

Portsmouth School Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 11, 2012
7:00 PM Public Session

The meeting was called to order by the Mr. Croston at 6:00 PM.

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

Also Present: Dr. Krzic, Superintendent; Jeffrey Schoonover, Interim Director of Instruction and Assessment; Patti Cofield, Administrative Assistant; Stephen Robinson, Attorney (Executive Session); and Joseph Quinn, Little Compton Liaison (Public Session)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

A motion was made by Mrs. Cortvriend and was seconded by Mr. Wojichowski to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 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 6:00 PM and resumed at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. RECOGNITIONS

- A. National Board Certified Teachers: The Committee commended Karen Anghinetti and Nycole Noble for receiving National Board Certification.
- B. PHS Unified Volleyball Team - Division II State Champions: The Committee presented the members of the PHS Unified Volleyball Team with a proclamation for becoming the Division II State Champions.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT & SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATION

Mr. Croston reported the following:

- An Executive Session was held prior to the meeting. No votes were taken, and the minutes were sealed.
- The School Committee attended the School Committee 101 session at RIASC, as well as the Strategic Planning, Policy, and Finance Workshops during the past week.
- The formation of a search committee for the Director of Finance and Administration position will be discussed at the December 18th meeting.
- School Committee members will have the opportunity to report out during the Chairman's Report going forward.

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Mr. Vadney announced that a webinar sponsored by Google on 1:1 computing will be shown at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 17th, at 4:00 PM at the PHS Library. Following the 1-hour webinar, a Technology Subcommittee meeting will be held to debrief about the information presented in the webinar.

Mrs. Copeland would like to have a discussion at the December 18th School Committee regarding drafting a joint letter between the Portsmouth and Little Compton School Committees regarding the Sakonnet River Bridge toll. Mr. Joseph Quinn, Little Compton School Committee member, suggested the Superintendents from Portsmouth and Little Compton draft a resolution for both School Committees to adopt.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

4. **SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATION**

A. Superintendent's Weekly Update: Dr. Krizic announced that her Superintendent's Weekly Updates to the School Committee would be included on the agendas going forward. Items discussed during this portion of the Superintendent's Communication included the math sequencing changes in 9th and 10th grade beginning in the 2013-14 school year and the Van Beuren Charitable Foundation Award of \$23,500 received by the district for the purchase of computers, software, and a cart for use in the 7th grade at Portsmouth Middle School.

B. Update – Availability of Technology to Deploy 7th Grade Math Program: Mr. Schoonover gave an update on the availability of technology to deploy the 7th Grade Math Program. He shared that eighteen (18) of the laptops being replaced in December will be redeployed for use at PMS after the winter break.

5. **APPROVAL OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

A. A motion was made by Mrs. Cortvriend and was seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2012, Meeting. So voted 6-0.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Teacher Resignation – Christopher Dolos, 6th Grade Science Teacher, PMS

B. Coaching Appointments – PHS

A motion was made by Ms. Cortvriend and was seconded by Mr. Wojichowski to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. So voted 6-0. Dr. Krizic announced the following coaching appointments:

Jeremiah Klann	Assistant Coach	Ice Hockey
Michael Maggiacomo	Volunteer Coach	Ice Hockey
Matthew Juselis	Volunteer Coach	Ice Hockey

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7. **BUSINESS AGENDA**

A. Approval of PHS Course Proposals (pending availability of funds): A motion was made by Mr. Kelly and was seconded by Ms. Cortvriend to approve the PHS course proposals, pending the availability of funds. So voted 6-0.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ms. Cortvriend and was seconded by Mr. Kelly to adjourn the meeting. So voted 6-0.

Respectfully submitted:

Patti Cofield
Recording Secretary for:

Thomas Vadney, Clerk