

SAU Withdrawal Study and Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2014

Approved August 5, 2014

PRESENT:

Evelyn Campbell, Resident
Ken Garry, School Board
Roxanne Tufts-Keegan, Resident
Jill Mullen, Resident
Steve Welford, Superintendent

ABSENT:

Kim Bedard-Fortin, Resident
Kathy Landry, Finance Cmte
Todd La Pierre, School Board

Mr. Garry called the meeting to order at 6:14 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Garry noted the first order of business was to organize the committee by electing a chairperson. Mrs. Mullen made a motion to nominate Mr. Garry. Mrs. Campbell seconded the motion. Mr. Garry asked for discussion, hearing none the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Welford noted he is a non-voting member of the committee.

Members introduced themselves to the committee.

Mr. Garry distributed printed copies of RSA Title XV Education Chapter 194-C:C2, C:3, and C:4; and NH Administrative Rules for Education Part 302, 303, and 304.

Mr. Garry recommended members read through prior to the next meeting. Mr. Garry distributed a map of NH School Administrative Unit geographical boundaries obtained from the NH Department of Education website. A brief history of the Middleton School District being assigned to Supervisory Union 35, then SAU 44, then SAU 64 and then to SAU 61 was provided.

Mr. Welford and Mr. Garry noted options before the committee as follows:

- 1.) Continue with SAU 61.
- 2.) Withdraw from SAU 61 and join another SAU.
- 3.) Withdraw from SAU 61 and become a single district SAU.

There was discussion about the process of joining another SAU and review of RSA 194-C:2-IV withdrawal.

There was committee discussion should the committee recommend becoming a single district SAU. Mr. Garry pointed the committee to RSA 194-C:3 which provides for single district school administrative units and how they shall provide superintendent services pursuant to RSA 194-C:4.

A cursory review of RSA 194-C:4 was conducted and committee discussion.

There was discussion on timeline should the committee make a recommendation to withdraw. A November target was established for a March vote by the district.

Mr. Welford offered to provide the SAU Budget for committee review.

The Committee will meet next at 6:00PM Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at Town Hall.

Mr. Welford made a motion to adjourn, Mrs. Mullen seconded. The committee unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Garry, Chairman