

**PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES FOR March 8, 2011**

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LOCATION: CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: MARCH 8, 2011

TIME: 7:00 PM [or thereafter]

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**I. CALL TO ORDER** -The meeting was called to order by Chair Shuldman at 7:03 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present: MITCH SHULDMAN (CHAIR), ANN WALKER (VICE CHAIR), LESLIE STEVENS, CLAY HAYWARD, KENT LAPAGE, REBECCA EMERSON, TOM MARTIN, CAROL CHELLMAN, ED MCDONOUGH, (SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT), STEPHEN BARTLETT (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR), ANN MAYER (SAU 50 REPRESENTATIVE), LINDA BRIOLAT (EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE) AND SAVANNAH FODERO (STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE)

**III. INVOCATION** Mr. Martin asked that we remember Jeffrey Brown, husband of staff member Sherri Brown, who passed away.

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

**V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

a. February 22, 2011

MOTION: Mr. LaPage to accept the minutes

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimous

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no speakers.

**VII. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

a. 5-2-1-0 UPDATE

The nurses, along with our PMS health teacher, presented to the board the results of the 5-2-1-0 program at the middle and elementary schools. The goal is to communication good nutrition and physical activity. This program will be expanded to the high school next year.

**VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

i. NHSBA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. Mr. McDonough wanted to make the board members aware of this scholarship for children of board members.

ii. EDUCATION WEEK ARTICLE – *SCHOOL BOARD MEMERS' FOCUS SHIFTING, SURVEY SAYS*

iii. OUTING CLUB FIELD TRIP REQUEST

iv. SCHOLARSHIP BOOKLET

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- v. CHARTER TOPICS OF DISCUSSION
- b. CORRESPONDENCE
  - i. COMMUNITY MEMBER LETTER TO BOARD RE: YOUTH RECREATION CENTER
- c. DISTRICT REPORTS
  - i. ELEMENTARY REPORTS: K. CALLAHAN, C. GROSSMAN, AND GEORGE SHEA  
Principals spoke of student and staff accomplishments, upcoming events, and the staff working together through budget process.
  - ii. FINANCIAL – STEVE BARTLETT  
Mr. Bartlett presented the budget as right on target.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING POLICIES: SECOND READING
  - i. MOTOR VEHICLE SEAT BELT USE POLICY
 

MOTION: Ann Walker  
 SECONDED: Leslie Stevens  
 DISCUSSION:  
 VOTE: Roll Call unanimous
  - ii. SLIP TRIP AND FALL POLICY
 

MOTION: Leslie Stevens  
 SECONDED: Tom Martin  
 DISCUSSION:  
 VOTE: Roll Call unanimous
  - iii. TEMPORARY/ALTERNATE DUTY
 

MOTION: Tom Martin  
 SECONDED: Leslie Stevens  
 DISCUSSION:  
 VOTE: Roll Call unanimous

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE HENRY MARGESON SCHOLARSHIP
 

Kathleen Dwyer presented the information on this scholarship. It will be \$2,500 for a minimum of 5 years beginning 2010-2011

MOTION: Kent LaPage  
 SECONDED: Ann Walker  
 DISCUSSION:  
 VOTE: Roll Call unanimous

b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF SABBATICAL PROPOSAL – HELAINE WEMPLE

MOTION: Ann Walker made the motion to take up X. b following Special Presentation VII.

SECOND: Tom Martin

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimous

Mr. Zadravec presented the proposal for Helaine Wemple to take the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2011-2012 and 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2012-2013 as a sabbatical for Cultural Awareness. Mr. Zadravec explained the process of requesting a sabbatical and Ms. Wemple answered questions from the board members.

MOTION: Leslie Stevens

SECOND: Tom Martin

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Roll Call unanimous

c. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL 2011 GRADUATION DATE

Mr. McDonough requested a graduation date of Friday, June 10, 2011.

MOTION: Ann Walker

SECONDED: Leslie Stevens

DISCUSSION:

VOTE : Roll Call unanimous

d. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING JOB DESCRIPTIONS:

- i. SPECIAL EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING LEVEL COORDINATOR
- ii. SPECIAL EDUCATION MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING LEVEL COORDINATOR
- iii. SPECIAL EDUCATION ELEMENTARY BUILDING LEVEL COORDINATOR
- iv. DIRECTOR OF PUPIL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT

MOTION: Ann Walker

SECONDED: Leslie Stevens

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimous

e. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY: FIRST READING

- i. KF – USE OF PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL FACILITIES FIRST READING ON:

Kathleen Dwyer presented and answered questions

MOTION: Ann Walker

SECONDED: Tom Martin

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Passed with 6 for and 2 against (Rebecca Emerson and Kent LaPage)

## **XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### a. POLICY

Attorney Dwyer said the legislature is looking at some changes so the policy committee will wait to make any necessary changes.

### b. FACILITIES

Tom Martin said PHS earned the Energy Star Plaque. Cleaning products are being replaced by green clean products. Replacing bleachers at the high school is being looked at. Dore and Whittier, a NE based firm, is doing a facilities assessment of the elementary schools and hopes to have a report from them in May.

### c. TECHNOLOGY will be postponed until next meeting.

### d. JBC

There is a meeting Wednesday night, March 9<sup>th</sup>, and there will be a public presentation on phase 1 of the building on March 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Levenson Room at the Portsmouth Public Library.

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the school board will be March 22<sup>nd</sup> at Dondero Elementary

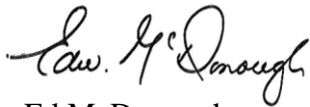
MOTION: Tom Martin made the motion to adjourn at 9:50.

SECONDED: Ann Walker

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by:



Ed McDonough  
Superintendent of Schools