donations in Lieu of Facility Use Rental (Requested by Jeffrey Swider). Mr. Swider informed the Committee of purchases that PYB and CAL would like to make on behalf of the School Department as in-kind donations in lieu of facility rental fees. All janitorial and other fees would be paid by PYB and CAL. Conditions of the approval were set by the Facility Supervisor, Don Davidson. A motion was made by Mr. Harris to approve the request of PYB and CAL for in-kind donations in lieu of facility use rental fees. Seconded by Mr. Daly. So voted 7-0.

- B. Agenda Item Request – PHS Boys’ Lacrosse Program and Coaching (Requested by Marshall Huggins). Mr. Huggins gave a Powerpoint presentation on the history and growth of Lacrosse and his rationale for enhancing the program at PHS. Mr. Croston made a motion to authorize Mr. Huggins to fundraise in order to fund an Assistant Boys’ Lacrosse coaching position for the 2012-13 school year. Seconded by Mr. Daly. So voted 7-0.
- C. Approve Reallocation of Athletic Department Stipends and Align Coaching Stipend. Athletic Director Steven Trezvant explained the rationale for his proposal for the Boys and Girls Varsity Swim program. A motion was made by Mr. Harris to approve the reallocation of the athletic budget to fund the Boys’/Girls’ Head Swimming Coach position for the 2012-13 school year, and establish the coaching stipend rate of \$2,000.
- D. Appointment of Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Assessment – Effective FY14: A motion was made by Mr. Harris to approve the employment contract for Mr. Schoonover as Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Assessment. Seconded by Ms. Volpicelli. Dr. Krizic outlined the terms of the contract. Mr. Croston amended the motion to change the renewal of employment contract date from January 15th to March 15th in Article V, Section C. Seconded by Mr. Daly. So voted 7-0. The main motion passed 7-0.
- E. Approval of Final Version of Council 94 Contract: Mr. Harris made a motion to authorize the Chair and Superintendent to sign the executed contract between Portsmouth School Committee and Council 94, upon their signing the contract. Seconded by Ms. Volpicelli. So voted 7-0.
- F. Approval of September Financials: Mr. Crowley gave an overview of the September financial reports. He explained that additional lines were created, and fund transfers will be requested over the next few months from account to account in order to accommodate the Uniform Chart of Accounts. Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the September financial reports as presented. Seconded by Ms. Volpicelli. So voted 7-0.

9. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 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.

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G. Portsmouth Joint Subcommittee on Fiscal Health: No Report.

H. Technology: Mr. Vadney announced that a facilities tour will take place on November 7th, at 6:00 PM, at PHS. The next subcommittee meeting will be held on November 19th, at 6:00 PM at the PHS Library.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Harris and was seconded by Ms. Wedge 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