

(Approved by the School Board on September 12, 2006.)

**Portsmouth School Board
Portsmouth, New Hampshire**

Minutes of the August 17, 2006 Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Portsmouth School Board was held on Thursday, August 17, 2006 in the Board Room at Little Harbour School.

Attendance

PRESENT: Mr. Kent F. LaPage (Chair), Mrs. Nancy Novelline Clayburgh (Vice-Chair), Ms. Sheri Ham Garrity, Mr. John Lyons, Jr., Mr. Brendan Ristaino, Dr. Mitchell Shuldman, Mr. Carson Smith, Mrs. Ann Walker

PARTICIPATING: Dr. Robert Lister (Superintendent of Schools), Mr. Robert P. Sullivan (City Attorney)

Call to Order

Chair LaPage called the meeting to order at 8:25 p.m.

***Options to Fill
Vacancy***

City Attorney Sullivan explained options available to the Board for filling the vacancy due to the resignation of Raimond Bowles. The options are: (1) the Board, by a majority vote, may appoint someone of their choosing to fill the vacancy; (2) the Board may choose to not fill the vacancy; and (3) the Board may choose to hold a special election, which may cost \$10,000 - \$11,000.

A motion to not hold an election was defeated in a seven to one roll call vote (Mrs. Clayburgh, Ms. Garrity, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Ristaino, Dr. Shuldman, Mr. Smith, and Mrs. Walker voted against the motion; Chair LaPage voted for the motion).

Mr. Lyons, Dr. Shuldman, and Mrs. Walker suggested the Board should not hold a special election because of the cost to taxpayers.

The City Attorney was asked to find out if it is possible to add this position to the November election and what the costs may be.

Adjournment

There was no other business to come before the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Robert J. Lister
Executive Secretary