

**SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION**

8/27/2008 7:00 PM

Little Harbour Elementary Board Room

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School Board Members Present: Dr. Mitchell Shuldman (Chair), Mr. Brendan Ristaino (Vice Chair), Ms. Rebecca Emerson, Ms. Ann Walker, Mr. Dexter Legg, Ms. Lisa Sweet, Ms. Leslie Stevens, Ms. Sheri Ham Garrity.

School Board Members Absent: Mr. Kent LaPage

Staff Present: Dr. Robert J. Lister, (Superintendent of Schools), Mr. Stephen Zadavec (Assistant Superintendent), Mr. Stephen Bartlett, (Business Administrator) and Ms. Ann Mayer (SAU50 Representative).

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**I. Call to Order**

Dr. Mitchell Shuldman called the work session to order at 7:00 PM.

**II. Introduction**

Chair Shuldman stated the purpose of the work session was to begin a dialogue about the upcoming Superintendent of Schools search.

**III. Presentations**

Two presentations were made to the School Board regarding the search process for a Superintendent of Schools.

1. New Hampshire School Board Association (NHSBA) presented materials including an agenda for discussion and a suggested timeline. Dr. Paul Dominico was the presenter.
2. New England School Development Council (NESDEC) from Marlborough, Massachusetts presented an agenda and suggested timeline. Dr. Ken DiBenedictis and Mr. Art Bettencourt, Assistant Director of NESDEC, were the presenters.

After each presentation, School Board members asked questions and the board chair explained to the representatives that the board would be making a decision in the near future.

**IV. Portsmouth School District Hiring Practice**

Dr. Lister presented a description of administrative hiring practices of Portsmouth, which has been used in previous searches, as another option for the board's consideration.

**VIII. Adjournment**

At 8:32 p.m., Dr. Mitchell Shuldman adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:

Dr. Robert J. Lister  
Superintendent of Schools