

Portland School Committee

Business Meeting – 7pm

Wednesday, January 23, 2008

Room 250
Casco Bay High School

Assuring that all students are learning for their future

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Report of the Chair

Report of the Superintendent

1. Resignations:

Kerry Champeau DHS/Social Worker Effective January 28, 2008

Report of the Secretary

1. Consideration and action to approve the meeting minutes of January 9, 2008 meeting

Moved _____ Seconded _____ Voted _____ to approve the meeting minutes of January 9, 2008.

Report of Committees

1. Policy Committee
2. Finance Committee
3. Legislative Affairs Committee
4. Elementary Facilities Committee
5. Portland Education Partnership
6. Other Committees and/or member concerns

Consent Items

1. \$550 to Lyseth Elementary School for classroom use by Pamela and Steve Amberson, Portland

Old Business - None

New Business

1. Consideration and action to authorize a site plan for the Nathan Clifford Project for State Board of Education contingent upon cost approval by City Council.

Moved _____ Seconded _____ Voted _____ to authorize a site plan for the Nathan Clifford Project for State Board of Education contingent upon cost approval by City Council.

2. Consideration and action to approve the formation of the Ocean Avenue Elementary School Site Neighborhood Boundary Ad Hoc Committee.

Moved _____ Seconded _____ Voted _____ to approve the formation of the Ocean Avenue Elementary School Site Neighborhood Boundary Ad Hoc Committee.

3. Consideration and action to authorize the hiring process to begin for the vacancies listed:

Position	FTE	Location	Annual Salary (pro-rated)	Funding Source	Rationale
Cafeteria Worker I	.25	Longfellow	\$2,353.65	Local	Over the years we have combined and reduced positions to a point where we need each position we have.

Moved _____ Seconded _____ Voted _____ to authorize the hiring process to begin for the vacancies listed.

Personnel - None

Committee Focus on Educational Issues None

Public Comment Prior to 11:00 PM on any items not on the evening's agenda

Adjournment

Moved _____ Seconded _____ Voted _____ to adjourn the meeting at _____

Upcoming School Committee Meetings – Room 250, CBHS

February 6	7pm	School Committee Business Meeting
February 13	7pm	School Committee Workshop
February 27	7pm	School Committee Business Meeting

Upcoming Finance Committee meetings – Room 321, PATHS

Jan. 23, 2008	5:30pm	Special Education
Feb. 6, 2008	5:30pm	K-5/6-8 budget staffing recommendations
Feb. 13, 2008	5:30pm	High School budget staffing recommendations
Feb. 27, 2008	5:30pm	Budget discussion

Ocean Avenue Elementary School Site Proposed Neighborhood Boundaries Ad Hoc Committee

Charge: To make a recommendation to the Portland School Committee regarding the district boundaries for the new elementary school to be built on Ocean Avenue

Make up of Committee:

Assistant Superintendent – Jill Blackwood
Multilingual Director – Grace Valenzuela
Transportation Director - Kevin Mallory
Principal – MarySue Morrison (Nathan Clifford)
School Committee Member – Sarah Thompson
Parent from Clifford School neighborhood
Parent from former Baxter School neighborhood

Working Assumptions of the Committee:

- To establish a school community that achieves a socio-economic balance in which approximately 40-50% of students qualify for the Federal Free Lunch Program
- To attempt to keep the Nathan Clifford student population together
- To disrupt as few neighborhoods as possible
- To keep other elementary schools viable and sustainable
- To make all decisions with regard to best educational practices and programs

Completion of the work: no later than February 28, 2008

First Meeting: Jan. 31, 5:00-7:30 PM at the Transportation Office Meeting Room (196 Allen Avenue, just off the PATHS main driveway)