

**PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 27, 2011**

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DATE: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2011

TIME: 7:00PM [or thereafter]

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- I. CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Shuldman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- II. ROLL CALL - MITCHELL SHULDMAN (BOARD CHAIR), ANN WALKER (VICE CHAIR), DEXTER LEGG, REBECCA EMERSON, TOM MARTIN, CAROL CHELLMAN, KENT LAPAGE, CLAY HAYWARD, LESLIE STEVENS, ED MCDONOUGH (SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE ZADRAVEC (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT), STEVE BARTLETT (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR), LINDA BRIOLAT (EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE), ELIZABETH BOYNTON (STUDENT 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. SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 PUBLIC MINUTES
- MOTION: Motion to accept the minutes of September 13, 2011 by Mr. Martin  
SECOND: Ms. Stevens  
DISCUSSION: None  
VOTE: Unanimously approved
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- VII. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**
- a. SCHOOL UPDATE: PRINCIPAL COLLINS & STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE BOYNTON Principal Collins, along with student representative Elizabeth Boynton highlighted the high school's opening activities at the high school. The new freshman orientation procedure allowed for students to experience a modified schedule and meet their teachers before being joined by upper classmen. Over 100 upper classmen volunteered their time to assist in this transition. Principal Collins highlighted the newly released high school profile, showing that SAT scores are above national and state levels, the dropout rate is below 1% and NECAP scores in science have increased. Principal Collins invited Board members to a tailgating party on October 14<sup>th</sup> at Portsmouth High School.
- VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
- a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION
- i. OCTOBER ELEMENTARY LUNCH MENU
- ii. NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS, 2011
- iii. *BOARD AND ADMINISTRATOR, SEPTEMBER*

- iv. 5-2-1-0 SURVEY RESULTS FOR 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR – Student survey results show that 80% of elementary students planned to continue the 5-2-1-0 program at home over the summer. The committee’s goal for the 2011-2012 school year will be to incorporate physical activity throughout the school day.
  - v. *CHOOSING THE WRONG DRIVERS FOR WHOLE SYSTEM REFORM*, MICHAEL FULLAN IN APRIL 2011 CENTER FOR STRATEGIC EDUCATION SERIES
  - vi. DORE & WHITTIER, CONCEPTUAL COST ESTIMATE FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
  - vii. REPORT ON GRADE SPAN CONFIGURATIONS RESEARCH COMPILED BY HOPKINTON, MA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
  - viii. HOPKINTON, MA FACT SHEET ON NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS
  - ix. MIDDLE SCHOOL PARKING SUMMARY MAP AND CHART
- b. CORRESPONDENCE
- i. NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WAIVER RE: ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REQUIREMENT AT LITTLE HARBOUR ELEMENTARY

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. DISCUSSION OF CHARGE FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION FACILITIES SUB-COMMITTEE – Chair Shuldman drafted a charge for board members to preview. This charter highlighted expectations and procedures for the newly formed committee to operate under. Board members then discussed how the committee would generate a report and recommend direction to the board. The committee will consist of Chair Shuldman, Mr. LaPage, Ms. Chellman and Mr. Martin, along with the appropriate school personnel.
- b. DISCUSSION OF NAMING/DEDICATING/MEMORIALIZING AREAS OF SCHOOL FACILITIES AND GROUNDS – The superintendent reported that currently there are no policies outlining criteria or procedures for commemorating a location within a school building. Superintendent McDonough will forward to the policy committee to review.
- c. REQUEST FROM JOINT BUILDING COMMITTEE ASKING SCHOOL BOARD TO SOLICIT LEGAL OPINION ON ENFORCING SHARED PARKING LOT PURPOSES – Correspondence from Attorney Woodland recommend the above request be forwarded to Parking and Transportation for their recommendation on enforcing two different purposes in the same parking lot.

MOTION: Motion to forward JBC’s request to solicit legal opinion on enforcing shared parking lot purposes to the Parking and Transportation Department by Mr. Legg

SECOND: Ms. Walker

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously approved

**X. COMMITTEE UPDATES**

- a. POLICY – Legal policies required by law are nearing completion and the committee will now begin to update older policies.
- b. JBC – Portsmouth Middle School students, along with School Board members and city officials participated in a “Topping Off” Ceremony consisting of laying a final beam into place in the new wing. The beam was painted white and signed by all Portsmouth Middle School students.

**XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT** - Motion to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. by Ms. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Martin

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed. McDonough". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Ed McDonough  
Superintendent of Schools