SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

8/27/2008 7:00 PM Little Harbour Elementary Board Room

School Board Members Present: Dr. Mitchell Shulldman (Chair), Mr. Brendan Ristaino (Vice Chair), Ms. Rebecca Emerson, Ms. Ann Walker, Mr. Dexter Legg, Ms. Lisa Sweet, Ms. Leslie Stevens, Ms. Sheri Ham Garrity.

School Board Members Absent: Mr. Kent LaPage

Staff Present: Dr. Robert J. Lister, (Superintendent of Schools), Mr. Stephen Zadravec (Assistant Superintendent), Mr. Stephen Bartlett, (Business Administrator) and Ms. Ann Mayer (SAU50 Representative).

I. Call to Order
Dr. Mitchell Shulldman called the work session to order at 7:00 PM.

II. Introduction
Chair Shulldman stated the purpose of the work session was to begin a dialogue about the upcoming Superintendent of Schools search.

III. Presentations
Two presentations were made to the School Board regarding the search process for a Superintendent of Schools.

1. New Hampshire School Board Association (NHSBA) presented materials including an agenda for discussion and a suggested timeline. Dr. Paul Dominico was the presenter.

2. New England School Development Council (NESDEC) from Marlborough, Massachusetts presented an agenda and suggested timeline. Dr. Ken DiBenedictis and Mr. Art Bettencourt, Assistant Director of NESDEC, were the presenters.

After each presentation, School Board members asked questions and the board chair explained to the representatives that the board would be making a decision in the near future.

IV. Portsmouth School District Hiring Practice
Dr. Lister presented a description of administrative hiring practices of Portsmouth, which has been used in previous searches, as another option for the board’s consideration.

VIII. Adjournment
At 8:32 p.m., Dr. Mitchell Shulldman adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:

Dr. Robert J. Lister
Superintendent of Schools