

**PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES FOR MAY 4, 2010**

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TIME: 6:45PM [or thereafter]

**\*NOTICE ON NON MEETING**

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It is anticipated that the School Board will hold a Non Meeting, prior to the special meeting at 6:45 p.m., in accordance with 91 – A:2 (2) Strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining.

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present: DR. MITCHELL SHULDMAN (CHAIR), ANN WALKER (VICE CHAIR) CAROL CHELLMAN, KENT LAPAGE, DEXTER LEGG, REBECCA EMERSON, TOM MARTIN, LESLIE STEVENS, LISA SWEET, ED MCDONOUGH (SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE BARTLETT (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR), LINDA BRIOLAT (EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE), ANN MAYER (SAU 50 REPRESENTATIVE)

Absent: PHILIP BOYNTON (STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE)

**III. INVOCATION**

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

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

- i. **BUDGET WORK SESSION** – Superintendent McDonough stated that the Association of Portsmouth Teachers voted 97 to 44 in favor of opening into a conversation with administration regarding ways that the Association could possibly assist the School Board with additional cuts that may be necessary to the 2010-2011 budget.

Superintendent McDonough recapped the work that the administrative team completed in order to clearly show the impact that a 96% budget would have on Portsmouth's students.

School Board members then discussed the order in which budget increments would be shared with City Council.

Board members also discussed cuts to the impending budget vs. a more sustainable process to educate students; short term goals vs. long term goals.

Board members shared ideas they would like to explore.

Kent LaPage - Hire a full time grant writer. Hire/create building, facilities and field marketing agent. Outsource the food services program. Move the PEEP program. Eliminate the Special Services Director position and eliminate winter break.

Leslie Stevens - Would like concrete numbers on what the cost would be to move PEEP to the high school and would like to know the history of PEEP. How would curriculum at the high school be impacted with the move? Could the school department work with Art Speak in any capacity? Could teachers post "wish lists" on Infinite Campus?

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Rebecca Emerson– Technology courses offered could translate into income opportunities, Continue to allow Portsmouth teachers the opportunity to tuition their children into the district. Examine block scheduling.

Carol Chellman – Charge for athletic events and transportation. Utilize on-line courses.

Chair Shuldman – What would the legal issues be for community members that would like to contribute to an educational fund?

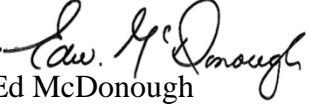
Vice Chair Walker – Adult Education, the late bus, lowering building temperatures and readjusting the high school with fewer administrators.

Ms. Sweet– Ms. Sweet stated the budget presented had three driving priorities. Even with the tightening of the budget over the past years, the district has still made strides forward. The district has implemented PLC's, developed assessments and acquired technology grants with national recognition. She encouraged the Board to think holistically and long term.

Mr. Legg – Once programs are lost, they do not return. Reduce costs by looking at administrative positions.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT** - Motion to adjourn by Mr. LaPage, seconded by Ms. Stevens at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
Ed McDonough  
Superintendent of Schools