

**PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 14, 2010**

---

LOCATION: CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2010

TIME: 7:00 PM [or thereafter]

---

**I. CALL TO ORDER** -The meeting was called to order by Chair Shuldman at 7:02 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present: MITCH SHULDMAN (CHAIR), ANN WALKER (VICE CHAIR), LESLIE STEVENS, DEXTER LEGG, KENT LAPAGE, REBECCA EMERSON, TOM MARTIN, CAROL CHELLMAN, ED MCDONOUGH, (SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT), STEPHEN BARTLETT (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR), ANN MAYER (SAU 50 REPRESENTATIVE), LINDA BRIOLAT (EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE) AND SAVANNAH FODERO (STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE)

**III. INVOCATION**

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chair Shuldman led in the pledge of allegiance.

**V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

a. AUGUST 24, 2010

MOTION: Motion to accept the minutes of August 24, 2010 by Mr. LaPage

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: - Unanimous

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Mr. Joe Arnstein – 37 Foch Avenue –Mr. Arnstein commented on Mr. McDonough’s opening remarks to teachers and thanked School Board members that were in attendance. Mr. Arnstein also commented on the pressure that teachers feel to have students perform highly on testing. Mr. Arnstein is a teacher at Portsmouth High School.

**VII. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

- a. INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF MEMBERS – Respective principals introduced their new staff members within their schools.
- b. Mr. Henry Clay Hayward was formally introduced and welcomed as the newest School Board member.

**VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

- a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION
  - i. PORTSMOUTH COMMUNITY EDUCATION, FALL 2010
  - ii. POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES
  - iii. NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM COORDINATED REVIEW EFFORT
  - iv. DRAFT OF SCHOOL BOARD GOALS & SB MEETINGS CALENDAR
  - v. LETTER FROM COMMUNITY MEMBER TO MAYOR RE: PMS PARKING

- vi. PHS EVALUATION: NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS & COLLEGES (NEAS&C)
- vii. KHB – ADVERTISING IN THE SCHOOLS POLICY- Mr. LaPage requested that this be discussed further in a future meeting.
- viii. FOLLOW UP: REQUEST FROM SAU 31, NEWMARKET SCHOOL DEPT – Superintendent Jim Hayes requested that two School Board members and Superintendent McDonough meet to discuss a possible tuition agreement with Newmarket. Mr. LaPage and Vice Chair Walker will accompany Mr. McDonough to the meeting.
- ix. UPDATE ON PLANNING FOR NICHINAN, JAPAN VISITORS-School Board members received a formal invitation to a reception for Japanese dignitaries and home-stay families at the Wentworth. Mr. Zadavec provided a brief update on the itinerary planned for visitors from Nichinan.

b. CORRESPONDENCE

- i. CITY CLERK LETTER RE: SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY

c. DISTRICT REPORTS

- i. FINANCIAL REPORT- Mr. Bartlett provided the August financial report, which is still being adjusted and will be available in full for the September report.

A discussion followed concerning the \$40.9 million in federal funds being disbursed by Governors. Mr. Bartlett believes that Portsmouth will not see funds if the Governor decides to use the standards formula currently being discussed. Mr. Legg requested that when all is said and done, that a copy of the report be given to Board members to help them understand how the funds were distributed.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. DISCUSSION OF SCHOOL BOARD GOALS –

MOTION: Motion to accept the School Board Goals for 2010-2011 by Mr. LaPage

SECOND: Mr. Legg

DISCUSSION: Pre-K to be added to K-12

VOTE: - Unanimous by Roll Call Vote

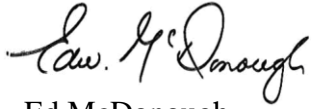
**X. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Martin reported that the Technology Committee is analyzing the different ways that teachers deliver technology, as well as their understanding and comfort level of technology. A technology vision has been created but is still in draft form. Ms. Chellman requested that Mr. McDonough research how many households may not have Internet access.
- b. POLICY – Once the new bullying policy is implemented, Mr. Legg requested that administration provide an update as to how the policy is being monitored and controlled by administration.
- c. JBC – Mr. Legg reported that the PHS Turf field is complete and the Granite Street field received all approvals from the city and state and EPA. Abatement begins next week and demolition will begin shortly after. Traffic and safety plan has been approved and the interior color scheme has been selected.
- d. MAYOR FERRINI'S BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ON OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES-Ed – Attorney Flygare spoke about collective bargaining impacts. Next meeting will discuss the wisdom and opportunities of moving Central Office into City Hall.

Mr. LaPage requested that the Superintendent inquire about parking allowed at the high school for an LPGA event.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT** - Motion to adjourn by Mr. Martin at 8:40 and seconded by Vice Chair Walker.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed. McDonough".

Ed McDonough  
Superintendent of Schools