

**PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC WORK SESSION FOR JANUARY 27, 2011**

CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2011

TIME: 6:30PM [or thereafter]

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**CALL TO ORDER 6:30 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

**I. INVOCATION**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**IV. AGENDA**

1. JOHN STOKEL – Principal Stokel discussed his proposed changes for the middle school and how these changes would affect students. Mr. Stokel requested that the school day be extended by 30 minutes. By cutting advisory in the morning by 10 minutes, 40 minutes of instructional time could be added to the school day. French and Spanish classes would gain 90 days to the curriculum, better preparing students for the high school. Other students would receive instructional time in math.
2. SPECIAL EDUCATION REORGANIZATION – Mr. McDonough introduced an organizational chart that clearly defined supports for both identified and non-identified students. Job descriptions for the Assistant Superintendent and Director of Pupil Instruction and Support were redrafted to clarify how the district will implement the new system. Mr. McDonough also presented DRAFT job descriptions for building level coordinators.
3. BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION – Board members discussed the opportunities and challenges in moving PEEP to Dondero.

Mr. Bartlett reported out the adjusted budget numbers.

Chair Shuldman thanked the Association of Portsmouth Teachers for voting to reduce their professional development funds by \$50,000 next year.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Motion to adjourn by Mr. Legg, seconded by Mr. Martin at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Ed McDonough  
Superintendent of Schools