

Portland School Committee

Business Meeting – 7pm

Wednesday, January 9, 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:** Nathan Ghiglieri Social Studies/PHS
2. School nutrition program price increases:

<u>Current lunch prices</u>		<u>New lunch prices, effective February 1, 2008</u>	
Paying students K-12	\$1.75	Paying students K-5	\$2.00
Adults	\$3.50	Paying students 6-12	\$2.25
		Adults	\$4.00
		Ala Cart items	As applicable
3. New School Project update
4. Report from WBRC Architects – Michael Johanning

Report of the Secretary

1. Consideration and action to approve the meeting minutes of December 12, 2007 and December 19, 2007

Moved _____ Seconded _____ Voted _____ to approve the meeting minutes of December 12, 2007 and December 19, 2007.

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 -None

Old Business - None

New Business

1. Consideration and action to revise the sunset clause in policy IKC-R Class Rank, to 2013, which will apply to the current seventh grade class.

Motion _____ Second _____ Action _____ to revise the sunset clause in policy IKC-R Class Rank, to 2013, which will apply to the current seventh grade class.

2. Consideration and action to approve a contract agreement between the Portland School Committee and the Benefit Association of School Employees effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009. This action is pending ratification by B.A.S.E.

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3. Consideration and action to approve a contract agreement between the Portland School Committee and the Portland Education Association for Educational Technicians and Bilingual Facilitators effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2010. This action is pending ratification by the Educational Technicians and Bilingual Facilitators.

Motion _____ Second _____ Action _____ to approve a contract agreement between the Portland School Committee and the Portland Education Association for Educational Technicians and Bilingual Facilitators effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2010. This action is pending ratification by the Educational Technicians and Bilingual Facilitators.

4. Consideration and action to request the Portland Public Schools' high school administration continue research and stakeholder vetting of a new grades reporting system and to make a formal recommendation to the School Committee no later than June 2008.

Motion _____ Second _____ Action _____ to request the Portland Public Schools high school administration continue research and stakeholder vetting of a new grades reporting system and to make a formal recommendation to the School Committee no later than June 2008.

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

Position	FTE	Location	Annual Salary (pro-rated)	Funding Source	Rationale
Social Studies Teacher – Long term sub	.5	PHS	13,890.00	Local	To continue teaching 63 students scheduled in 2 sections of a mandatory (for graduation) US History class. There are 30+ students in each section.
Ed Tech III	1.0	Special Services	\$9,008.30	Local	Health Assistant needed to cover at Presumpscot, East End and Longfellow.

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

Personnel

1. Consideration and action to approve the following personnel item listed:

a. **Business Manager**

Herbert Hopkins

\$37,500(pro-rated)

Moved _____ Second _____ Action _____ to approve the personnel item listed

Committee Focus on Educational Issues

1. Co-Curricula Athletic Presentation

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

Adjournment

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

Upcoming School Committee Meetings

Jan.16, 2008 7pm School Committee workshop: School Committee Goals

Room 250, Casco Bay High School

Jan. 23, 2008 7pm School Committee Business Meeting

Room 250, CBHS

Upcoming Finance Committee meetings

Jan. 15, 2008 5:00pm Joint Finance Committee meeting, Room 209, City Hall

Jan. 16, 2008 5:30pm Budget Presentation – Operations

Room 321, PATHS

Jan. 23, 2008 5:30pm Next steps with budget

Jan. 30, 2008 5:30pm Budget discussions

Room 321, PATHS

CLASS RANKINGS

For the purpose of comparative rating of students for educational and job opportunity, as well as determining honor students and awards, the principal or guidance staff of each high school may set up a program of class ranking of students. One program may be based on grade averages and may be weighted to compensate for honor courses, advanced courses, and other courses taken ahead of the usual time. Other computations may be kept to compare a student's work to others in a class or in a department. Confidential records shall be kept of these standings. A student's class standing shall not be released to any outside organization without the student's and/or his/her parent's written permission, but a student shall be told his/her class standing without undue delay.

Note: At the September 6 2006 School Committee meeting - It was voted 7-1 to rescind policy IKC and refer back to the Policy Committee asking for a report to the School Committee on Oct. 20th and if the School Committee agrees with the report will proceed with the process of adopting a policy to include public input. Current policy would remain in place for the class of 2007.

~~This policy is reinstated as of October 18, 2006 for classes graduating through 2011.~~

This policy is reinstated as of January 9, 2008 for classes graduating through 2012.

Adopted: November 28, 1984

Revised: August 26, 1992; October 18, 2006,