

(Amended and approved by the Portsmouth School Board on November 27, 2007.)

**Portsmouth School Board
Portsmouth, New Hampshire**

Minutes of the November 13, 2007 Budget Work Session

The Portsmouth School Board held its first work session for the 2008-2009 School Department budget in the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers on Tuesday, November 13, 2007.

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, Mrs. Ann Walker

ABSENT: Mr. Clay Hayward, Mr. Carson Smith

PARTICIPATING: Dr. Robert J. Lister (Superintendent of Schools), Mr. Stephen Zadravec (Assistant Superintendent), Mr. Stephen T. Bartlett (Business Administrator), Dr. George Cushing (Superintendent of Schools, SAU 50), Mrs. Linda Briolat (Employee Representative), Mrs. Ann Mayer (SAU 50 Board Representative), and Board members-elect Rebecca Emerson, Dexter Legg, and Elizabeth (Lisa) Sweet

Call to Order

Chair LaPage called the work session to order at 5:30 p.m. He stated the purpose of the work session is to begin discussions of the FY 2009 budget and the process the Board wishes to follow through its budget deliberations. He stated that Dr. Cushing was invited to participate this evening to present the concerns of SAU 50, whose student population represents 34% of the student body at Portsmouth High School. A proposed schedule of the budget timeline was presented to the Board. A second budget work session has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. (prior to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting) at the New Franklin Elementary School.

***Discussion of
Budget Process and
SAU 50 Concerns***

Adjournment

The work session was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Robert J. Lister
Executive Secretary