

Portland School Committee

**Business Meeting- 7 p.m.
Wednesday, October 17, 2007**

**Room 250
PATHS**

Assuring that all students are learning for their future

7:00 p.m. Business Meeting

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Report of the Chair

Report of the Superintendent

1. Retirement: Effective 11/1/07

Sharon Bresler Social Studies/King 33 years

Resignations: Effective 10/10/07

Anna Kirkpatrick-Urban Social Worker/DHS 23 years

2. Contracted Service: Financial Analysis

3. Update on Weighted Grades

Report of the Secretary

1. Consideration and action to approve the meeting minutes from the September 19, 2007, September 26, 2007, and October 10, 2007 meetings

Moved _____ Seconded _____ Voted _____ to approve the meeting minutes from the September 19, 2007, September 26, 2007, and October 10, 2007 meetings

Report of Committees

1. Policy Committee
2. Finance Committee
3. Legislative Affairs Committee
4. Elementary Facilities Committee
5. Portland Education Partnership
6. Other Committees and/or member concerns

Consent Items

1. Upright piano valued at \$200 to Deering High School Music Dept. by Bill and Ursula Slavic, Portland
2. PATHS Automotive Program:
 - a. 1994 Dodge Caravan by W.A. Morrison, Cape Elizabeth
 - b. 1989 Chevy 3500 by Paul Dubois, Portland
 - c. 1994 Dodge Caravan by William D. Neily, Gorham
 - d. 1986 GMC Pickup by Steve York, Windham
 - e. 1992 Ford Ranger by Joseph Robinson, Sanford

Old Business - None

New Business

- 1. Consideration and action to approve the inclusion of reproductive services in the range of primary health services now provided at the King Middle School School-Based Health Center.

Moved _____ Seconded _____ Voted _____ to approve the inclusion of reproductive services in the range of primary health services now provided at the King Middle School School-Based Health Center.

- 2. Consideration and action to authorize the hiring process to begin for the vacancies listed:

Position	FTE	Location	Annual Salary	Funding Source	Rationale
Cafeteria Worker I*	.3125	Lincoln	\$ 4,874.63	Local	new five-entrée choices which needs position to man the different stations and serve kids
Cafeteria Worker II*	.625	PHS	\$ 8,666.00	Local	To support A-La-Cart and hot lunch programs.
Ed Tech III - FLS*	1.0	Rieche	\$ 21,205.80	Local	Request due to increasing enrollment and significant safety issues. Funding will come for unfilled teaching position (@ DHS).
Total Local Cost			\$34,746.43		

*All listed positions are currently in the FY 08 budget

Moved _____ Seconded _____ Voted _____ to authorize the hiring process to begin for the vacancies listed.

Personnel

- 1. Consideration and action to approve the following acting appointment at Riverton School effective October 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.
a. Andrea Napolitano-Romer, Acting Assistant Principal \$62,829

Moved _____ Seconded _____ Voted _____ to approve the following acting appointment at Riverton School effective October 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.
a. Andrea Napolitano-Romer, Acting Assistant Principal \$62,829

Committee Focus on Educational Issues

Public Comment Prior to 11:00 PM on any items not on the evening's agenda

Adjournment

Motion _____ Second _____ Action _____ to adjourn the business meeting at _____

Upcoming Meetings

- Oct. 24 Workshop – Personnel Committee
Oct. 31 No meeting
Nov. 7 5pm to 7pm – Workshop with MSMA – superintendent’s search
7pm – Business Meeting Focus: Educational Specifications for Nathan Clifford
Nov. 14 Executive Session to discuss bargaining with B.A.S.E., Portland Administrators’ Association, Ed. Tech/Language Facilitators, pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(D) and Workshop – Casco Bay High School
Nov. 28 Business Meeting - Alternative Plan approval
Dec. 12 Workshop – a) Special Education – Barbara Dee ; b) Teacher Lane Changes – Joline Hart

Proposal:

Include reproductive services in the range of primary health services now provided at our middle school School-Based Health Center.

Background Information:

School-based primary health services in the form of a school based health center have been available at King Middle School beginning in 2000. The Health Center is staffed by nurse practitioners and pediatricians and it is run by the City of Portland Public Health Division. The Health Center is funded by grant money and donations. Portland Public Schools provides in-kind support in the form of school nurse services for referral and follow-up, phone line, computer port, cleaning and maintenance of the physical space. **Student participation is by parent permission.**

The Health Center provides a range of primary services including physical exams, immunizations, health counseling, assessment and treatment of acute and chronic illness and injury. Recently, staff members have identified a need to provide reproductive health services as part of the comprehensive range of services.

Rationale:

We know that, although the rate of intercourse and pregnancy has decreased among middle school students over the last several years, there are still a small number of sexually active students who need counseling and protection. The Youth Risk Behavior survey for 2003 showed that 13% of middle school students admit to having sexual intercourse. Our Health Center intake forms for 06/07 show that 4% of students report they have ever had sexual intercourse. This figure is probably an under-reported figure as this questionnaire was only given to a subset of the students who used the Health Center last year.

At King Middle School, for a small number of students, issues of pregnancy and sexual activity significantly affect student attendance and ability to concentrate in school. The Health Center staff, upon referral by the school nurse, could assist in prevention and management of these health issues if reproductive services were available.

The school nurses and the school principal support this proposal as it will address an important student need that is not currently being met.