

**PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 22, 2011**

LITTLE HARBOUR CONFERENCE ROOM

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2011

TIME: 7:00 PM [or thereafter]

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**III. INVOCATION**

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

**V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

- a. FEBRUARY 8, 2011
- b. FEBRUARY 10, 2011

**MOTION:** Motion to approve the minutes of February 8 and February 10, 2011 by Mr. LaPage

**SECOND:** Ms. Walker

**DISCUSSION:**

**VOTE:** Unanimous

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION
  - i. *BOARD & ADMINISTRATOR* – FEBRUARY
  - ii. CHARTER COMMITTEE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS
  - iii. EDUCATION WEEK ARTICLE RE: ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY ACT RENEWAL
- b. CORRESPONDENCE
  - i. REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF RETIREMENT INCENTIVE REQUEST (VERBAL)
  - ii. ESTIMATED SCHOOL BUILDING AID PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2011-2012

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. WORKSHOP: CHARTER RECOMMENDATIONS (Article VI) Board members discussed the importance of weighing in as a whole with proposed changes and items that should stay the same. Items discussed were:
  - i. Teacher representative vs. Employee representative
  - ii. Should SAU 50 hold a vote?
  - iii. Hiring of someone who is a Board member. Clarification.
  - iv. Filling the seat of a Board member before term ends.

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- v. Boards can be an elected official that sets their own tax rate
- vi. Keep 6.3 B through E as is
- vii. Clarify that it is the Board's authority to set compensation of Superintendent
- viii. How do fire and police control commissions? Can the School Board have the same language?
- ix. Lack of residency requirement for Superintendent
- x. Changing from 4 year term to 2 year term; pros and cons
- xi. Discuss how chair is appointed

The Board requested that this action item be added to the retreat agenda coming up in March to discuss in further detail.

b. **WORKSHOP: REVIEW AND COMMENT ON SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION RFP**

Mr. Bartlett has been working with a transportation consultant and the first draft of the proposed RFP will be going to legal shortly. Fuel types, bus size and age, GPS requirements, development of routes, and safety issues will all be addressed within the final RFP. Out of District transportation needs will be bid separately.

- c. **WORKSHOP: SCHOOL NUTRITION SERVICES** – Mr. Bartlett provided the last five years of Portsmouth's food service program history. Over the years the food service director and department have worked hard to bring the program back to profitability. The district does not qualify for any grants available for free and reduced lunch funds due to the low percentage of students eligible. Board members discussed the pros and cons with contracting out food services. Board members were encouraged to have lunch within all the schools before the March workshop. If quality seems to be the issue, the Board will possibly look at three competitive companies to contract out to. Mr. Bartlett encouraged members to act quickly due to other districts advertising for food services directors as well.

- d. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO 2010-11 SCHOOL CALENDAR** – Mr. McDonough announced that a change had been made to the 2010-2011 calendar. March 18<sup>th</sup> will no longer be a teacher workshop day. It will be a full school day for students. The teacher workshop day will be moved to the end of the school year.

**MOTION:** Motion to approve the change to the 2010-2011 calendar by Mr. Legg

**SECOND:** Mr. Martin

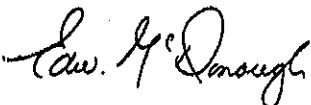
**DISCUSSION:**

**VOTE:** Unanimous

- e. **REVIEW OF DRAFT BUDGET BOOKLET (WORK IN PROGRESS -- (TO BE DELIVERED AT MEETING.))** Mr. McDonough shared a draft of the budget booklet and requested that Board members send their comments and recommended changes to him by February 24<sup>th</sup>.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT** - Motion to adjourn by Mr. Martin at 9:15 p.m., seconded by Ms. Walker. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by:



Ed McDonough  
Superintendent of Schools