

RPC

Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2008

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. on May 12, 2008 at Harmony Elementary.

Peter Cooley made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting; it was seconded by Tom Goulette. Motion carried.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Ella Munday, Co-Chairman, Stephen Gudroe, Charles Woodmancy, Dale Huff, William Digby, Phyllis Cass, Rodney Farrar, Tom Goulette, Paul Bridge Co-Chair, Charlotte Violette, Peter Cooley, Brad Deane, Michelle Ward, Peter Devine, Onie Lougee, Julie Willcott, Steve Foster, John Parola, Andy Sevey, Donna Olsen, Paul Stearns SAD #4 Supt., Gil Reynolds, Harmony Supt., Ray Freeve, Facilitator, and Kevin Jordan SAD #46 Supt.

III. Discussion

The following dates were set for future meetings: June 9th Dexter Cafeteria 6:30 p.m.; June 23rd Dexter Cafeteria 6:30 p.m.; July 14th Dexter Cafeteria 6:30 p.m.

Ray Freeve, Facilitator had nothing to report. Gil Reynolds asked Ray about the budget validation process for the current year. Gil also asked about whether or not the town would need to turn over real estate to the RSU.

John Parola asked about the recent contribution to SAD 4 for theater, music and asked if the new RSU would manage the money for that grant. The money that was donated will be used by SAD 4 and should a new RSU form, the language is included that the monies would be used for theater and music in the new RSU.

Paul Bridge asked how many RPCs had actually found cost savings. It was noted that the transitional costs of forming RPCs would outweigh any savings.

Kevin Jordan reported that there was a relaxation in the Governance piece of the laws and offered to the Governance Committee to review the number of school board members to be elected to the new RSU.

IV. Voted:

Steve Foster made a motion which was seconded by Steve Gudroe to accept Item 5 as presented by Julie Willcott, Property/Funds/Contracts Committee chair. Motion carried.

Item 6 – Debt. Regarding the loan for SAD 46 K-8 Building, the amounts are not known and won't be until October 2008. It was decided to enter TBD (To Be Determined) in the amount columns and we will revise the plan later with the figures once they are known. Steve Foster made a motion to accept Item 6, John Parola seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Item 7. Item 7 had some changes and deletions of language and it was decided that this item will be presented at the next meeting for a vote.

Item 8 – Steve Foster made a motion and Steve Gudroe seconded the motion to accept Item 8 as presented. Motion carried.

V. Committee Reports

Governance Committee: Peter Devine reported that his committee believes they have completed the section regarding election of new board members and we will use the language the State has given us for that process.

Cost Sharing: They have attempted to crunch the numbers but have found it too complicated. They are asking the superintendents to assist with this Committee's work. They have worked on proposed figures and salaries and also discussed having one regional director for transportation and individual directors for the separate units. They have not found any cost savings to fill in the slots for Item 12.

Our next meeting is set for June 9, 2008 at the Dexter High School Cafeteria at 6:30 p.m.