I. CALL TO ORDER – Vice Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL –

Present: ANN WALKER (VICE CHAIR), LESLIE STEVENS, KENT LAPAGE, REBECCA EMERSON, TOM MARTIN, CAROL CHELLMAN, ED MCDONOUGH, (SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT), STEPHEN BARTLETT (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR), ANN MAYER (SAU 50 REPRESENTATIVE) AND SAVANNAH FODERO (STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE)

Absent: MITCH SHULDMAN (CHAIR), DEXTER LEGG AND LINDA BRIOLAT (EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE)

III. INVOCATION

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

a. JULY 13, 2010

MOTION: Motion to accept the minutes of July 13, 2010 by Mr. LaPage
SECOND: Ms. Emerson
DISCUSSION:
VOTE: Unanimously approved

b. JULY 27, 2010

MOTION: Motion to accept the minutes of July 27, 2010 by Ms. Stevens
SECOND: Ms. Emerson
DISCUSSION:
VOTE: Unanimously approved

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

i. BOARD & ADMINISTRATOR, AUGUST 2010

ii. SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE, AUGUST 2010 – Superintendent McDonough highlighted a survey recently given to all teachers. The results showed that 94% of Portsmouth’s teachers feel invested in PLC work and believe that the District is heading in the right direction.

iii. NOTIFICATION OF RESIGNATION

1. SUSAN MACNICOLL – COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATOR, PHS

iv. NOTIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT

1. AMANDA HODGDON, FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE, PMS

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2. ANN O'CONNELL - GRADE 3, DONDERO
3. LISA SWEET – GRADE 6, PMS
4. REBECCA TUTTLE – KIDS PROGRAM, PMS
5. HEIDI WHITE – GRADE 2, LITTLE HARBOUR - The Superintendent hired these staff members pursuant to School Board authorization on June 22, 2010. Staff is deemed hired upon notice to the School Board on August 24, 2010.

v. DRAFT OF PROPOSED SCHOOL BOARD GOALS

vi. DRAFT OF ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT – Mr. McDonough presented a draft of the District’s progress report for 2009-2010. The final draft will be viewable on-line by September 1, 2010.

vii. DRAFT OF COMPARATIVE METRICS – Mr. McDonough shared data intended to identify a peer cohort group.

b. CORRESPONDENCE

i. THANK YOU NOTE, JILL LEMAY
ii. DETERMINATION PORTSMOUTH MEETS FEDERAL SPECIAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS, NH DEPT OF EDUCATION
iii. PARKING AT PORTSMOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL, COMMUNITY MEMBER
iv. MS. SWEET RESIGNATION

MOTION: Motion to accept with heartfelt gratitude by Mr. LaPage
SECOND: Ms. Stevens
DISCUSSION:
VOTE: Unanimously approved

c. DISTRICT REPORTS

i. FINANCIAL REPORT – STEVE BARTLETT – Mr. Bartlett provided an update to Board members regarding funds that will be used to purchase technology equipment and software throughout the district, as well as purchasing a new exchange server.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING POLICIES (2nd Reading):

i. (JH) ATTENDANCE POLICY
ii. (JICH) DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE BY STUDENTS
iii. (JICL) RESPONSIBLE NETWORK, COMPUTER INTERNET USE

MOTION: Motion to accept the above policies by Ms. Chellman
SECOND: Mr. Martin
DISCUSSION:
VOTE: Unanimously approved

b. UPDATE ON TECHNOLOGY PURCHASES

c. UPDATE FY 2010 SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET – Mr. Bartlett, working with Ms. Wensley, Director of Student Services, presented a budget variance experienced at the end of the year. Fewer Out of District placements than expected were realized. Mr. LaPage requested an update on out-of-district placements later in the school year.

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IX. NEW BUSINESS

a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF .5 FTE READING SPECIALIST AT LITTLE HARBOUR SCHOOL

MOTION: Motion to approve .5 FTE Reading Specialist at LHS by Mr. Martin
SECOND: Ms. Stevens
DISCUSSION:
VOTE: Unanimously approved

b. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED GOALS FOR 2010-2011 YEAR – Due to Board members being absent, discussion on Proposed goals for 2010-2011 will be discussed at the next School Board meeting. Mr. McDonough will also provide a calendar showing the dates in which departments will be providing updates to the Board.

X. COMMITTEE UPDATES

a. JBC – City Council voted to include 45 parking spots for middle school staff members during the construction phase of the middle school. Mr. Bartlett reported that the JBC Committee continues to refine design choices for interior materials and exterior materials for the building. The high school’s new football field is still on schedule to be completed by Sept. 10th. Mr. Bartlett then read a letter from Chair Shuldman nominating Ann Walker to fill the vacated seat of Lisa Sweet on the JBC Committee. Mr. LaPage raised some concerns with information being relayed in a timely fashion from the JBC to the School Board.

b. TECHNOLOGY – The next Technology Sub Committee is scheduled for August 31, 2010. Agenda items are: understanding usage, recent survey results, where we are and where teachers would like to take technology within their classrooms in the future.

Mr. LaPage requested that new signage at Portsmouth High School be addressed by administration.

XI. ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn by Ms. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Martin at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Superintendent of Schools

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