

Tuesday, October 6, 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)[Contract for Accounting Manager]. (a)(2) Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation. [Bruno vs Portsmouth School Department, et al; Moniz vs Portsmouth School Department] (a)(3) Discussion regarding the matter of security, including but not limited to the deployment of security personnel or devices. [PSD Emergency Response Manual]

MOTION TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

A. October 6, 2026

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

- A. Roll Call
- B. Emergency Evacuation Plan
- C. School Committee Workshop (September 24, 2026)
- D. Update on Boys' Town Meeting (September 8, 2026)

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

- A. Policy Subcommittee (September 15, 2026 & October 5, 2026)
- B. Personnel Subcommittee-Executive Session (September 21, 2026)
- C. District Building Committee (September 30, 2026)

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

- A. Jordan Silveira - Rhode Island Art Association (RIAEA) Secondary Level Art Educator of the Year Award

PHS LIAISONS' COMMUNICATION

- A. PHS Liaison Report (Tatum Brennan and Mark Schoen-Cruz)

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
 - School Bond Referendum
 - Open House Events
 - Cybersecurity Awareness
 - Homecoming
 - Niche Best School Districts in Rhode Island

PRESENTATION

- A. Enrollment Update - Dr. Jeffrey Heath

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

- A. September 1, 2026 (Executive Session)
- B. September 1, 2026
- C. September 24, 2026 (School Committee Workshop)

CONSENT

- A. Home Instruction Requests

BUSINESS

- A. Discussion/Action: Accounting Manager Contract
- B. Discussion/Action: Roof Replacement Project (PMS) submission to the Rhode Island Department of Education School Building Authority for the Schematic Design Review
- C. Discussion/Action: Portsmouth Model United Nations Team to Washington, D.C. (February 11-14, 2027), contingent upon raising sufficient funds for the trip.
- D. Discussion/Action: Portsmouth Model United Nations Team to NYU Empire MUNC (February 28 - March 6, 2027), contingent upon raising sufficient funds for the trip.
- E. Discussion: Policy KHB - Advertising in Schools
- F. Discussion: Policy JIHA - Locker Searches
- G. Discussion/Action: [Budget transfers over \\$5,000](#)

REPORTS

- A. [Revenues/Expenditures Report for July/August 2026](#)
- B. [Budget Transfers under \\$5,000](#)

ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Meetings:

- Health and Wellness (October 14, 2026)
- School Committee Meeting (October 20, 2026)
- Community Engagement Meetings (October 27, 2026; 5-6 p.m. & 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.)