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Owners Hannah D'Angelo, left, Michael Tammik and Brianna Bavaro are excited about their new 3 Point Bar and Grille on Lafayette Road in Portsmouth. DEB CRAM/SEACOASTONLINE

3 Point Bar and Grille a dream for this team

Jane Murphy
Special to Seacoastonline

PORTSMOUTH — If you like rooting for the hometown team, you're going to feel right at home at 3 Point Bar and Grille.

Three homegrown Portsmouth natives are the owners of the new restaurant at 3612 Lafayette Road (Route 1), in the former home of Gibb's Garage Bar and Grille.

Brianna Bavaro, Hannah D'Angelo and Mike Tammik all worked at Gibb's for years, and have hired back much of that team. Fourteen of their 18 employees worked at Gibb's. They offered everyone who was on the Gibb's staff a job at their new restaurant.

"We decided to open the restaurant because of the team. We are a big, happy family," said Bavaro. "And for our community. We have so many regulars. We survive on the regulars."

Tammik, who's worked in the local restaurant industry for 18 years, said, "Many of our regular customers were as torn up as we were" when Gibb's Garage closed at the end of June.

"You get close with people," Bavaro said, giving the example of one regular customer who shared her breast cancer diagnosis with them, and how others shared the births of a grandchild. "It's more than just serving food and drinks."

Idea for 3 Point Bar and Grille was born at the beach

They said after the news of Gibb's closing got around, regular customers were texting and calling them, and forwarding job offers. "The community helped many of the staff find jobs," D'Angelo said.

On the day after Gibb's closed, the staff did what many of us do when we find ourselves at a crossroads. "We went to the beach for the day," Tammik said.

On that Rye beach, they said, they were still shocked. All three have two kids each to support. They just looked at each other, asking "What are we going to do?"

That's the day the 3 Point Bar and Grille was born.

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ROCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Fulgoni named superintendent with multi-year contract

Karen Dandurant
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ROCHESTER — The city School Board announced at its Nov. 13 meeting interim Superintendent Jared Fulgoni has been hired for the job. His new contract runs until the end of the 2028-2029 school year.

Fulgoni had been hired as the interim leader in June, coming to Rochester from MSAD63 School District in Holden, Maine. He began there as an interim superintendent, too, a job that expanded to three years. He was hired as the interim superintendent in June, replacing Annie Azarloza.

Fulgoni did not return requests for an interview for this story.

Fulgoni's contract runs from Dec. 1, 2025 to June 30, 2029 with an annual salary of \$170,000, the same as his predecessor, plus 5% toward a retirement plan. His contract also calls for 25 paid vacation days and 15 paid holidays per year, health insurance and other benefits.



Fulgoni

School Board chair explains hiring process after criticism

The board voted to approve hiring Fulgoni, but one board member went on record as opposing the process.

"I want to note, for the record, that I fully support Jared, but I don't like how we did the process," said Shauni McGowan.

Many residents have questioned why the current School Board was hiring a new superintendent, feeling it was a responsibility that should have gone to the incoming School Board, which will take office in January, following the city's Nov. 4 election. The majority of the 13-member board will be made up of new members after the election winners are sworn into office.

Current School Board Chair Shane Downs, who did not seek reelection, addressed the hiring process after Fulgoni's contract was approved.

"SAU 54 partnered New England School Development Council," Downs said. "They provided consultants. We had an 11-member screening committee composed of members of the Rochester School Department, School Board members, and community stakeholders."

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Seacoast Students of the Week shine in their schools

Staff Report
Portsmouth Herald

Principals, teachers and guidance counselors from Portsmouth High School, Spaulding High School, Exeter High School, Dover High School and Oyster River High School nominated the following Seacoast Students of the Week for Nov. 17:

Seacoast Students of the Week reflect a broad range of achievements in their schools and communities. It is our pleasure to introduce you to these outstanding students, and we look forward to sharing the stories of so many more of our wonderful students in the weeks ahead.

All Seacoast-area public high schools have been invited to highlight their students' achievements each week.

Here are the Seacoast Students of the Week for Nov.

17, as described by the school leaders who nominated them:

Neely Cullinane, senior, Portsmouth High School



Cullinane

We are thrilled to celebrate senior Neely Cullinane as our Portsmouth High School Student of the Week! Neely is the kind of student who genuinely gives her 110% every single day, even when things are tough. Her positive attitude and caring nature light up every room she enters, and she consistently makes sure her classmates feel supported.

Neely is a standout second-year student in the Careers in Education Program. She approaches classwork with enthusiasm, actively contributes to peer

discussions, and works incredibly hard. Her passion for the field truly shines when she's working with the preschool children. She is a true team player who gets along with everyone and is always willing to lend a helping hand.

Beyond the classroom, Neely served as the Field Hockey JV Manager this fall, demonstrating her dedication to the team. She is known for being a powerful cheerleader for everyone— whether in her classes or on the field. Her remarkable kindness and deep empathy are evident daily; she is always checking in with others, offering comfort or a hug when needed, and often letting people know she's thinking of them and wishing them happiness. Neely's caring spirit is truly a pleasure to have at PHS! Thanks, Neely, for making PHS a better place.

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