Portsmouth School Department
CHARTING THE COURSE TO EXCELLENCE

***Tuesday, October 20, 2026***

**PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

7:00 p.m. Public Session

**Livestream on YouTube** ● **Join via Zoom**

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## CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

A. Roll Call
B. Emergency Evacuation Plan

## SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

A. Health and Wellness (October 14, 2026)

## 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
  - Community Engagement Meetings
    - October 27, 2026: 5-6 p.m. & 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
  - School Updates
  - Teacher Excellence

## PRESENTATION

A. Career and Technology Education (CTE) Presentation: Mrs. Paige Kirwin-Clair

## APPROVAL OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

A. October 6, 2026 (Executive Session)
B. October 6, 2026



*Agenda Posted: 10.16.26*

**CONSENT**

A. Home Instruction Requests

**BUSINESS**

A. Discussion/Action: Portsmouth Middle School Parent Teacher Organization's donation of $15,000.00 to the Portsmouth Middle School for the purpose of funding field trips for all students in each grade for the 2026-2027 academic year
B. Discussion/Action: Superintendent/District Goals for 2026-2027
C. Discussion: School Committee Letter to the Editor on School Bond Referendum
D. Discussion: Policy IJL- Library Media (First Read)
E. Discussion: Policy KHB - Advertising in Schools (Second Read)
F. Discussion: Policy JIHA - Locker Searches (Second Read)
G. Discussion/Action: Budget Transfers over $5,000

**REPORTS**

A. Revenues/Expenditures Report for September 2026
B. Budget Transfers under $5,000

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Upcoming Meetings:*

- Community Engagement Meetings (October 27, 2026; 5-6 p.m. & 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.)
- School Building Committee (November 4, 2026)
- Capital Planning Meeting (November 4-14, 2026)
- Finance Subcommittee (November 10, 2026)
- School Committee Meeting (November 17, 2026)