**Portsmouth School Board Minutes January 22, 2019**

1. Public Comment – No comment
2. Public Hearing of FY20 Budget –follow up on hearing on February 12th- No Comment
3. Special Presentation – Diane Canada – CTE
   1. NH Autotech challenge – First Place win for hands on and are going on to Nationals
   2. Teacher training board members– will go to Concord and speak on education
   3. Chamber Collaborative – pathway event for computer science and students who created apps –
   4. ELOs - Pam and Diane and visiting places to see how the experiences can be done- Push to build NH workforce. State may be able to get more money for career academy and ELOs Topic may be insurance risk and students will get a certificate, be able to work and get their bachelors paid for.
   5. Kristen – curious about health science programming and where we are?
   6. Roseanne- maker space? How is it going? Diane described projects of birdhouses.
   7. Challenge – Diane’s departure –going to miss Diane and her leadership.
4. Special presentation- Mary Lyons
   1. Holiday Raffle raised $16,931
   2. Highlighted number of teachers who participated in the book series and its relationship to equity in action.
   3. Awards for art, Chinese studies,
   4. Challenges- vaping, adjustments to later start times, and meeting the needs of individual students.
   5. In school suspension program with a curriculum
   6. Upgrading fob and 360 cameras
   7. Brian- math intervention problems – middle school and transitioning to high school.
   8. Vape Discussion – what is the culture? Three day suspension has helped and health program. Challenge to discover issues that are part of the culture- need to spread word on getting off of the vape.
   9. German and Italian program are rotating each year.
5. Money awarded for Dondero, Middle School and Lister for security
6. House Bill 1612 relative to data security – by June 30th need a plan for data security there are guidelines – begin with audit of our systems. All about protecting information and network.
7. Financial Report- 80%- match on grants from capital improvement
   1. Timing issues in terms of salary and benefits.
8. Old Business – budget sessions going on – City Council met last night – discussed position requests. Needs have been highlighted – drug and alcohol counselor etc. Just status quo would be a 4%
9. New Business! Calendar for next year- updates November 5th is only for K-8 and January 22 (tentative between semesters) is only for high school. Draft two will have early release days.
   1. Leave of absences for an additional year for Kelly Hurd and Allison Smick.