

Portland School Committee

**Business Meeting- 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Workshop – 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

**Room 250
PATHS**

Assuring that all students are learning for their future

7:00 p.m. to 8 pm Business Meeting

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Report of the Chair

Report of the Superintendent

Report of the Secretary

1. Consideration and action to approve the meeting minutes of November 28, 2007, December 3, 2007 and December 5, 2007.

Moved _____ Seconded _____ Voted _____ to approve the meeting minutes of November 28, 2007, December 3, 2007, December 5, 2007, and December 12, 2007.

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. \$71.34 to Deering High School and \$148.99 to Portland High School's activity accounts by Ohiopyle Prints, Inc. Ohiopyle, Pennsylvania.

Old Business

1. Consideration and action to ratify the Weighted Grades Guidelines

Moved _____ Seconded _____ Voted _____ to ratify the Weighted Grades Guidelines

New Business

1. Consideration and action to approve Portland Public Schools' portion of the Part II new program/equipment budget at PATHS for the 2008-2009 school year in the amount of \$53,575.25.

Moved _____ Seconded _____ Voted _____ to approve Portland Public Schools' portion of the Part II new program/equipment budget at PATHS for the 2008-2009 school year in the amount of \$53,575.25.

Personnel

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

Position	FTE	Location	Annual Salary (pro-rated)	Funding Source	Rationale
Ed Tech	1.0	East End	\$9,253.44	Grant	To assist students in the classroom with math and reading.
English/Reading Teacher	1.0	Portland High	\$16,668	Grant	To cover for teacher's sabbatical leave, second semester.
Personal Support Specialist(R.N.)	1.0	PATHS	\$16,668	Grant	The Health Science Careers class is running a pilot certification program entitled <i>Personal Support Specialist</i> , which is a recognized entry level career in the health field. After we have gathered data PATHS will make the determination as to whether to pursue this as part of a new program offering. This position is for 1 semester only (spring) and is grant funded through the Carl Perkins IV Grant for PATHS for the school year 07-08.
Cafeteria Worker I	.2813	Moore	2,896.80	Local	Over the years we have combined and reduced positions to a point where we need each position we have.

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

Committee Focus on Educational Issues - None

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

Adjournment

Moved _____ Seconded _____ Voted _____ to adjourn the business meeting at _____

8pm to 9:30pm – Workshop

1. School Committee goals

Upcoming School Committee Meetings

Dec. 26 No meeting
Jan. 9, 2008 Co-Curricula Athletic Presentation

Upcoming Finance Committee Meetings

Jan.9, 2008 5:30-7pm School Committee Finance meeting, Room 321, PATHS
-9-12 staffing/budget presentations

Portland Public Schools
Proposed Graduation Reporting System

Graduation

Summa Cum Laude -

Students have completed all the requirements for graduation, have sustained a [90 GPA and have completed sixteen honors, AP or early college courses.]

Magna Cum Laude -

Students have completed all the requirements for graduation, have sustained a [90 GPA and have completed twelve honors, AP or early college courses.]

Cum Laude -

Students have completed all the requirements for graduation, have sustained a [90 GPA and have completed eight honors, AP or early college courses.]

High School Diploma -

Students have completed all the requirements for graduation.

[] = Still under consideration

- The designation is made after the sixth semester based upon current GPA and planned schedule for senior year. The designation will be removed if a student's performance falls below the set standard in the senior year.
- There are no additional course weights in this reporting system
- Class rank is reported in deciles up to the top 50% (top 10%, top 20%, top 30%, top 40%, top 50%)
- Two possibilities for choosing Valedictorian and Salutatorian:
 1. Chosen from "Summa Cum Laude" cohort based upon highest two GPA's after seventh semester
 2. Chose from "Summa Cum Laude" cohort based upon faculty determined criteria for academic excellence.

PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SCHOOL COMMITTEE GOALS

Adopted September 20, 2006

1. The school committee will develop creative ways to prepare students for college, work and citizenship, including: paying for one college application per student; making a college application a graduation requirement; and making service learning a graduation requirement.
2. The school committee will receive and review assessment data three times a year, and make policy and budget decisions accordingly.
3. The school committee will develop and support a plan for communicating vertically and horizontally within and outside the organization about the work of the district and the committee.
4. The school committee will maintain and construct facilities with designs that are beneficial to student learning; environmentally sound; and energy-efficient, and make policy and budget decisions accordingly.