

PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC HEARING/WORK SESSION MINUTES FOR  
JANUARY 20, 2011

PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2011

TIME: 7:00PM [or thereafter]

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**CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Chair Shuldman at 7:05 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: MITCHELL SHULDMAN (CHAIR), ANN WALKER (VICE-CHAIR), DEXTER LEGG, KENT LAPAGE, TOM MARTIN, LESLIE STEVENS, ED MCDONOUGH (SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASST. SUPERINTENDENT) STEVE BARTLETT, (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR), LINDA BRIOLAT (EMPLOYEE REP.) AND ANN MAYER (SAU 50 REP.)

Absent: REBECCA EMERSON, CAROL CHELLMAN, CLAY HAYWARD AND SAVANNAH FODERO

**I. INVOCATION**

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

**III. PUBLIC HEARING**

The following community members addressed the Board:

Ms. Emy Adams – 6 Nixon Park

Mr. Rob Gagneau – Woodford Drive

Mr. John Bouchard – 150 FW Hartford Drive

Mr. Mark Brighton - 285 Union Street

Ms. Lisa Sweet – 259 Miller Avenue

Representative Christopher Serlin – 89 Sparhawk Street

Mr. Patrick Ellis – 235 McKinley Road

Mr. Bill St. Laurent – Colonial Drive

**IV. AGENDA**

**1. BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION**

Superintendent McDonough reviewed proposed cuts to Central Office personnel. Board members discussed the following topics:

1. How will Assistant Superintendent integrate technology into the curriculum and who will evaluate IT personnel?
2. How do some peer groups manage without a facilities manager?
3. Can we learn anything from private schools?

Mr. Zadavec reported on proposed changes to the Assistant Superintendent job description stating that the focus will primarily be with technology integrators, as well as Tom Lotz, to assure that the district is assembling the infrastructure necessary to support education.

Chair Shuldman asked the Assistant Superintendent if he could foresee the new responsibilities impacting the curriculum work he is already responsible for. Mr. Zadavec stated that student learning is already integrated with technology and is increasingly becoming a tool to help teachers become more efficient. Having Mr. Zadavec oversee technology integration in the classroom and curriculum only makes sense.

Mr. Bartlett reviewed the proposed personnel changes in maintenance and the facilities manager job description.

The model that the district has been operating under states that custodial supervisors report directly to building administrators and secondarily to Ken Linchey. By custodial supervisors now reporting directly to Mr. Linchey and secondarily to building principals, administrators and building principals will now have more time for staff and curriculum needs.

Superintendent McDonough provided an excerpt from school of approval minimum state standards and requested that board members review certain sections by the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

- V. **ADJOURNMENT** - Motion to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. by Mr. Martin, seconded by Vice-Chair Walker.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed. McDonough". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E" and "M".

Ed McDonough  
Superintendent of Schools