

SAU Withdrawal Study and Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2014

Approved 09/09/2014

PRESENT:

Evelyn Campbell, Resident

Ken Garry, School Board

Kathy Landry, Finance Cmte

Kim Bedard-Fortin, Resident

Steve Welford, Superintendent

Roxanne Tufts-Keegan, Resident

Todd La Pierre, School Board

ABSENT:

Jill Mullen, Resident

Mr. Garry called the meeting to order at 6:15pm.

The committee meeting minutes for August 5, 2014 were reviewed. Ms. Landry made a motion to approve, Mrs. Campbell seconded. There was no discussion, unanimously approved by those present, with the exception of Mr. La Pierre who abstained.

Mr. Garry let the committee know that Mrs. Mullen chose to resign from the committee verbally. He has not received a letter of resignation from her. Mr. Garry asked the members at large if they could recommend a person to replace her.

Mrs. Fortin recommended there be a hard stop time for the meeting. Mr. Garry state he would do a 1.5 hour check in and the committee agreed to end at 8pm.

Mr. Welford provided a list of Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents and Business Administrators and their respective districts for the state of New Hampshire. The list identified part time, hourly, and shared Superintendents. Some discussion followed regarding part-time and co-Superintendents.

Welford also provided the plan to withdraw for the Madison School District from SAU13 and join SAU49. The committee agree to review this outside the meeting.

Mr. Welford commented that if Middleton chose to have shared services, Middleton would retain voting privileges at SAU board meetings. Though if Middleton chose to contract services that the town would have no vote at SAU board meetings. Shared services would be but not limited to Superintendent, Business Manager, Curriculum, Oversight of Personnel/HR, and Food Services.

Mrs. Fortin and Ms. Landry expressed concerns with joining SAU 64 (Wakefield & Milton). Wakefield is currently considering leaving SAU 64 and Milton is reassessing their current facilities situation. The committee discussed the option of joining and SAU 64 and given the current circumstances the committee unanimously decided to not pursue this option.

Mr. La Pierre asked what is the responsibility of the committee. Mr. Garry commented that the committee was responsible for researching the options of withdrawing from SAU 61 and to make a recommendation of how to proceed; staying with SAU 61, joining SAU 64, or pursue a Superintendent Services with SAU 49.

Ms. Tufts-Keegan asked Mr. Welford why Middleton should stay with SAU 61 and what they had to offer Middleton. Mr. Welford commented that Middleton would continue to have voting privileges. He also commented that all schools are moving to the Common Core.

The Committee discussed the option of contracting services with SAU 49. There was discussion on this topic and it was agreed to approach SAU with counsel with the approval of the School Board. Mr. Garry and Mr. La Pierre would meet with the School Board and recommend engaging counsel for a contract service agreement with SAU 49.

The Committee will meet next at 6:00PM, September 9, 2014 at the Town Hall, September 17, 2014, and September 24, 2014 at the Town Hall.

Ms. Tufts-Keegan made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Landry seconded. The committee unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Tufts-Keegan