

## PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 25, 2011

LITTLE HARBOUR ELEMENTARY CONFERENCE ROOM

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2011

TIME: 7:00PM [or thereafter]

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**I. CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Chair Shuldman at 7:05 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL** – MITCHELL SHULDMAN (BOARD CHAIR), ANN WALKER (VICE CHAIR), DEXTER LEGG, REBECCA EMERSON, TOM MARTIN, 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** – Mr. LaPage requested that the Board hold a moment of silence in memory of long time School Board member Mr. Harold Whitehouse, whose wife recently passed away. A condolence card will be sent.

**V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

a. OCTOBER 11, 2011 PUBLIC MINUTES

MOTION: Motion to accept the minutes of October 11, 2011 by Mr. Legg

SECOND: Mr. Martin

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously approved

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

**VII. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

a. LITTLE HARBOUR GRADE FIVE TEAM: “*LIVING HISTORY MUSEUM – MOMENTS IN TIME*” Principal Grossman introduced fifth grade teachers Ms. Molly Green, Stacey Weeks and Meagan Rice who presented a PowerPoint on “Moments In Time” and the impact it is having on fifth grade curriculum and beyond. Younger students are anticipating their participation and middle school students are applying skill sets learned to new assignments. PMS students Emily Batty, Sebastian Logue and Charlotte Rice presented their choices for historical figures last year and shared how the project has impacted their love of history and recalled in great detail their historical figures, Julia Childs, Frank Llyod Wright and Sacagawea.

**VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

a. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

i. *BOARD & ADMINISTRATOR* – OCTOBER

ii. COSTA RICA FIELD TRIP

iii. *SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE*, OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

- iv. NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2011
- v. SAMPLE STRATEGIC PLAN FROM HOPKINTON, MA - Mr. McDonough provided Board members a copy of Hopkinton, MA's strategic plan for review.

b. CORRESPONDENCE

- i. DRAFT LETTER TO CITY MANAGER BOHENKO REQUESTING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FUNDING FOR FY 2013 – Board members unanimously support the letter and request that Mr. McDonough send the request to City Manager Bohenko.
- ii. LETTER TO HERALD EDITOR, CHAIRMAN MITCH SHULDMAN

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ADDING MIDDLE SCHOOL PARKING LOT TO SECTION 7.402 OF THE CITY ORDINANCE WITH STIPULATIONS

MOTION: Motion to approve adding the middle school parking lot to Section 7.402 of the City Ordinance with stipulations by Mr. Legg

SECOND: Mr. Martin

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously approved

- b. WORKSHOP SESSION: SCHOOL BOARD GOALS FOR 2011-12 – An email from Ms. Chellman was shared by the Chair. After a brief discussion, Board members decided to vote on the School Board goals at the next meeting.

- c. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF FY 12 AREA AND NON-AREA TUITION RATES –

MOTION: Motion to approve FY12 AREA and NON-AREA tuition rates by Mr. Hayward

SECOND: Mr. Legg

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Roll Call 7 Yes, (KL,CC Absent)

- d. DISCUSSION OF VERY PRELIMINARY FY 2013 BUDGET – Mr. McDonough and Mr. Bartlett highlighted very preliminary estimates of next year's budget.

**X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- XI. ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Legg.

Respectfully submitted by:



Ed McDonough  
Superintendent of Schools