

**PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MEETING WORKSHOP SESSION #3
MINUTES FOR JANUARY 31, 2017**

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PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2017

TIME: 6:30 P.M. [or thereafter]

- I. **CALL TO ORDER-** Board Chair Leslie Stevens called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL-** Chair Leslie Stevens, Tom Martin, Jeff Landry, Kristin Jeffrey, Ann Walker, Gary Epler, Patrick Ellis, Roseann Vozella Clark, Superintendent Stephen Zadavec, Assistant Superintendent George Shea, Business Administrator Steve Bartlett, SAU 50 Representative Ann Mayer
- III. **INVOCATION**
- IV. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** Chair Stevens led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENT-** None
- VI. **WORKSHOP SESSION ON FY 2018 BUDGET**
 - i. **MAINTENANCE: CIP, ENERGY UPGRADES-** Facilities Director Ken Linchey shared a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the following:
 - ♦ **Facilities Department:** Objectives and Goals
 - ♦ **Facilities and Custodial Department:** Staff and Responsibilities
 - ♦ **Athletic Complex:** Projects Complete and the Continuous Work in Progress
 - ♦ **Sustainability:** Recycling Statistics, Composting and Gardens, Solar Panels and Custodial Products
 - ♦ **Energy:** Little Harbour and New Franklin KWH and Total Therm Usage, New Franklin and PHS Solar Trends
 - ♦ **Capital Projects**
 - Little Harbour renovation (final stage)
 - 2016 CIP Projects: District-wide roof replacement, auditorium stage lighting upgrade, PHS security system upgrade, and elementary playground repairs.
 - Summer 2016 Completed Projects: Phase 2 of Little Harbor renovation, PHS roofs, PHS Solar Project, and varsity baseball dugout, New Franklin bus circle, RJLA parking lot, HVAC upgrades, and carpet replacement at New Franklin and PHS.
 - Upcoming Capital Improvement Projects in 2019: energy conservation and the athletic complex.

Mr. Linchey provided a line-by-line overview of his department's budget. Clarifications were provided on items such as fertilizer, water, sewer, and electricity costs.

Questions/Comments: Discussion occurred regarding the PHS Solar Project agreement. As part of the PHS Solar Project, SunRay Solar is working on a kiosk for the high school that allows monitoring data from the installed solar panels.

Portsmouth is setting an example as a leading District in sustainability. It was suggested to add this topic to a future Board agenda to further discuss the efforts the District is making.

Maintenance at the Connie Bean is provided by the District.

The PHS Recycling Program is doing well, but composting is difficult due to the number of trash stations and the need to monitor the stations. Business Administrator Bartlett shared that he received an email from an organization that will provide recycling education. The organization will be contacting Mr. Linchey.

An update was provided on the PHS field lighting project. The project has gone out to bid 4 times, and each time the cost increases. It is likely the project will be split into two phases. Phase One will include the turf field, varsity baseball, and practice fields.

Future needs and projects were discussed such as the high school and Robert J. Lister Academy. Mr. Bartlett reported he is still working with the City regarding the interchange at the high school's entrance.

The sign at the entrance of the high school is part of a City project. Currently, there is no sign.

Chair Stevens would like to see a tree inventory completed.

Discussion ensued with regard to conducting a traffic study analyzing a better way to direct traffic at the back entrance of PHS.

The Board commented how impressive the amount of work that is accomplished by a relatively small maintenance/ custodial staff.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:55 p.m. by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Mr. Ellis

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously accepted

❖ The School Board Meeting schedule is as follows:

February 14, 2017- Regular Board Meeting – First Public Hearing

March 7, 2017- Workshop Session #5- Re-Open Public Hearing

March 14, 2017- Regular Business Meeting- Adoption of FY18 Budget