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**PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 26, 2010**

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LOCATION: LITTLE HARBOUR CONFERENCE ROOM

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: OCTOBER 26, 2010

TIME: 7:00PM [or thereafter]

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- I. CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Chair Shuldman at 7:40 p.m.
- II. ROLL CALL - MITCH SHULDMAN (CHAIR), ANN WALKER (VICE CHAIR), LESLIE STEVENS, DEXTER LEGG, KENT LAPAGE, REBECCA EMERSON, TOM MARTIN, CAROL CHELLMAN, CLAY HAYWARD, ED MCDONOUGH, (SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT), STEPHEN BARTLETT (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR) AND LINDA BRIOLAT (EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE)**
- III. ABSENT** – ANN MAYER (SAU 50 REPRESENTATIVE)
- IV. INVOCATION**
- V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chair Shuldman led in the pledge of allegiance.
- VI. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
- a. SEPTEMBER 28, 2010
- MOTION:** Motion to accept the minutes of September 28, 2010 by Mr. LaPage  
**SECOND:** Ms. Walker  
**DISCUSSION:**  
**VOTE:** Unanimous
- b. OCTOBER 12, 2010
- MOTION:** Motion to accept the minutes of October 12, 2010 by Mr. LaPage  
**SECOND:** Ms. Stevens  
**DISCUSSION:**  
**VOTE:** Unanimous
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- VIII. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**
- a. LITTLE HARBOUR GRADE TWO PRESENTATION – Ms. Lisa Albright, Ms. Maria Cannon, Ms. Brit Santa Maria, Ms. Jamie Trudeau and Ms. Heidi White demonstrated the classroom capabilities of a promethean board. Dr. Shuldman thanked the second grade teachers for a wonderful presentation.
- IX. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**
- a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION
- i. *BOARD & ADMINISTRATOR, OCTOBER*
- ii. SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE, NOVEMBER
- iii. DRAFT OF PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT “*COMPARATIVE METRICS*”
- iv. COMPARATIVE METRICS HOMEWORK AND TUNING PROTOCOL
- v. “*MERGING COSTS WITH EFFECTIVE RESOURCE STRATEGIES,*” ODDEN, GOETZ & PICUS AND OUTLINE OF PROGRAM AND STRATEGIES THAT WORK
- vi. “*BIG CHUNKS*” DRAFT OF VERY PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR FY 2012
- vii. ROBERT LISTER ACADEMY - COSTA RICA FIELD TRIP
- X. OLD BUSINESS**

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- a. **WORKSHOP SESSION: FY 2012 BUDGET** – Mr. Zdravec, acting as facilitator, reacquainted Board members with the protocol that would be used to discuss/develop the budget process. Board members asked clarifying questions regarding metrics documents provided by the Superintendent and discussed other metrics that might be useful in comparing Portsmouth to other cohort school systems:
- Are other districts of the same size saving due to less buildings to maintain?
  - Is the median age of parents lower in comparative districts?
  - How do we use metric data to communicate effectively with City Council and the community? What can we learn from other districts who are succeeding?
  - The explanation on cost/pupil should precede numbers in order to better clarify how cost is calculated.
  - Are we receiving value for what we are spending per student?
  - What drives average teacher salary for the Portsmouth area?
  - How many students complete a degree six years out?
  - How many cohort districts have a Technology Center?
  - Include SAT scores
  - How many administrators do comparative school districts employ?
  - Does the *Students with Special Needs* population compare?
  - Are other districts comparable in technology in the classroom as well as expenditure in technology annually?
  - What is the percentage of students attending private schools?
  - Mobility rates of other districts
  - Should we break down metric comparison by elementary, middle and high school?
  - Block Scheduling
  - Extending the school day

Mr. McDonough will collect requested data and provide Board members with a revised metrics comparison.

- i. **COMPARATIVE COHORT GROUP – TUNING PROTOCOL**
- ii. **DISCUSSION OF EFFECTIVE RESOURCE STRATEGIES**

**XI. COMMITTEE UPDATES**

- a. **JBC** – The Middle School project is now in the design development stage. A list of potential cost savings has been identified by city staff and committee members. Community members who attended the Wentworth School held a meeting with historians in order to understand potential mitigation to capture history that will be eliminated through the renovation process.
- b. **Safe Routes to Schools** – The committee lost the appointed city committee member. The committee is on hold until this position is filled.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to adjourn by Mr. LaPage, second by Mr. Martin at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Ed McDonough

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