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Portsmouth School Committee
June 23, 2026
Portsmouth Town Hall
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CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

School Committee Chair Emily Copeland called the meeting to order on Tuesday evening, June 23, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Copeland led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and requested a moment of silence for our troops in harm's way.

1. MOTION TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

A. June 23, 2026

Dr. Copeland mentioned that there was an executive session prior to the public meeting. No votes were taken during the session. The motion to seal the executive session minutes passed unanimously, 6-0, with EC, FF, ES, KM, IK, and BF all voting yes. JD was absent.

2. CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

A. Roll Call

The following individuals were present for the session:

- Committee Members Present: Dr. Emily Copeland (Chair), Mr. Fred Faerber, Ms. Emily Skeeahan, Ms. Isabelle Kelly, Ms. Karen McDaid, and Mr. Jack Delehanty.
- Committee Members Absent: Mr. Brett Fox.
- Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Elizabeth Viveiros (Superintendent), Mr. Christopher DiIuro (Director of Finance), Ms. Mary Ann Carroll (Attorney), Mrs. Charity Shea (Director of Student Services), and Mrs. Kim Aguiar (Director of Human Resources).

B. Emergency Evacuation Plan

In the event of an emergency, please follow the exit signs in the Chambers, and we will meet across the street at the School Administration Building.

C. End of Year Events

Several school committee members attended the end-of-year events. You can hear the committee members speak about the events [here](#).

D. Town Council Budget and Bond Update

The Chair provided an update regarding the recent adoption of the Town Council's budget, which took place last evening, Monday, July 22nd. Dr. Copeland also provided an update on the bond.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

A. AgInnovation Farm

Dr. Viveiros highlighted the AgInnovation Farm and the recent article on June 8, 2026, in the Providence Journal.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

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7. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

A. Personnel & District Updates

- a. Flag Day Celebrations
- b. Portsmouth Middle School Anchored 4 Life Recognition
- c. Superintendent Goals Update
- d. Summer Break

Dr. Viveiros presented the [district updates](#).

9. APPROVAL OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

A. June 9, 2026 (Executive Session)

B. June 9, 2026

Dr. Copeland requested a motion, and Mr. Faerber made a motion for the approval of the School Committee's executive session minutes and public session minutes of June 9th. Ms. McDaid seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0. EC=yes, FF= yes, ES=yes, KM=yes, IK=yes, JD-absent, BF=yes.

10. CONSENT

A. Stipend for Superintendent

B. Engagement Agreement for Henneous, Carroll, and Lombardo, LLC

Dr. Copeland requested a motion, and Mr. Faerber made a motion for the approval of the consent agenda. Ms. McDaid seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0. EC=yes, FF= yes, ES=yes, KM=yes, IK=yes, JD-absent, BF=yes.

11. BUSINESS

A. Discussion/Action: Ski Club Excursion Request to Jay Peak Vermont - contingent upon raising sufficient funds for the trip.

Dr. Copeland asked for a motion on business item agenda A. Mr. Faerber so moved; Ms. McDaid seconded for discussion. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0. EC=yes, FF= yes, ES=yes, KM=yes, IK=yes, JD-absent, BF=yes.

B. Discussion/Action: Band Excursion Request to Orlando, Florida - contingent upon raising sufficient funds for the trip

Dr. Copeland asked for a motion on business item agenda B. Mr. Faerber so moved; Ms. McDaid seconded for discussion. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0. EC=yes, FF= yes, ES=yes, KM=yes, IK=yes, JD-absent, BF=yes.

C. Discussion/Action: [Timeline for Superintendent Evaluation](#)

Dr. Copeland asked for a motion on business item agenda C, Timeline for Superintendent Evaluation. Mr. Faerber so moved; Ms. McDaid seconded for discussion. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0. EC=yes, FF= yes, ES=yes, KM=yes, IK=yes, JD-absent, BF=yes.

D. Discussion/Action: [School Breakfast and Lunch Meal Prices for 26-27 School Year](#)

Dr. Copeland asked for a motion on business item agenda D, School Breakfast and Lunch Meal Prices for 2026-2027 school year. Mr. Faerber so moved; Ms. McDaid seconded for discussion. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0. EC=yes, FF= yes, ES=yes, KM=yes, IK=yes, JD-absent, BF=yes.

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E. Discussion/Action: [FY2027 Food Service Management Contract with Chartwells](#)

Dr. Copeland asked for a motion on business item agenda E, FY2027 Food Service Management Contract with Chartwells. Mr. Faerber so moved; Ms. McDaid seconded for discussion. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0. EC=yes, FF- yes, ES=yes, KM=yes, IK=yes, JD-absent, BF=yes.

F. Discussion/Action: [Revise 2026-2027 School Calendar to reflect November 3rd PD Day](#)

Dr. Copeland asked for a motion on business item agenda F, to revise the 2026-2027 School Calendar to reflect November 3rd as a PD Day. Mr. Faerber so moved; Ms. McDaid seconded for discussion. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0. EC=yes, FF- yes, ES=yes, KM=yes, IK=yes, JD-absent, BF=yes.

12. REPORTS

A. [Budget Transfers under \\$5,000](#)

Mr. DiIuro presented the budget transfers under \$5,000. The committee received this report; no votes were taken.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Meetings:

- School Committee Meeting (August 4, 2026)

Dr. Copeland requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Faerber made the motion, and Ms. McDaid seconded it. The motion passed unanimously, with a vote of 6-0: EC=yes, FF=yes, ES=yes, KM=yes, IK=yes, JD-absent, BF=yes. The public session was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Heather Khubchandani, Administrative Assistant to Portsmouth School Committee
Karen McDaid, Clerk