

**MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 16
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

DATE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2008
PLACE: HALL-DALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
TIME: 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Chair Michaela Loisel, Vice-Chair Linda Leet, Director Laura Harper, Director Jon Lambert, Director Dan Shagoury, and Student Rep. Dylan Sirois

MEMBER(S) ABSENT: Dresden Director Gary Getchell, Chelsea Board Rep. Adelaide Chapman

ALSO PRESENT: Donald Siviski, Secretary [Superintendent of Schools]
Christine Chamberlain, HDES, Principal
Steven Lavoie, HDMS, Principal
Stephen MacDougall, HDHS, Principal
Brenda Joseph, Director of Special Education
Gordon Murray, Director of Buildings and Grounds

GUEST(S): None

1.0 ROLL CALL/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Michaela Loisel declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

2.0 ACTION ON MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2008

Director John Lambert **motioned** acceptance of the minutes of the regular Board of Directors meeting of February 14, 2008. Director Laura Harper **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor 4-0.**

3.0 ADJUSTMENT(S) TO AGENDA

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

4.1 Public Comment of Published Agenda Items
None

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

None

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Resignation(s) and Retirement
- Tom Austin, Farmingdale, Board of Directors

Director Dan Shagoury **motioned** acceptance of the resignation of Board Director Tom Austin with deepest and sincerest regret.

Director Jon Lambert **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor 4.0.**

6.2 Nomination(s)
None

- 6.3 Staffing Recommendations FY'09
Director Dan Shagoury **motioned** approval of the Superintendent's recommendation for staffing changes in FY'09. Laura Harper **seconded** the motion, **voted 4-0.**
- 6.4 Administrator Recommendation FY'09
Director Laura Harper **motioned** approval of the Superintendent's recommendation for Administrative changes in FY'09. Director Dan Shargoury **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor 4-0.**
- 6.5 Transportation Bid Award '09-'14
Director Dan Shagoury **motioned** approval of the Buildings and Grounds, Food Service and Transportation Committee's recommendation to award the Transportation Bid to Cyr Bus Co. Laura Harper **seconded** the motion, **voted 4.0-1, John Lambert abstaining.**
- 6.6 Budget FY'09 Summary Analysis

7.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 7.1 Inter District Relations Committees
 - 7.1a Dresden School Committee Report – Gary Getchell
No Report
 - 7.1b Chelsea School Committee Report – Adelaide Chapman
No Report
- 7.2 Regional Planning Committee Update
- Regional Planning Committee Meetings – 2/5/08 and 2/26/08

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

KIDS RSU: Monmouth Richmond Dresden Hallowell Farmingdale

February 5, 2008 5:30

Hall-Dale Elementary School

PRESENT: Chair O'Neil LaPlante, Nancy Jodoin, Nadine Barnard, John Armentrout, Seth Goodall, Tom Austin, Doug Beck (Alt.), David Lyol (Alt.), Jim Grandahl, Mary Gleason, Doug Ludewig, John Ottum, and Cindy McPherson

ABSENT: Vice-Chair Mike Rogers, Sherry Moody, Michaela Loisel, Doug Averill

ALSO ATTENDING: Rick Cote, Martha Witham, Steve Philbrook, Jake Clockedile, Deb Emery, Matthew Stone, Catherine Squires and Don Siviski

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER
Chair O'Neil LaPlante declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
- 2.0 ACTION ON MINUTES
Nadine Barnard **motioned** to accept of minutes of the RPC meeting of 1/3/08 and the Public Meeting of 1/16/08. Mary Gleason **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor unanimously.**

3.0 ADJUSTMENT(S) TO AGENDA

Move 7.0 to 4.1.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment on agenda items.

4.1 Public Education / Relations Committee Report

Mary Gleason stated that the fliers announcing the public meeting on Wednesday, February 13th were completed and ready to be distributed. Bulk mailing permits and copying and postal processes were all addressed. A five community bulk mailing will be completed prior to vacation week. Nancy Jodoin shared an employment training conflict that will require her to be away from the RPC from 9 weeks, so other members will need to take the lead at the March and April public meetings.

Finance Committee Report

Jim Grandahl presented the Finance Committee approved position on Standards/Guidelines for financial and facility considerations. Operating and Transition Standards were presented and next steps outlined.

The RPC agreed with the positions presented as well as a “phase-in” process over a period of years to become a single unit on paper and in practice. All children no matter where they attend school should experience safe, clean and healthy environments, current technology and educational programs that model best practices.

Jim further articulated that cost savings are realized in “closing facilities”. We joined together with a similar ideology that we didn’t want to close our schools, therefore, we also agreed that it would “come with a price”.

Buildings and Grounds Committee Report

Martha Witham presented Seth Goodall’s notes stating that the Committee had completed a visit to all RSU facilities. The Committee viewed the recently completed renovation project at Hall-Dale High School and toured the Middle School as well.

Various RSU facility/land parcels were discussed for inclusion/exclusion into the RSU while determination is still pending for some parcels in Richmond and Monmouth. A position will be presented at the next RPC meeting on these parcels.

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

5.1 KIDSRSU.org Website Update

John Armentrout informed the RPC that the new web site is “up” and “running” with all data transferred from the Hall-Dale site.

5.2 Public Meeting Mailing Update
Nancy Jodoin informed the RPC that a mailing to all communities will be completed before the February school vacation.

5.3 Completion of Reorganization Plan

a. 6.4A.A. Real Property and Fixtures.

MOTION: Except as listed below, all real property interests, including land acreage up to the DOE new school construction/site formula of Elementary 20 + 1/100 students, Middle 25 + 1/100 students and High 30 + 1/100 students, buildings, other improvements to realty, easements, option rights, first refusal rights, and purchase rights, and all fixtures, of the school administrative units shall be property of the region. The regional school unit board may require such deeds, assignments or other instruments of transfer as in its judgment is necessary to establish the region's right, title and interest in such real property and fixtures.

The following real property interests and associated fixtures shall not be transferred:

<u>Name of SAU</u>	<u>Description of Excluded Property</u>
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All real property and fixtures not described in the above list shall be transferred to the regional school unit.

The disposition of the above non-transferred property, if any, shall be as follows:

Any excepted real property and fixtures shall become the property of the municipality in which it is located.

Doug Beck **motioned** to accept the Richmond tennis court into the RSU property transfer. Mary Gleason **seconded** the motion, **voted 1-11. The motion failed.**

The RPC requested a position/deposition from Richmond and Monmouth officials regarding property still being defined for transfer.

b. 6.4B.A. Bonds, Notes and Lease Purchase Agreements That the Region Will Assume.

MOTION: The region shall assume liability to pay all bonds, notes and lease purchase agreements except for the local only Team Hall-Dale/SAD 16 debt.

Additionally, other bonds, notes and lease purchase agreements issued by an SAU before the operative date of the region shall be assumed by the region, provided the SAU issued the bond, note or lease purchase agreement in the normal course of its management of the schools for an essential purpose to replace its existing facilities and existing items of equipment that are not longer serviceable or to keep them in normal operating condition.

John Ottum **motioned** acceptance, **seconded** by Nadine Barnard, **voted in favor unanimously.**

c. 6.4C.C. Other School Contractual Obligations.

A motion to accept the list of all contracts to which the existing SAUs are a party and that will be in effect as of the operational date is attached as Exhibit 7-C.

Nadine Barnard **motioned** to accept original action 6.4C.C from 1/3/08 “to accept all contracts in effect at the official start of the RSU.”

Jim Grandahl **seconded** the motion, **voted 0-11. The motion failed.**

Doug Beck **motioned** to accept all new and existing service contracts up to 6/30/2010 and in effect at the official start of the RSU. Audit contracts for the FY09 school year should be encumbered by the original district and not be extended into FY10.

Jim Grandahl **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor unanimously.**

d. 6.4D.A. Existing Financial Obligations

Pursuant to Section XXXX-36(5) the disposition of existing financial obligations is governed by this plan.

Existing financial obligations shall include the following:

- (i.) all accounts payable;
- (ii.) to the extent not included as accounts payable, any financial obligations which under generally accepted accounting principles would be considered expenses of the SAU for any year prior to the year the RSU becomes operational, whether or not such expenses were budgeted by the SAU in the year the obligations were incurred, including for example summer salaries and benefits; and

- (iii.) all other liabilities arising under generally accepted accounting principles that can be reasonably estimated and are probable.

Each SAU shall satisfy its existing financial obligations from all legally available funds. If an SAU has not satisfied all of its existing financial obligations, the SAU shall transfer sufficient funds to the region to satisfy its remaining existing financial obligations, and the regional school unit board shall be authorized to satisfy those existing financial obligations on behalf of the SAU. If the SAU does not transfer to the region sufficient funds to satisfy its existing financial obligations, then to the extent permitted by law, the regional school unit board may satisfy those obligations from balances that the SAU transfers to the region. If the available balances transferred are insufficient to satisfy the SAU's existing financial obligations, or are not legally available for that purpose, the regional school unit board may take any action permitted by law so that all of the municipalities of the region are treated equitably with respect to the unsatisfied existing financial obligations of an SAU. For example, to the extent permitted by law, the regional school unit board may satisfy the unpaid existing financial obligations of an SAU in the same manner and with the same authority as for unassumed debt under the provisions of 20-A M.R.S.A. § 1506(4).

Additionally, to the extent permitted by law, if in the judgment of the regional school unit board it must raise funds from all its members to satisfy existing financial obligations of an SAU, the regional school unit board also shall be authorized to raise additional amounts for the purpose of making equitable distributions (which may be made in the form of credits against assessed local shares of the region's approved budget) to those region members that would otherwise bear costs attributable to unsatisfied existing financial obligations of an SAU for which they had no financial responsibility. The intent of the preceding sentence is that financial responsibility for unsatisfied existing financial obligations of an SAU be borne by its members and not by the other members of the region.

Tom Austin **motioned** acceptance. Mary Gleason **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor unanimously**.

- d. 6.4D.E. Trust Funds.

MOTION: SAUs shall transfer trust funds to the region. The regional school union board shall be deemed the successor trustee for all purposes, except as provided by the trust or by applicable law.

John Ottum **motioned** acceptance. Tom Austin **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor unanimously**.

e. 6.4E.A. Transition Plan for Budget Development.

MOTION: The regional school unit board shall establish interim rules of procedure and shall elect interim officers who shall serve until officers are elected at a meeting following the operational date of the region.

The regional school unit board shall select a superintendent of schools in accordance with Section 1051 of Title 20-A. During the interim period, the salary, office and other expenses of the superintendent, as well as the cost of the regional school unit board, including insurance, shall be allocated to the school administrative units as provided below.

The region is formed to become operational as of July 1, 2009, then following the issuance of a certificate of organization by the State Board of Education, the school boards and superintendents of the SAUs within the region shall begin a process for developing proposed budgets for educational programs and services within their SAUs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009. In developing their proposed budgets, the SAUs shall consider potential cost savings and additional costs that may result from reorganization. The SAUs also shall consider changes in operations that may be necessary in order to reduce costs of administration, special education, building and maintenance and transportation without adversely affecting the educational program. During the months of February and March, the school boards of the SAUs and their superintendents shall conduct joint meetings and budget workshops as necessary to develop a proposed budget for the first operational year of the regional school unit. Specific duties may be assigned to existing personnel with the approval of the employing SAU.

A proposed budget with supporting documentation shall be developed in time for its presentation to and consideration by the initial regional school unit board of directors. The regional school unit board shall complete the budget development process and recommend a budget for consideration by the voters.

The regional school unit board shall propose and approve a recommended budget in accordance with 20-A M.R.S.A. § 1482 for the first operational year for submission to the voters of the region. The budget format, approval procedures and assessments for the regional school unit's first operational year budget shall be in accordance with 20-A M.R.S.A. §§ 1482-1489. The regional school unit board shall have all necessary authority for

those purposes. This shall be considered the first year of use of the budget validation referendum process for purposes of determining the continued use of the budget validation referendum process every three years pursuant to Section 1486(1).

The regional school unit board shall be authorized to take all other actions and shall have all other authority provided under state law to prepare for the regional school unit to become operational on July 1 of the first operational year; including the authority to open and maintain accounts, to incur expenses not to exceed \$15/student to be allocated among the regional school units' member SAUs in accordance with their [most recent April and October resident pupil count] and to file applications for school construction projects and revolving renovation fund loans and other available funding.

John Ottum **motioned** acceptance. Nadine Barnard **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor 9-2.**

h. 6.4H. Reorganization Plan Article 12

An estimate of the cost savings to be achieved by the formation of a regional school unit and how these savings will be achieved.

MOTION: We estimate that the formation of the regional school unit will result in the following cost savings during the first three years of operation as yet to be determined:

First year – 2009 – 2010:

Estimated savings:

Estimated additional costs:

Net savings (or costs):

Second year – 2010 – 2011:

Estimated savings:

Estimated additional costs:

Net savings (or costs):

Third year – 2011 – 2012:

Estimated savings:

Estimated additional costs:

Net savings (or costs):

Total estimated savings (or costs):

John Ottum **motioned** to table discussion and action. Doug Beck **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor unanimously.**

h. 6.4I.13-A – Plans to reorganize administration, transportation, building and maintenance and special education.

Motion – yet to be determined.

No action.

i. 6.4I.13-B - Cost Sharing in Regional School Units
Motion – yet to be determined.
No action.

j. 6.4I.13-C - Election of initial board of directors

MOTION: Within 30 days of the issuance of a certificate of organization for the regional school unit by the State Board of Education, the members of the school boards of the school administrative units within the regional school unit shall conduct a joint meeting for the purpose of electing an interim secretary of the regional school unit and determining a date for the election of the initial board of directors of the regional school unit. The interim secretary shall notify the municipal officers of the member municipalities of the regional school unit of the date of the election. The election shall be conducted in accordance with Title 30-A Chapter 121 of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended by Section 1473(2) of Chapter 103-A of Title 20-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, except that the election duties of the secretary and board of directors of the regional school unit shall be performed by the interim secretary. The duties of the interim secretary shall include:

- 1) notification of the municipal officers of the date of the election;
- 2) furnishing nomination papers at least 10 days before the deadline for filing nomination papers;
- 3) receipt of completed nomination papers in accordance with 20-A M.R.S.A. §1473;
- 4) preparation and distribution of election ballots in accordance with 20-A M.R.S.A. §1473;
- 5) receipt of town clerk's certification of the results of the voting in each member municipality;
- 6) tabulation of the town clerk's certification of the results of the voting in each municipality;
- 7) accepting any recount petitions that may be filed pursuant to 20-A M.R.S.A. §1473; and
- 8) totaling the votes cast for each candidate and notifying the clerks in each municipality, the candidates, and Commissioner of Education of the final results of the voting and the names and addresses of the persons elected as directors.

In accordance with 20-A M.R.S.A. §1473(1), the clerk of each municipality within the regional school unit shall forward the name(s) and address(es) of the director(s) elected to represent that municipality to the State Board of Education with such other data with regard to their election as the State Board of Education may require. On receipt of the names and addresses of all of the

directors, the State Board of Education shall set a time, place and date for the first meeting of the directors and give notice to the directors in writing, sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, to the address provided by the municipalities.

John Ottum **motioned** acceptance. Doug Beck **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor unanimously**.

k. 6.4I.13-D – Tuition Contracts and School Choice

1. Tuition Contracts

MOTION: The following tuition contracts are in existence as of the date of this Plan:

SAU	Other Party	Description	Termination Date
Dresden School Dept	MSAD #16	For all Dresden students in grades 6-8	June 30, 2014

2. School Choice

The following SAUs offer some or all of their students a choice of which school to attend:

SAU	Description
Dresden School Dept	85% of the students 9-12 attend MSAD 16 and 15% may choose to attend any secondary school approved for tuition purposes. Dresden School Dept. pays the MSAD 16 rate tuition for each student.

Doug Beck **motioned** to table discussion and action. John Armentrout **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor unanimously**.

l. 6.4I.13-E – Claims and Insurance

Motion – yet to be determined.

No action.

m. 6.4I.13-F – Vote to submit reorganization plan to Commissioner

Motion – yet to be determined.

No action.

5.4 Positive Benefits of Consolidating

A listing of possibilities not probabilities was distributed for RPC review and edits.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Update on LD1932
Facilitator Jake Clockedile informed the RPC that the bill was sent to the Senate. No action was taken.

6.0 COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Reports moved to 4.1

7.0 CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR REPORT
Given the recent 2/5/08 communication from Commissioner Gendron an additional \$2500 will be available to the RPC for RPC expenses i.e. travel, copying and clerical support. A request will be made to obtain the funds. MSAD #16 will serve as the fiscal agent and a standard mileage reimbursement will be made for travel. Dresden = 24 miles, Monmouth = 30 miles, Richmond = 30 miles, Farmingdale = 8 miles and Hallowell = no reimbursement.

8.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)

9.0 ADJOURNMENT
Tom Austin **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Mary Gleason **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor unanimously**.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donald L. Siviski
RPC Secretary

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
KIDS RSU: Monmouth Richmond Dresden Hallowell Farmingdale
February 26, 2008 6:00
Hall-Dale Elementary School Computer Room

PRESENT: Chair O'Neil LaPlante, Vice-Chair Mike Rogers, Rich Howard (Alt.), John Armentrout, David Lyal (Alt.), John Ottum, Gary Getchell (Alt.), Cindy McPherson, Michaela Loisel

ABSENT: Nancy Jodoin, Nadine Barnard, Seth Goodall, Sherry Moody, Tom Austin, Mary Gleason, Doug Averill, Doug Ludwig and Jim Grandahl

ALSO ATTENDING: Jake Clockedile, Steve Philbrook, Michael Burnham, Martha Witham, and Don Siviski

1.0 CALL TO ORDER
Chair O'Neil LaPlante declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m.

2.0 ACTION ON MINUTES
John Armentrout motioned to accept of minutes of the RPC meeting of 2/5/08. Michaela Loisel seconded the motion, voted in favor unanimously.

3.0 ADJUSTMENT(S) TO AGENDA
There were no adjustments to the agenda.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment on agenda items.

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

5.1 Completion of Regionalization Plan

a. 6.4A.A. Real Property and Fixtures.

MOTION: Except as listed below, all real property interests, including land acreage up to the DOE new school construction/site formula of Elementary 20 + 1/100 students, Middle 25 + 1/100 students and High 30 + 1/100 students, buildings, other improvements to realty, easements, option rights, first refusal rights, and purchase rights, and all fixtures, of the school administrative units shall be property of the region. The regional school unit board may require such deeds, assignments or other instruments of transfer as in its judgment is necessary to establish the region's right, title and interest in such real property and fixtures.

The following real property interests and associated fixtures shall not be transferred:

<u>Name of SAU</u>	<u>Description of Excluded Property</u>
Richmond	Houdlette Field, and National Parks land areas of Tennis Court, Skateboard Park and MS Basketball Court

Additionally access to the public land adjacent to MS/HS property will require a "right of way".

Monmouth – No Exclusions

Dresden – No Exclusions

MSAD #16 – No Exclusions

All real property and fixtures not described in the above list shall be transferred to the regional school unit.

The disposition of the above non-transferred property, if any, shall be as follows:

Any excepted real property and fixtures shall become the property of the municipality in which it is located.

Michaela Loisel motioned to accept. Cindy McPherson seconded the motion, voted in favor unanimously.

c. 6.4H. Reorganization Plan Article 12

An estimate of the cost savings to be achieved by the formation of a regional school unit and how these savings will be achieved.

We estimate that the formation of the regional school unit will result in the following cost savings during the first three years of operation as yet to be determined:

First year – 2009 – 2010:

Estimated savings:
Estimated additional costs:
Net savings (or costs):

Second year – 2010 – 2011:

Estimated savings:
Estimated additional costs:
Net savings (or costs):

Third year – 2011 – 2012:

Estimated savings:
Estimated additional costs:
Net savings (or costs):

Total estimated savings (or costs):

Gary Getchell motioned to establish a Transition Team to continue detailed work on the Reorganization Plan that would be comprised of any Regional Planning Committee members who wish to continue with all open positions being filled by representative groups (Community, Local Government, School Boards).

The Transition Team would officially begin its work after the DOE approval of the Reorganization Plan is obtained on or about May 1st. The Regional Planning Committee would officially be dissolved upon successful referendum results.

The motion was seconded by John Ottum, voted in favor unanimously.

John Ottum motioned that the estimated cost savings / additional cost analysis be referred to the Transition Team. Mike Rogers seconded, voted in favor unanimously.

c. 6.4I.13-A – Plans to reorganize administration, transportation, building and maintenance and special education.

John Ottum motioned that the reorganization of administration, transportation, buildings & maintenance, and the current collaborative efforts in Special Education be referred to the

Transition Team. Gary Getchell seconded the motion, voted in favor unanimously.

d. 6.4I.13-B - Cost Sharing in Regional School Units
 John Ottum motioned to table this article until the RPC receives Property Value and Student Population percentage comparisons. David Lyal seconded, voted in favor unanimously.

e. 6.4I.13-D – Tuition Contracts and School Choice

1. Tuition Contracts
 MOTION: The following tuition contracts are in existence as of the date of this Plan:

SAU	Other Party	Description	Termination Date
Dresden School Dept	MSAD #16	For all Dresden students in grades 6-8	June 30, 2014

School Choice

The following SAUs offer some or all of their students a choice of which school to attend:

SAU	Description
Dresden School Dept	85% of the students 9-12 attend MSAD 16 and 15% may choose to attend any secondary school approved for tuition purposes. Dresden School Dept. pays the MSAD 16 rate tuition for each student.

John Ottum motioned to accept the listing of tuition contracts and SAUs offering some of their students “choice” of school attendance. Michael Loisel seconded, voted in favor unanimously.

f. 6.4I.13-E – Claims and Insurance
 Cindy McPherson motioned to table this article and asked that Business Managers compile a listing citing initials only of existing claims against the SAUs. Michaela Loisel seconded, voted in favor unanimously.

g. 6.4I.13-F – Vote to submit reorganization plan to
 Commissioner John Ottum motioned that once the Reorganization Plan is completed by the RPC that each SAU Board will be asked to approve it at a meeting late in March. Mike Rogers seconded, voted in favor unanimously.

5.2 Positive Benefits of Consolidating

What benefits will be realized by reorganizing into a regional school unit?

Quality of Facilities:

Given a Director of Building and Grounds with Head custodians at each site codes would be updated, regulations documented maintenance schedules followed and immediacy of response realized. Securing and retaining trades expertise: electricians, plumbers, boiler specialist, roof services, paving and sports field vendors Applications for renovations and new construction processed with engineering studies to support positions and request Safe and secure and healthy buildings would become available to all students and staff

Efficient use/management of energy with modern technology /equipment integrated to a central site for remote management

Quality of Technology:

Given a Director of Communication and Technology with Head Tech's at each site Immediacy of response to needs and long range planning would be realized.

Business software and hardware oversight as well as remote access to all sites

Student information system uniform: transfer files electronically track K-12 student history, parental password access to student records and weekly progress

Web site management and response to communications

Telephone efficiency over VoIP between schools at no charge

Instructional integration of technology for lessons and simulations, district subscriptions to interactive sites for improved teaching and learning

Repair center, student operated repair site, training of staff

Quality of Food Services:

Given a Director of Food Services with Head Cooks or site based managers

Uniform bulk purchase and participation in regional coop and surplus foods use/purchase

Improved nutritional offerings/options (larger serving of milk, whole wheat, fruits etc)

Wellness initiatives throughout the RSU (Maine-made, Sugar-out, 5210 etc)

Students accounts managed with software programs and bar code/password accounts

District menu planning and posting

Quality of Transportation Services

Given a Director of Transportation for district supplied and vendor based services with site coordinators.

Shared services and resources during break-downs or wait-time for repairs
Repair and/or maintenance center? Use of routing software for efficiency of routes
Shared fuel depots around the district; swipe card access, shared drivers (illness)
Bulk purchase of fuel and tires etc Cameras, radios and GPS tracking devices
Shared Vocational transportation and Special Ed transport to out-of-district site
Sports and club transportation coordination; field trips and out-of-state trips

Quality of Education:

Given a Curriculum/Professional Development Coordinator and participating-district Curriculum Leaders and Principals at each building an effective and results based school improvement program becomes a reality
Professional Learning Community amongst all staff; In-service programming for Teachers, Ed Tech's, Drivers, Custodians, Nurses, Special Ed needs, Coaches, Administrators and Central Office (etc) as well as some job mentoring
Unified calendar and schedules in order to share staff and/or televise or video transmit courses or guest presenters
Alignment of Maine Learning Results i.e. curriculum mapping and analysis of student learning as well as NWEA assessments and local writing/math/etc prompts
Student progress and Standards based rubrics/reporting procedures
In-class training for technology integration and subject application
Video communication between staff and building sites
Early college dual enrollments, alternative education programming, drop-out prevention
Adult Education program amongst participating towns and alternative credit option for some students
ATM course and Advanced Placement staff and course offerings
Shared "targeted need" subjects and hard to find subject teachers (World Languages, Calculus, Physics, etc.)
Response to DOE Chpt. 125 and 127 revisions and expectations
On-site graduate program via university out-reach

The RPC was asked to add to the listing of possibilities that could exist as a result of reorganizing into the RSU.
Principals were also asked to focus on educational attributes that a consolidated district would yield.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS
None

- 7.0 COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
None.
The cancelled Farmingdale Public Meeting will be joined together with Hallowell's on April 9th.
- 8.0 CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR REPORT
March RPC meetings are scheduled on the 6th, 12th and 18th (if needed). Jake Clockedile updated the RPC on LD 1932 and other LD's being discussed. It appears that a Budget Validation Referendum will be necessary this spring.
- 9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)
None.
- 10.0 ADJOURNMENT
Cindy McPherson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. David Lyal seconded the motion, voted in favor unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald L. Siviski
RPC Secretary

- 7.3 Buildings & Grounds, Food Service and Transportation Committee – 2/26/08
February 26, 2008 11:30 AM
Present: Committee Chair Jon Lambert, Director Dan Shagoury and Superintendent Don Siviski

The Committee reviewed the transportation bids received on February 14, 2008. The specifications requested a four part response (general daily mileage, extra and co-curricular trips, van rental and optional cost of a Whitefield, etc. route). The Superintendent recommended that the general daily and extra / co-curricular bid amounts be included as the basis of the bid decision. Van rental cost was recommended to be eliminated in favor of the purchase of a 7 person vehicle and the optional Union 132/133 route be continued as optional since the new school district may not elect to continue that service.

The Committee agreed to recommend to the full Board for approval the transportation services over a 5 year period from Cyr Transportation at \$1,675,944 rather than Ledgemere (Student Transportation of America) at \$1,738,687.50.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donald L. Siviski
Superintendent of Schools

8.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

8.1 Resignation(s)

8.2 New Hires, Transfers, Newly Appointed Personnel

The Superintendent reported on the following new hires:

- Chip Lucas, HDMS, 8th grade Baseball Coach
- Bill Burgess, HDMS, 7th grade Baseball Coach
- Cindy Trapnell, HDMS, 8th grade Softball Coach
- Troy Gray, HDMS, 7th grade Softball Coach
- Margaret O'Connor, HDES, Administrative Secretary

8.3 March Calendar of Board Events (Special Board Meeting on 26th), Enrollment and Financial Report

9.0 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Set date for Budget Informational Meeting & District Budget Meeting and Budget Validation Referendum

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Director Jon Lambert **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 PM. Linda Leet **seconded** the motion, **voted 5-0**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald L. Siviski
Superintendent of Schools

DLS/src