

PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION/MEETING FOR JANUARY 25, 2011

LOCATION NEW FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: JANUARY 25, 2011

TIME: 7:00 P.M. [or thereafter]

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Shuldman called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL –

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

III. INVOCATION

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

V. PUBLIC COMMENTARY

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- a. NEW FRANKLIN TECHNOLOGY PRESENTATION – Principal Shea welcomed Board Members to New Franklin and demonstrated work examples highlighting technology integration across many disciplines. Ms. Welch’s 5th grade class, as well as Ms. Sara Zoe Patterson, presented a calendar with the theme of Cryptozoology. Students shared the different ways that they used technology with math, reading, writing, science and small business curriculum. Ms. Welch reported that all students used technology seamlessly throughout the project.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

- i. DRAFT OF POLICY KF – USE OF PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL FACILITIES – Attorney Sullivan, Attorney Dwyer and the Superintendent worked together to address issues raised over school buildings being rented. Attorney Sullivan answered board members questions and highlighted specifically what designating a facility a “public forum” would entail. Board members requested a list of last year’s renters to see what the demand for rental actually is. Mr. McDonough will also provide the Recreational Department’s field usage fees.

ii. CURRENT FACILITIES USE FEE SCHEDULE

b. CORRESPONDENCE

- i. E-MAIL FROM JIM SULLIVAN RE: BENEFITS OF VIRTUAL LEARNING AND VIRTUAL CLASSROOMS
- ii. LETTER FROM COMMUNITY MEMBER LISA SWEET RE: TAX RATE COMPARISON INFORMATION

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. WORKSHOP – FACILITIES USE (ATTORNEY SULLIVAN)
- b. BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION, FY12 – Mr. McDonough provided a copy of state standards surrounding guidance. Looking forward to next year, the superintendent will focus on the scope and sequences of the ASCA model with counselors. He then highlighted the adjustments administration is recommending. It was recommended that Principal Stokel address Board member concerns regarding counselors' ability to respond to children in crisis if the recommended adjustments in staffing were approved.

IX. ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. by Vice-chair Walker, seconded by Mr. LaPage

Respectfully submitted by:



Ed McDonough
Superintendent of Schools