

PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION FOR JANUARY 22, 2009

NEW FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2009

TIME: 6:00 PM [or thereafter]

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present: ANN MAYER, KENT LAPAGE, PATRICK ELLIS, MITCHELL SHULDMAN, and DR. ROBERT LISTER, STEVE BARTLETT, STEVE ZADRAVEC, ANN WALKER, LESLIE STEVENS, LISA SWEET, DEXTER LEGG.

Absent: LINDA BRIOLAT, ABIGAIL ROCKEFELLER AND REBECCA EMERSON.

I. AGENDA

1. Steve Bartlett opened by explaining the index page and net adjustments to the totals, based on settled and tentative agreements. Dr. Lister provided board members with an information package consisting of, target areas identifying \$1.5 million in possible reductions to the budget, a financial summary sheet, a copy of last years budget plan and a copy of this years school board goals.
2. Mr. LaPage stated areas he would consider making reductions in:
 - a. Move the PEEP program to the high school
 - b. Elementary SRO Officer
 - c. Sabbaticals
 - d. Summer School
 - e. Make Athletic Director Kindergarten through grade 12
 - f. Substitutes
 - g. Parking fees at the high school
 - h. Food Services
3. Ms. Garrity stated electives at Portsmouth high school vs. Virtual high school should be assessed, as well as class size at the high school.
4. Mr. Legg believes elementary schools should stay the same and Portsmouth High School electives should be reduced, keeping class size reasonable. Some reductions in athletics, music and band may be necessary as well. Dr. Shuldman raised the possibility of students paying a fee to play a sport.
5. Mr. Ellis asked if Co-Curricular activities could continue under membership fees as well.
6. Mr. Legg stated he believed the board would need to address the financial ability of each student to assure no child is left behind because of his/her inability to pay.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by:
Dr. Robert J. Lister
Superintendent of Schools

Portsmouth School Board January 22, 2009