

COLLABORATIVE MEETING
MSAD # 16, DRESDEN, RICHMOND, MONMOUTH, UNION # 132

DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2007
PLACE: HALL-DALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
TIME: 5:30 PM

PRESENT: MSAD # 16: Director Michaela Loisel, Director Tom Austin, and Superintendent Don Siviski
Dresden: Director Gary Getchell, Director Lorna MacKinnon, and Superintendent Richard Cote
Richmond: Director O'Neill LaPlante, Superintendent Martha Witham
Monmouth: Superintendent Steve Cottrell
Union # 132: Director Adelaide Chapman, Director Hillary Holmes, and Superintendent Frank Boynton
Representative Nancy Smith, Monmouth

Participants were presented with a packet of information recently received (6/26/07) at the Commissioner's Conference which included:

- a. Summary of the Law Chapter 240
- b. School Administrative Reorganization PowerPoint
- c. Sample Financial Template
- d. Total EPS Allocation Distribution for RSU
- e. Educational Law Funding Implementation
- f. Guidelines for Reorganization Professional Learning Community
- g. Facilitator Options
- h. Reorganization Plan
- i. Alternate Reorganization Plan
- j. Notice of Intent

As participants reviewed the documents different interpretations arose and discussions evolved into obtaining a facilitator to assist the group. Rep. Smith was asked to obtain clarification of the interpretation of "rural" and the population density limitations from the Commissioner. Each participating district was asked to share their intent and outline how they thought their School Boards would vote for the "letter of intent".

In summary, the group believes that:

- a. A similar educational ideology exists
- b. Three participating high schools are "above State average" SAT scores
- c. Potential exists to improve student services
- d. Potential exists to share expertise and resources
- e. Sense of trust amongst leadership continues
- f. Targeted savings can be achieved after initial consolidation start up costs have been realized

Each participating district will have taken formal steps toward a consolidation model by the next collaborative meeting, July 26th at 5:30 PM in the Hall-Dale Elementary computer room

The meeting adjourned at 7:20PM

Respectfully submitted,

Donald L. Siviski
Superintendent of Schools