

(Approved by the School Board on March 11, 2008.)

**Portsmouth School Board  
Portsmouth, New Hampshire**

**Minutes of the February 14, 2008 Budget Work Session and Special Meeting**

A budget work session and special meeting of the Portsmouth School Board was held on Thursday, February 14, 2008 in the Board Room at Little Harbour School.

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**Attendance**

**PRESENT:** Dr. Mitchell Shuldman (Chair), Mr. Brendan Ristaino (Vice-Chair), Mrs. Rebecca Emerson, Ms. Sheri Ham Garrity, Mr. Kent F. LaPage, Mrs. Lisa Sweet, and Mrs. Ann Walker

**ABSENT:** Mr. Dexter Legg, Mr. Carson Smith, Mrs. Ann Mayer (SAU 50 Representative), Ms. Abigail Rockefeller (Student Representative)

**PARTICIPATING:** Dr. Robert J. Lister (Superintendent of Schools), Mr. Stephen Zadavec (Assistant Superintendent), Mr. Stephen T. Bartlett (Business Administrator), and Mrs. Linda Briolat (Employee Representative).

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**Budget Work Session**

Chair Shuldman called the budget work session to order at 6:25 p.m. The Board deliberated on the 2008-2009 budget. The work session was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

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**Special Meeting**

Chair Shuldman called a special meeting of the School Board to order at 6:48 p.m.

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**2008-2009 Budget**

The Chair entertained a motion regarding the School Department's 2008-2009 budget.

**Motion to Approve  
Budget and Forward  
to City Manager**

Mrs. Emerson moved, seconded by Mrs. Walker, to approve a budget in the amount of \$35,173,495. A roll call vote was taken. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. LaPage moved, seconded by Mrs. Walker, to amend the budget to include \$2,500 for two defibrillators. A roll call vote was taken. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Emerson moved, seconded by Ms. Sweet, to amend the budget to include \$7,000 to increase hours (three hours per week additional) for the Middle School library paraprofessional. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed in a four to three roll call vote (Ms. Garrity, Mrs. Emerson, Mr. LaPage, Mrs. Sweet in favor of the motion) and (Mr. Ristaino, Mrs. Walker, and Chair Shuldman against the motion).

The revised budget of \$35,182,995 will be forwarded to the City Manager.

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***Letter of Resignation*** Chair Shuldman accepted, with regret, a letter of resignation from Mr. Carson Smith. Mr. LaPage moved, seconded by Ms. Garrity, to accept this letter of resignation from Mr. Smith. The motion was unanimously approved.

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***Letter of Retirement*** Chair Shuldman received a letter from Dr. Lister stating his intent to retire effective June 30, 2009. Mr. Ristaino moved, seconded by Ms. Garrity, to accept Dr. Lister's letter of retirement effective June 30, 2009.

***Letter from Attorney Sullivan*** Chair Shuldman received a letter from Mr. Robert Sullivan, City Attorney, with reference to Dr. Lister's retirement. Mr. Ristaino moved, seconded by Ms. Garrity, to accept Mr. Sullivan's letter of explanation regarding Dr. Lister's retirement.

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***Adjournment*** There was no other business to come before the School Board. Mr. LaPage moved the meeting be adjourned; Mrs. Walker seconded the motion. The special meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Robert J. Lister  
Executive Secretary

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