

SAU Withdrawal Study and Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2014

Approved October 21, 2014

PRESENT:

Ken Garry, School Board

Kathy Landry, Finance Cmte

Evelyn Campbell, Resident

Steve Welford, Superintendent

Roxanne Tufts-Keegan, Resident

Bill Lander, education consultant

Sydney Leggett, education consultant

John Mammone, School Board

ABSENT:

Kim Bedard-Fortin, Resident

Todd La Pierre, School Board

The purpose of this meeting was to meet with the education consultants Bill Lander and Sydney Leggett.

It was noted the time line for the withdrawal is tight and a public hearing would be necessary.

Mr. Lander stated that he would only bill for himself for this process though we would get Sidney's expertise as well.

The committee is looking to Mr. Lander to provide a staffing overview for SAU services that will work for Middleton. The committee wants to know what staff members Middleton would need if they contract services with SAU49.

It was noted that for the 2015-2016 school year there would be approximately 105-120 high school students attending Governor Wentworth. The committee is unsure of what Middleton has for upcoming students 0-5 years of age. Preschool encompasses age 3 and 4 year olds. It was noted that there are currently 9 preschool students. Mr. Welford stated there was 1 or 2 out of

district students or Middleton. Ms. Leggett commented about obtaining the vital statistics for births in Middleton for the last 5 years.

Mr. Lander requested the numbers by grade level for the current enrollment.

Mr. Welford commented that the principal at some small schools is also the LEA representative (special ed). It may be a challenge to find an individual with both criteria.

Mr. Garry stated that SAU49 has offered to make their program available for Middleton's K-6.

Mr. Lander and Ms. Leggett inquired about the following:

- Will Middleton offer all day kindergarten

- Will there be kitchen/cafeteria staff

- What will be offered for unified program (music, art, library media)

- What will be offered for technology? Mr. Welford stated that Middleton was not entitled to any technology from Farmington. Mr. Lander recommended having a full time tech person.

- Who will be the school of record if Middleton contracts services with SAU49? This is a question for SAU49.

- Have we had any discussions of having a part-time superintendent? This might not be good for the first year the school is to get up and running however for subsequent years may be a viable solution. The Middleton elementary school doesn't have accommodations for an SAU office. John Mammone asked if a part-time superintendent would cover all grades. Mr. Lander stated yes, a part-time superintendent would cover all grades.

- How is Title 1 & 2A handled? Mr. Welford stated that Stephanie Lafreniere (Assistant Superintendent) oversees this for SAU 61.

Mr. Welford commented for SAU 61, that 22% is special education. There was discussion about how the special education coordinator would have to cover both K-6 and 7-12 with them being at two different schools. SAU 61 will cover special education for 2015-2016 high school.

Mr. Lander stated he would contact and meet with SAU 49 before the next meeting. He should have a preliminary recommendation along with any additional questions. Mr. Garry stated that the consultants are to focus on SAU services.

The Committee will meet next at 6:00pm, Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at the Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Tufts-Keegan