

PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AGENDA FOR JANUARY 11, 2011

LOCATION: COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: JANUARY 11, 2011

TIME: 7:00PM [or thereafter]

I. CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order by Chair Shuldman at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: MITCHELL SHULDMAN (CHAIR), ANN WALKER (VICE-CHAIR), DEXTER LEGG, KENT LAPAGE, TOM MARTIN, LESLIE STEVENS, REBECCA EMERSON, CAROL CHELLMAN, CLAY HAYWARD, ED MCDONOUGH (SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASST. SUPERINTENDENT) STEVE BARTLETT, (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR), LINDA BRIOLAT (EMPLOYEE REP.), ANN MAYER (SAU 50 REP.) AND SAVANNAH FODERO (STUDENT REP.)

III. INVOCATION - Mr. LaPage requested that members take a moment to reflect on the passing of Mr. Gonzales, a past School Board member, who recently passed away.

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

V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

a. DECEMBER 14, 2010

MOTION: Motion to approve the minutes of December 14, 2010 by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Mr. Legg

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously approved

b. **PUBLIC COMMENT** –NH State Representatives Rich DiPentima, Marsha Moody and Chris Serlin addressed School Board members regarding the changes to New Hampshire State House Rule #63. School Board members were encouraged to notify parents of these changes that allow individuals to carry concealed weapons within the state house.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

a. **MAYORS BLUE RIBBON REPORT** – The Portsmouth City Council’s full presentation can be viewed on Channel 22. Mr. Bartlett summarized the report and fielded questions from School Board members. Administration is identifying actions to be taken immediately and will report back to the Board at a later date.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

a. **ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

i. HARBOUR LIGHTS, LITTLE HARBOUR ELEMENTARY

ii. PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL TROLLEY PASS PILOT PROGRAM THROUGH COAST BUS

iii. NEW ENGLAND SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT CENTER ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

iv. CITY OF PORTSMOUTH CHARTER

b. CORRESPONDENCE

- i. CITIZEN THANK YOU LETTER TO CHEF PERRIN AND CULINARY PROGRAM

c. DISTRICT REPORTS

- i. PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL, PRINCIPAL COLLINS – Principal Collins recently met with COAST representative to discuss final logistics in rolling out the new pilot program for high school students. Mr. Collins also provided a report on the high school.
- ii. CAREER TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION, DIANE CANADA – Ms. Canada provided a report on Career Technology Education.
- iii. SPECIAL EDUCATION, PAULA WENSLEY – Ms. Wensley provided an overview of the Special Education Department in the district. The Portsmouth School District was chosen by the New Hampshire Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education to take part in the Focused Monitoring Process. Portsmouth narrowed its focus to math instruction and intervention at elementary schools. All IEP sophomores in study centers will participate in a 45 min direct instruction program once a week in Mathematics or Reading/Writing (alternating weeks).
- iv. FINANCIAL, STEVE BARTLETT – Mr. Bartlett provided the monthly update on the budget, focusing on line items 207.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF IHBAA, CHILD FIND POLICY –

MOTION: Motion to approve School Board Policy IHBAA, Child Find Policy by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Roll Call, Unanimously approved

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- a. SCHOOL BOARD RETREAT DATE

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. POLICY- The committee continues working on an updated Facility Use policy.
- b. JBC – Bids are now being received and a public forum with abutters will soon be scheduled. Granite Street Field has been buttoned up for winter and will be completed in the spring.
- c. TECHNOLOGY – The committee continues to have company discussions on finalizing a proposal to look at what a cloud computing model would look like within the city.

- XI. ADJOURNMENT** - Motion to adjourn by Mr. Legg Dexter at 9:14 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Martin. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by:



Ed McDonough
Superintendent of Schools

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