

PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES FOR MAY 12, 2010

LOCATION: CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2010

TIME: 7:00 PM [or thereafter]

I. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chair Shuldman at 7:02 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: STEVE BARTLETT (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR) AND KENT LAPAGE

III. INVOCATION

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

V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

a. APRIL 13, 2010 REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

MOTION: Vice Chair Walker

SECOND: Mr. Martin

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

VII. SPECIAL PRESENTATION – ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL PRESENTATION FROM DONDERO – Fifth grade teachers Mr. Josh Evans, Ms. Liz Lichtenberg and Ms. Jen Dunham presented a brief history of environmental school and what happens while students are attending.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

- i. RACE TO THE TOP APPLICATION – The expectations that the state has for districts primarily align with what the Portsmouth School District is already implementing.
- ii. *BOARD AND ADMINISTRATOR*
- iii. MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS 2010-2011-Board members requested that the meeting at the Portsmouth Middle School be held during the school year.
- iv. PORTSMOUTH COMMUNITY MEMBER CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD
- v. CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN PRINCIPAL COLLINS AND NHIAA
- vi. ELEMENTARY LUNCH MENU FOR MAY
- vii. FIELD TRIP – OUTING CLUB
- viii. FIELD TRIP – ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL

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- ix. CORRESPONDENCE FROM DEPT. OF EDUCATION – PSD CHOSEN TO PARTICIPATE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION FOCUSED MONITORING PROCESS
- x. NOTIFICATION OF RESIGNATION

- 1. MS. JILL LEMAY, PRINCIPAL OF DONDERO

- b. DISTRICT REPORTS

- i. GEORGE SHEA – PRINCIPAL OF NEW FRANKLIN SCHOOL – Principal Shea provided a brief update on events happening at New Franklin School and an update on Title I, PLC's and what is in store for the end of the school year.
 - ii. JILL LEMAY – PRINCIPAL OF DONDERO ELEMENTARY- Principal LeMay provided a brief update on events happening at Dondero School and an update on PLC's and what is in store for the end of the school year. It was noted that there has been an increase in the number of students reaching bench mark over the past few years since the district implemented full day kindergarten.
 - iii. CHARLES GROSSMAN – PRINCIPAL OF LITTLE HARBOUR SCHOOL- Mr. Grossman began by announcing that Andrew Rogers, a student at Little Harbour, had a poem published in a selective magazine for children's poems. Annika Strand, another Little Harbour student, created the poster chosen for Children's Day this year. Mr. Grossman updated the Board on PLC work stating that teachers have increased their understanding in assessment and are better teaching math facts to students.
 - iv. STEVE BARTLETT – FINANCIAL UPDATE

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- a. FIRST READING OF THE FOLLOWING POLICIES:
 - i. JLF – REPORTING CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT
 - ii. IMAH – DAILY PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES
 - iii. IKF – AWARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT
 - iv. IHCA – SUMMER ACTIVITIES
 - v. IHAK – CHARACTER AND CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION
 - vi. KF – GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS - Chair Shuldman requested that when old policies are revised, the old policy be stapled to the new policy for comparison. Ms. Emerson requested to see state requirements for graduation.

X. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. POLICY COMMITTEE – The Policy Committee continues to work on policies required by law.
- b. JBC – Mr. Legg announced a successful public information session at the end of April. A formal agreement was reached with Gilbane Construction and a contract has been signed. A Clerk of the Works (Dan Hartry) has been selected. Mr. Hartry will work for the City half time and the middle school project half time until 2011 when he will join the middle school project full time. The next meeting on May 19th will showcase the JBC's phasing proposal. The School Board will need to vote on its acceptance at their meeting scheduled for May 25th. Mr. Legg encouraged all Board members to attend the May 19th meeting.
- c. FACILITIES – Mr. Martin reported that the high school turf field and the Granite Street Softball field are both on track for work to begin June 7th. The high school track will be shut down temporarily in order to build a bridge over it for protection from heavy equipment. 4,000 yards of

earth will be repurposed from the high school turf field over to the Granite Street Softball Field. Conduit for lights and future drainage will be prepared while the field has been lifted. Infrastructure will be in place for future construction.

d. WELLNESS -

XI. ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn by Ms. Sweet, seconded by Ms. Stevens and unanimously approved at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed McDonough". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E" and "M".

Ed McDonough
Superintendent of Schools