

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Location: Portsmouth Town Hall • 2200 East Main Road • Portsmouth, RI

6:30 Executive Session • 7:00 p.m. Public Session

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Virtual access and participation is provided as a convenience and shall not be construed as an official location where access to the meeting is guaranteed.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The School Committee may adjourn to Executive Session under RIGL 42-46-5 sections:

(a)(1) Any discussions of the job performance, character, or physical or mental health of a person or persons provided that such person or person affected shall have been notified in advance in writing and advised that they may require that the discussion be held at an open meeting (advance notice has been provided). [Discussion of personnel contract terms for Athletic Trainer; discussion of prospective employment and job description for Accounting Manager; discussion of legal counsel employment agreement; Superintendent Evaluation Discussion of job performance, evaluation, and compensation] (a)(2) Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation. [pending litigation and updates, and CTE] (a)(3) Discussion regarding the matter of security including, but not limited to, the deployment of security personnel or devices. [Police MOU]

MOTION TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

A. September 1, 2026

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

- A. Roll Call
- B. Emergency Evacuation Plan
- C. Town Council Bond Update
- D. [School Committee Workshop Draft Agenda](#)
- E. [National School Board Association Conference, Washington, D.C. \(April 2-4, 2027\)](#)
- F. [US News and World Report High School Rankings, Portsmouth ranked #4](#)

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

- A. Safety Subcommittee-Executive Session (August 18, 2026)
- B. District Building Committee (August 26, 2026)

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

- A. [2026 Support Professional of the Year - Sonia Medeiros](#)
- B. [2026 Teacher of the Year - Nicole Pascoe](#)
- C. Introduction of New Teaching Faculty

PUBLIC COMMENT

Per School Committee Policy, [BED](#) (Meeting Procedures/Bylaws): During the public comment portion of the agenda, members of the public may comment on any topic related to the schools. For any public comment, individuals must first be recognized by the Chair, must state their name and address for the record, and may comment for up to two minutes. If public comment pertains to an item not on the agenda, the committee will listen but will not comment, and any follow-up needed will come from the superintendent (or designee).

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

- **Personnel & District Updates**
 - Staff Orientation
 - Opening Day
 - [Update on School Lunches](#)
 - [Open House Dates](#)
 - [Before and After School Childcare Services](#)
 - [PHS US News National Ranking](#)
 - Portsmouth Bond 2026
 - [Community Engagement Meetings and MS Tours](#)
 - [Portsmouth Bond 2026 website](#)

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

- A. June 23, 2026 (Executive Session)
- B. June 23, 2026
- C. August 4, 2026 (Executive Session)
- D. August 4, 2026

CONSENT

- A. Home Instruction Requests
- B. Annual Salary Increases for Individual Contract Employees
 - a. Superintendent

BUSINESS

- A. Discussion/Action: Athletic Trainer Contract
- B. Discussion/Action: New Term of Agreement Mary Ann Carroll, Attorney at Law
- C. Discussion/Action: School Resource Officer Program Memorandum of Understanding (September 1, 2026 - August 31, 2029)
- D. Discussion/Action: [School Committee Stipend](#)
- E. Discussion/Action: [Update District Building Committee Membership for 2026-2027](#)
- F. Discussion/Action: [FY28 Budget Development Timeline](#)
- G. Discussion/Action: Portsmouth Model United Nations Team to UConn (November 6-8, 2026), contingent upon raising sufficient funds for the trip.

H. Discussion/Action: Portsmouth Model United Nations Team to NYU Empire MUNC (November 12-15, 2026), contingent upon raising sufficient funds for the trip.

REPORTS

A. [Revenues/Expenditures Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026](#)

ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Meetings:

- Policy Subcommittee (September 15, 2026)
- School Committee Workshop (September 24, 2026)
- School Committee Meeting (October 6, 2026)