

**PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC HEARING/WORK SESSION MINUTES 1/21/2010**

LITTLE HARBOUR ELEMENTARY

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2010

TIME: 6:30 PM [or thereafter]

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**CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Shuldman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: MITCH SHULDMAN (CHAIR), ANN WALKER (VICE CHAIR), LISA SWEET, LESLIE STEVENS, KENT LAPAGE, DEXTER LEGG, TOM MARTIN, CAROL CHELLMAN, STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT), STEPHEN BARTLETT (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR) AND LINDA BRIOLAT (EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE)

Absent: ED MCDONOUGH, (SUPERINTENDENT), REBECCA EMERSON, ANN MAYER (SAU 50 REPRESENTATIVE) AND PHILIP BOYNTON (STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE)

**I. INVOCATION -**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** –Chair Shuldman led in the pledge of allegiance.

**III. AGENDA**

PEEP, SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RJL ACADEMY SCHOOL BUDGET PRESENTATIONS – Ms. Setear, Ms. Roy and Ms. Wensley presented budget requests, budget concerns and areas of personnel concern.

Board members followed with a time of question and answer. Some questions and areas highlighted were as follows:

- RJL Academy tuition for Out of District students
- Possible relocation of the RJL Academy and challenges created with relocating
- PHS low drop out rate due to the academy
- Possible rent savings through city for PEEP building
- Possible relocation of the PEEP program and challenges created with relocating
- PEEP is only program within city limits for children needing early preparedness for kindergarten
- Medicaid reimbursement difficulties
- Cost savings of intervention specialists on staff vs. sending Out of District (i.e. Autism Spectrum Disorder Specialist)
- Change in philosophy if ASD students are bused to one location to receive instruction

Board members then gave the Superintendent guidance on areas to consider as he builds a recommended budget for the School Board to consider next meeting.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT -**

**MOTION:** Motion to adjourn by Mr. Legg

**SECOND:** Mr. LaPage

**DISCUSSION:**

**VOTE:** Unanimous at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Ed McDonough  
Superintendent of Schools