
PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 14, 2010

LOCATION: PORTSMOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: DECEMBER 14, 2010

TIME: 7:00 PM [or thereafter]

I. CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order by Chair Shuldman at 7:07 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL –

MITCHELL SHULDMAN (CHAIR), ED MCDONOUGH (SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE BARTLETT (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR), CAROL CHELLMAN, REBECCA EMERSON, DEXTER LEGG, KENT LAPAGE, TOM MARTIN, LESLIE STEVENS, CLAY HAYWARD, ANN MAYER (SAU 50 REP) AND LINDA BRIOLAT (EMPLOYEE REP)

ABSENT: ANN WALKER (VICE CHAIR) AND SAVANNA FODERO (STUDENT REP)

III. INVOCATION

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

V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

a. NOVEMBER 9, 2010

MOTION: Motion to approve the minutes of November 9, 2010 by Mr. LaPage

SECOND: Mr. Legg

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously approved

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Matthew Dwyer and Mr. Patrick Ellis addressed the board during public comment.

VII. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- a. 7th GRADE MIDDLE SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY PROJECT – Mr. Stokel introduced the 7th grade math team, Ms. Christine Kwesell, Andrea Heath, Jocelyn Garganta and Holly Littlefield who presented a 2010 technology project presently being taught at the middle school that incorporates iPods, whiteboards, moodle, etc. into the classroom.

MOTION: Motion to suspend the rules and move to New Business by Ms. Emerson

SECOND: Mr. Martin

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimously approved

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

- *BOARD & ADMINISTRATOR*, DECEMBER 2010
 - SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE, DECEMBER 2010
 - NEW FRANKLIN GAZETTE – Mr. McDonough will contact Mr. Shea regarding the article on NECAP scores to see if it can be published in local newspapers.
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- PHS OUTING CLUB FIELD TRIP
- MINUTES FROM POLICY SUB-COMMITTEE, DECEMBER 9, 2010
- NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL BOARDS DELEGATE ASSEMBLY AND RESOLUTIONS FOR 2011 – Mr. Clay Hayward will attend to represent the Portsmouth School Board.
- ESTIMATED FY12 ADEQUATE EDUCATION AID GRANTS AND STATEWIDE PROPERTY TAX FIGURES – DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
- AFSCME LOCAL 1386 CUSTODIAL FACT FINDING REPORT
- *THE SCIENCE OF TEACHER DEVELOPMENT*, ANGELO COLLINS

b. CORRESPONDENCE

- E-MAIL FROM NH DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WITH PRELIMINARY ALLOCATION FROM EDUCATION JOBS FUND GRANT – Mr. McDonough reported that allocations cannot be used for Central Office but can be used in the FY12 budget cycle.
- NEW HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL PRINCIPALS RE: PRINCIPAL JOHN STOKEL
- MEMO FROM ATHLETIC DIRECTOR WILSON RE: NH PHANTOMS USE OF PHS TURF FIELD
- REQUEST FOR MATERNITY LEAVE, MS. LINDSEY JENKINS, TITLE I TUTOR
MOTION: Motion to place chart and memo from Mr. Matt Dwyer on file by Mr. LaPage
SECOND: Mr. Legg
DISCUSSION:
VOTE: Unanimous

c. DISTRICT REPORTS

- PMS, PRINCIPAL STOKEL – Principal Stokel reviewed the Portsmouth Middle School report provided to school board members highlighting the following:
 1. Student Aspirations program will continue at PMS and Mr. Stokel considers it a preventative program to the new bullying policy.
 2. PLC teams have taken on the challenge of a minimum 10% increase on academic scoring. Intervention classes are offered during the school day without pulling students from other classes.
 3. There will be a writing assessment pilot program for NECAP's next year and the Portsmouth Middle School has agreed to participate.
- RJL ACADEMY, PRINCIPAL ROY – Principal Roy reviewed the RJL Academy report provided to school board members highlighting the following:
 1. The Academy continues to focus resources and staffing on reading, writing and math.

2. Students are traveling to Costa Rica in the spring.
 3. A holiday event for students to attend a Broadway play was provided by the community.
 4. Ms. Roy reviewed the internship program at RJLA.
- TECHNOLOGY, DR. BIRRELL – Dr. Birrell reported on the ARRA grant, iPad training and elementary portfolios. Please refer to this month’s Tech News for more information.
 - FINANCIAL, MR. BARTLETT –Paraprofessional line differences appear to be alignment issues but Mr. Bartlett will investigate.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING POLICIES (SECOND READING)

- (GBCD) BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION AND CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK

MOTION: Motion to approve (GBCD) BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION AND CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK by Ms. Chellman

SECOND: Mr. Hayward

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Roll Call Unanimous (AW Absent)

- (JICK) PUPIL SAFETY AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT – BULLYING

MOTION: Motion to approve (JICK) PUPIL SAFETY AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT – BULLYING by Mr. Hayward

SECOND: Ms. Chellman

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Roll Call Unanimous (AW Absent)

- b. DISCUSSION OF FY 2012 BUDGET - Mr. McDonough stated that, based on the last workshop session, it is clear that the School Board is expected are to present a budget to City Council that shows an impact of 0%.

X. NEW BUSINESS

a. (IHBAA) CHILD FIND, FIRST READING

MOTION: Motion to accept first reading of policy (IHBAA) CHILD FIND by Mr. Legg

SECOND: Ms. Emerson

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Roll Call vote: Unanimous (AW absent)

b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CUSTODIAL FACT FINDING –

MOTION: Motion to reject the Custodial Fact Finding report, as presented, by Mr. Martin

SECOND: Ms. Stevens

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Roll Call vote: Unanimous (AW absent)

c. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FACILITIES NEEDS ASSESSMENT

MOTION: Motion to approve the Elementary School Facilities Needs Assessment of Doridian Architects by Mr. LaPage

SECOND: Mr. Martin

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Roll Call vote: Unanimous (AW absent)

d. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CHPS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT

MOTION: Motion to approve the CHPS Advisory Committee for the New Middle School Project by Mr. Legg

SECOND: Mr. Martin

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimous

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. JBC – On November 21st, the JBC committee presented its site plan to planning board and it has been accepted. Construction documents are completed and the committee is at the end of the design development phase.
- b. POLICY – The committee continues to work on policies required by law. The Facilities Use policy is being reviewed by the city attorney and until the policy has been revisited, a moratorium will be instated.

XII. ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn by Mr. Martin, seconded by Ms. Stevens and unanimously approved at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Ed McDonough
Superintendent of Schools