

**PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES FOR JULY 27, 2009**

EILEEN C. DONDERO COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2010

TIME: 7:00PM [or thereafter]

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**I. CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Shuldman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** MITCHELL SHULDMAN (CHAIR), ANN WALKER (VICE CHAIR), ED MCDONOUGH (SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE BARTLETT (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR), KENT LAPAGE, DEXTER LEGG, REBECCA EMERSON, TOM MARTIN, LESLIE STEVENS, LISA SWEET, AND SAVANNAH FEDORO (STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE)

**ABSENT:** ANN MAYER (SAU 50 REPRESENTATIVE), CAROL CHELLMAN, LINDA BRIOLAT (EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE), AND STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT)

**III. INVOCATION** –The Portsmouth School Board recognized the passing of Mr. Patrick McCartney. Mr. McCartney photographed hundreds of Portsmouth students at all types of athletic events and activities for local papers throughout his life. Board members would like to formally thank him during a sports event this fall.

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -**

**V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

a. June 22, 2010

MOTION: Motion to accept the minutes of June 22, 2010 by Mr. LaPage

SECOND: Mr.Legg

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**VII. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

a. Update from City Attorney Sullivan on Student Council Endowment Fund – Attorney Sullivan presented a redrafted declaration of Trust for the Student Council Endowment Fund, including the requests made by Board members to further clarify the purpose of the trust, while still balancing what Student Council wants to accomplish.

MOTION: Motion to approve the Portsmouth High School Student Council Endowment Fund by Mr. Legg

SECOND: Mr. LaPage

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

- b. School Nutrition, Pat Laska – Ms. Laska reported on the Portsmouth School Nutrition Program, stating the accomplishments and Good News for the 2009-2010 school year, as well as challenges the nutrition program will face in the upcoming school year.
  - ❑ 23% Free and reduced lunch is difficult to sustain the program on.
  - ❑ The Wellness Committee is beginning to draft a plan to move forward and create a better image over the school meals.
  - ❑ “Try it days”.... parents at Little Harbour work with Ms. Laska to provide different foods to all students.
  - ❑ All schools now have POS options. Ms Laska is working to implement debit card options over the web.
  - ❑ Lunch and breakfast prices will stay the same. If more students buy meals, the program will successfully pay for itself.
  - ❑ The Wellness Committee is addressing marketing issues and fixing equipment.

## **VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

- a. Items for Information
  - i. *Board and Administrator, July 2010*
  - ii. Notice of Employment: Shanyn Grenier, PHS College Counselor
  - iii. Notice of Resignation: Ann McKearin, PMS, Family and Consumer Science
  - iv. Policy Committee Minutes of July 14, 2010
  - v. U.S. News & World Report Methodology on Top Performing High Schools
  - vi. *“Making Strategic Resource Decisions,”* Karen Hawley Miles
  - vii. School Choice letters
- b. Correspondence
  - i. New Hampshire Department of Education School Approvals
- c. District Reports
  - i. Business Administrator Mr. Bartlett provided Board members with a Year End Financial Report and a preliminary report on the FY 2011 budget. Unspent funds from last years budget will be pooled together and used to update technology throughout the district. At the next meeting, Mr. Bartlett will report out on what the intent of the technology-pooled money is expected to purchase. A breakdown of overages will be available by the second meeting in September 2010.

## **IX. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Consideration and Approval of Portsmouth High School Student Council Endowment Fund –

MOTION: Motion to approve the Portsmouth High School Student Council Endowment Fund by Mr. Legg

SECOND: Mr. LaPage

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. First Reading of the following policies:

- i. JICL - Responsible Computer, Network and Internet Use

- ii. JICH - Drug and Alcohol Use by Students (JLCD referenced)

DISCUSSION: Should the Superintendent have more control at the first offense phase if necessary? “Controlled substances” should appear in first paragraph.

- iii. JH - Attendance Policy

DISCUSSION: If you miss fifteen minutes of two blocks...what triggers truancy?

- b. Discussion of Air Conditioning at Portsmouth Middle School – The Superintendent presented a document in draft form that he would like to forward on to the Joint Building Committee. The Portsmouth School Board agreed unanimously that the document should be forwarded to the building committee.

## **XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Facilities Committee – Mr. Martin reported that the district has become Energy Star rated in two schools. Mr. Ken Linchey will provide a summary on how each school rated and how Portsmouth compares to other schools in the program. Spartan Chemicals will now provide cleaning products, as well as provide “green cleaning” training to all custodial staff.

Efficiencies Committee – Mr. LaPage reported that the Efficiencies Committee currently is looking at the specifics of maintenance. Mr. LaPage will provide copies of the committee minutes to Board members. The next Efficiencies Committee meeting is scheduled for August 26th.

Joint Building Committee – Mr. Legg reported that the second public information session was well attended. Design development and phasing plan were positively received. The turf field is on schedule and the softball field demo will be completed by late October. The Portsmouth Middle School web site is now up and running.

## **XII. NON-PUBLIC MEETING**

It is anticipated that the School Board will vote to enter into a Non-Public Session at the conclusion of the regularly scheduled meeting, in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 (3), to conduct an evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools.

MOTION: Motion to enter into Non-Public by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Ms. Sweet

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edw. McDonough". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E" and "M".

Mr. Edward McDonough  
Superintendent of Schools