

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

LITTLE HARBOUR ELEMENTARY

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 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, REBECCA EMERSON, STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT), ED MCDONOUGH, (SUPERINTENDENT), STEPHEN BARTLETT (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR) AND LINDA BRIOLAT (EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE)

Absent: 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**

Superintendent McDonough provided a break down of the percentage of operating budget minus benefits, which clearly shows a large percentage is spent on instruction.

Mr. McDonough met with each building principal, the Technology Director, The Career Technology Director, Food Services Director and Special Education Director to ask what areas they felt could be cut without impacting instruction. Mr. McDonough then presented his recommended FY 2011 budget at 2.8%.

Board members believed that if the impact on education is clearly relayed to City Council members, the recommendations made by the Superintendent would be accepted and approved by City Council.

Board members requested that the Superintendent look at the following areas:

- Cost/student for athletics
- Cost/student per career tech class
- Number of students taking on line courses
- Number of students participating in music and band
- Number of students participating in extra curricular activities
- Set aside an amount to have consultant of existing technology plan on how to integrate technology into classrooms
- Classroom size standards
- Loss of technology advancement and the impact on learning it will have must be clearly stated

**IV. ADJOURNMENT - 8:42 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted by:



Ed McDonough  
Superintendent of Schools