

Portsmouth School Committee
Tuesday, November 27, 2012
Public Session 7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by the Mr. Vadney at 7:00 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Croston; Thomas Vadney; Terri Cortvriend, Emily Copeland, John Wojichowski, and Andrew Kelly

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ORGANIZATIONAL AGENDA

1. **SCHOOL COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION**

- a) **Election of Chair:** Mrs. Cortvriend nominated Mr. Croston. There were no other nominations. So voted 6-0.
- b) **Election of Vice-Chair:** Mr. Kelly nominated Mrs. Cortvriend. There were no other nominations. So voted 6-0.
- c) **Election of Clerk:** Mrs. Cortvriend nominated Mr. Vadney. There were no other nominations. So voted 6-0.
- d) **Adoption of Code of Basic Management Principles and Ethical School Standards.** Mrs. Cortvriend made a motion to adopt the Code of Basic Management Principles and Ethical School Standards. Seconded by Mr. Wojichowski. So voted 6-0.
- e) **Establishment of Meeting Date and Time.** Mrs. Cortvriend made a motion to meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, unless changes need to be made. Seconded by Mr. Wojichowski. So voted 6-0.
- f) **Discussion of Appointment of Legal Counsel.** Mrs. Cortvriend made a motion to issue an RFP for legal counsel services. Seconded by Mr. Kelly. So voted 6-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Mr. Croston welcomed the members of the new School Committee and thanked the residents for electing them.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mrs. Kathy Melvin asked the Committee to consider amending the Code of Basic Management Principles and Ethical School Standards. Mr. Croston suggested

that Mrs. Melvin submits an Agenda Item Request outlining her specific concerns, which would be addressed at a future meeting.

3. **SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATION**

- A. Anti-Bullying Day of Recognition (12/12/12). A presentation was given by members of Girl Scout Troop 715 regarding the Anti-Bullying Day of Recognition. Dr. Krizic stated that the principals agreed to have a moment of silence at their schools on 12/12/12, time to be determined.
- B. PHS Student Liaison Report: Rachel Amundson reported on recent activities at Portsmouth High School.
- C. Summer School Overview: Mr. Schoonover gave an update on the summer school program at Portsmouth High School and Portsmouth Middle School.
- D. 7th Grade Math Implementation and Technology Implications: Mr. Schoonover gave a presentation on the 7th Grade Math Implementation and Technology Implications.

Dr. Krizic announced that the PHS Varsity Football semi-final game against La Salle Academy will be held on Wednesday, November 28th, at 6:00 PM, at La Salle.

4. **APPROVAL OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

- A. November 13, 2012 Meeting: A motion was made by Mr. Vadney and was seconded by Mr. Croston to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2012, meeting as presented. The vote was 2-0-4. The new members abstained. A motion was made by Mrs. Cortvriend and was seconded by Mrs. Copeland to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2012, meeting. So voted 6-0.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Mr. Vadney to move Item C to the Business Agenda. Seconded by Mrs. Cortvriend. So voted 6-0.

- A. Administrator Resignation for Retirement – Robert Ettinger, Hathaway Principal
- B. PHS Coaching Appointment
- C. PHS Course Proposals (moved to the Business Agenda)

Mrs. Cortvriend made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items A and B as presented. Seconded by Mr. Vadney. So voted 6-0.

6. **BUSINESS AGENDA**

- A. Purchase of Computers for 7th Grade Math Program. Mrs. Cortvriend made a motion to approve the purchase of computers for the 7th grade math program. Seconded by Mr. Wojichowski. Discussion took place. Mrs. Cortvriend made a motion to table this item to the December 11th meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wojichowski. So voted 6-0.
- B. Approval of October Financials: Mrs. Cortvriend made a motion to approve the October financials as presented. Seconded by Mr. Kelly. So voted 6-0.

Item C was moved from the Consent Agenda.

- C. PHS Course Proposals: Mrs. Cortvriend made a motion to approve the PHS Course Proposals. Seconded by Mr. Wojichowski. Discussion took place. Mrs. Cortvriend made a motion to table this item to the December 11th meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wojichowski. So voted 6-0.

The following meetings were scheduled for December:

1. Policy Workshop on Tuesday, December 4th, 7:00 PM
2. Strategic Workshop, Saturday, December 8th, 9:00 AM
3. Finance Workshop, Monday, December 10th, 6:00 PM
4. School Committee Meeting, December 11th, 7:00 PM

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mrs. Cortvriend and was seconded by Mr. Wojichowski to adjourn the meeting. So voted 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Patti Cofield
Recording Secretary for:

Thomas Vadney, Clerk