

**Regional Planning Committee
October 17, 2007
Hall-Dale Elementary School Computer Room**

Present: Tom Austin, John Armentrout, Michaela Loisel, Cindy McPherson, Gary Getchell, Mary Gleason, Doug Ludewig, Mike Rogers, Rich Howard, Seth Goodall, O'Neil LaPlante
Absent: Nadine Barnard, Doug Averill, John Ottum, Jim Grandahl, Nancy Jodoin
Also Attending: Martha Witham, Rick Cote Leon Duff, Tracey Woodman, Deb Emery, Patti Bodge, Steve Philbrook, Mike Burnham, Don Siviski

1. Call to Order

Chairperson LaPlante called the meeting to order at 5:35pm

2. Action on Minutes

Tom Austin **motioned** to approve the minutes of 10/04/07. Mike Rogers **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor unanimously.**

3. Adjustments

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

4. Public comment

There was no public comment on published agenda items shared at this time.

5. Old Business

Financial templates and analysis will be personally delivered by Jim Rier at the next Finance Committee meeting on 10/25 at 5:30 at the HDES Computer Room.

6. New Business

6.1 Michaela Loisel **motioned** that town delegates would meet with Selectmen/City Council at their next meeting to offer a personal update of progress towards consolidation and invite them to a public informational meeting scheduled to be held in Monmouth on November 14th at 7:00pm. Mike Rogers **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor unanimously.**

6.2 Tom Austin **motioned** to table the request to draft an "incomplete plan" to be submitted for approval by Boards and forwarded to the DOE prior to December 1st in favor of waiting until a DOE template is published that would essentially satisfy the same statement of an "incomplete plan" for the four districts. Michaela Loisel **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor unanimously.**

6.3 The RPC agreed on a proposed position/process to be presented to the joint School Boards that should this RSU receive a request for another district to join with us, the RPC would conduct the interview and make a recommendation for acceptance or rejection to each of the four Boards. A new Letter of Intent would have to be filed with the DOE from each district otherwise no agreed upon new configuration would exist and therefore no new Letter of Intent would be filed/accepted.

6.4 Mike Rogers **motioned** to establish a Buildings and Grounds Committee to begin asset assessment of facilities and all that would be included in transfer of title, etc. Michaela Loisel **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor unanimously.**

7. Committee reports

- 7.1 Governance Chairperson Seth Goodall outlined the progress made to date and asked Gary Getchell to explain a draft of the vote apportionment and staggered term thinking of the committee. A sequence of target dates from a June referendum 2008 through to a new RSU Board on July 1, 2009 was also presented by the Chair. Formal adoption by the RPC will be presented on 10/29. The next meeting is Tuesday Oct 23rd at 7:00 am in the SAD 16 Central Office Conference Room.
- 7.2 Finance Chairperson Tom Austin yielded the floor to O'Neil LaPlante to update the RPC. After much data gathering the committee has turned the corner on necessary information and will begin analysis and comparison in their next meetings. A report to meet the needs of the December 1st plan is significantly different then the data need for referendum hearing presentations. The next meeting is 10/25 at the HDES Computer Room at 5:30.
- 7.3 Public Education/Relations Vice Chairperson Michaela Loisel having updated the RPC in item 6.1 announced that their next meeting is Tuesday 10/23 at 12:00 in the SAD 16 Central Office Conference Room where the process for notification of the public in all five towns regarding the Public meeting on Nov 14th will be determined as well as other avenues of information dissemination. The RPC then briefly discussed (Nadine Barnard's collection) the types and depth of questions that might surface at the public meetings.

8. Chair and Vice chair reports

The Chair updated the RPC on the Special and Private Legislation submitted by Rep Sharon Treat to help the RSU address any financial barriers that may be discovered from the governance difference that exist between a MSAD and a Municipal School District.

9. Future Agenda Topics

There were no items requested for future agenda. Next meeting 10/29/07 at Hall-Dale Elementary School 5:30 pm Computer Room.

10. Adjournment

Michaela Loisel **motioned** to adjourn at 7:00 pm. Mike Rogers **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor unanimously**.

Also please consider a proposed rescheduling of our Tuesday 11/13 RPC meeting to Wednesday 10/14 at 5:30 prior to our 7:00 Public Meeting in Monmouth and changing the Wednesday 11/28th RPC to Tuesday 11/27 to accommodate a rotating day schedule to allow members with Wednesday conflicts to attend meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald L. Siviski
RPC Secretary