

**PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 28, 2010**

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LOCATION: PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: SEPTEMBER 28, 2010

TIME: 7:00PM [or thereafter]

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- I. CALL TO ORDER** - Chair Shuldman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- II. ROLL CALL** MITCH SHULDMAN (CHAIR), ANN WALKER (VICE CHAIR), LESLIE STEVENS, KENT LAPAGE, TOM MARTIN, CAROL CHELLMAN, CLAY HAYWARD, ED MCDONOUGH, (SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT), ANN MAYER (SAU 50 REPRESENTATIVE), LINDA BRIOLAT (EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE) AND SAVANNAH FODERO (STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE)

**III. INVOCATION**

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

**V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

- a. SEPTEMBER 14, 2010

**MOTION:** Motion to accept the minutes of September 14, 2010 by Mr. LaPage

**SECOND:** Ms. Walker

**DISCUSSION:**

**VOTE:** - Unanimous

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment was received from Mr. Patrick Ellis on single stream recycling and from Senator Martha Fuller Clark and Ms. Nancy Stiles.

- VII. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS** - Ms. Terra Merry shared a PowerPoint of a technology grant that purchased I touch technology for high school classrooms. "Returning to the Woods... This time with I Touch technology" was name of the grant submitted by Ms. Merry and Ms. Amy Krajeck. Ms. Merry also works with teachers on how to best integrate this new technology into their classrooms.

**VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

1. *Board & Administration – September*
2. October Update – Mr. McDonough will be rolling out the supervision and evaluation process at each school in the coming weeks.
3. HOUSEHOLDS WITHOUT E-MAIL ADDRESSES IN INFINITE CAMPUS
4. NHSBA RESOLUTIONS – Deadline to submit resolutions is set for mid-October. Cost shifting from state to city governments will need to be watched and monitored closely by NHSBA.
5. LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN – EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION RATES
6. LPGA
7. ARTICLE – MERGING COSTS WITH EFFECTIVE RESOURCE STRATEGIES

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b. DISTRICT REPORTS

i. FINANCIAL REPORT – STEVE BARTLETT

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. LPGA PARKING FOLLOW UP– Proceeds from this event went to high school sports.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. 2010 Budget – Superintendent McDonough framed the process/strategy for staying level funded next year, (approximately \$2.1 million). Mr. McDonough stated that it will be important to communicate what is going on in our schools. This will build a shared knowledge with the community. Communication will need to include that high performing schools/districts allocate resources to be successful.

Mr. Zadravec then facilitated a budget exercise using a protocol called “Save the Last Word for Me”. Each member read an article and chose a quote. Other Board members responded before the person related as to why they choose that particular quote.

The board then discussed some key points from the article with implications on the budget development process:

- Protecting the core
- Pay attention to change in revenue sources
- Work to meet the needs of all students
- Develop the "whole child"
- Focus on teacher quality and class size
- Identify strategic interventions
- Protect and expand teacher collaboration time
- Find extended time for students
- Focus on continuous improvement
- Identify results of decisions (i.e. the effect of full day K)

**XI. COMMITTEE UPDATES**

- a. JBC – Ms. Stevens gave a brief update on the status of the Portsmouth Middle School renovations and athletic fields.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT** - Motion to adjourn by Mr. LaPage and seconded by Ms. Stevens at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Ed McDonough  
Superintendent of Schools