

# **SAU Withdrawal Study and Planning Committee**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**September 24, 2014**

**Approved October 21, 2014**

**PRESENT:**

Ken Garry, School Board

Evelyn Campbell, Resident

Kim Bedard-Fortin, Resident

Roxanne Tufts-Keegan, Resident

Todd La Pierre, School Board

**ABSENT:**

Kathy Landry, Finance Cmte

Steve Welford, Superintendent

Mr. Garry called the meeting to order at 6:14pm.

The committee meeting minutes for September 17, 2014 were reviewed. Mr. La Pierre made a motion to approve, Mrs. Campbell seconded. There was no discussion, unanimously approved by those present. Mr. La Pierre abstained.

Mrs. Campbell asked about clarity regarding the Fund balance. Mr. Garry commented that the Fund balance will need to be taken into consideration for the year of the withdrawal.

The Committee discussed using the Mason withdrawal as a template for the Middleton withdrawal plan.

The Committee discussed the various sections of the Withdrawal plan and noted the following:

Summary of Concerns

- 1) Accreditation of high school is important to the Middleton community.
- 2) Local control which enables Middleton to contract with SAU49 or hire independently

- 3) Middleton is not demographical aligned with Farmington in student population
- 4) Re-organization of Farmington School district
- 5) Finances are more focused over where the student resides

#### Educational Analysis and Fiscal Analysis

By Middleton withdrawing this would allow Farmington to focus on their students. There may be challenges if Middleton stays with SAU61.

#### Location

Mr. Garry will provide the information for this section of the Withdrawal plan. It will include the physical location along with specific information regarding the building (i.e. square footage of the building).

#### Personnel

The Committee discussed the various SAU positions that would be needed.

Mr. Garry commented that he would contact Jack Savage and inform him of the potential public hearing.

The Committee discussed the best way to inform the community of the progress of the Committee. Mr. Garry recommended the website for the school and he will post updates regarding the progress of the Committee.

Mr. La Pierre made a motion to adjourn, Mrs. Campbell seconded. The committee unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:59PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Tufts-Keegan