

**REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**KIDS RSU: Monmouth Richmond Dresden Hallowell Farmingdale**  
**December 10, 2007 5:30**  
**Hall-Dale Elementary School Computer Room**

**PRESENT:** Chair O'Neil LaPlante, Nancy Jodoin, Mary Gleason, Doug Ludewig, Gary Getchell, John Armentrout, Michaela Loisel, Dan Shagoury (Alt.) and Vice-Chair Mike Rogers

**ABSENT:** Jim Grandahl, Tom Austin, Nadine Barnard, Doug Averill, John Ottum, Seth Goodall and Cindy McPherson

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Rick Cote, Martha Witham, Mike Burnham and Don Siviski

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

RPC Chair O'Neil LaPlante called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

**2.0 ACTION ON MINUTES**

Michaela Loisel **motioned** to accept of minutes of the RPC meeting of 11/27/07. Mary Gleason **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor unanimously**.

**3.0 ADJUSTMENT(S) TO AGENDA**

None

**4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

Gary Getchell informed the RPC that Sherry Moody will become the Dresden School Board representative and that he will become the alternate effective 12/20/07 per action of the Dresden School Committee.

**5.0 OLD BUSINESS**

5.1 The KIDS RSU plan to regionalize was submitted on November 28, 2007 and additional data was delivered to the DOE on December 5, 2007 supporting the cover sheet summary.

5.2 John Armentrout demonstrated various aspects of the web-site and articulated how a separate site could be created by securing a specific web-site address. Vice-Chair Mike Rogers **motioned** to authorize John Armentrout to pursue the separate site for a KIDS-RSU web-site. Doug Ludewig **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor unanimously**.

**6.0 NEW BUSINESS**

6.1 Approval of 3A6 and 3A8  
Dan Shagoury **motioned** to accept the finance data items 3A6 and 3A8 of the regionalization plan. Michaela Loisel **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor unanimously**.

6.2 January 16<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting  
Nancy Jodoin reported that the PE/R Committee decided to build upon the previous slide presentation with a definition or abbreviation explanation, contact information (RPC members) and benefits to consolidation slides. Name tags will be issued to RPC members so the public can more easily identify / approach committee members with questions or concerns.

6.3 Draft Publication to Communities

The PE/R Committee reported that at their December 20<sup>th</sup> meeting a draft document will be prepared for RPC review. The expected date of mailing is anticipated after the holidays (1<sup>st</sup> week of January).

6.4 Benefits of Consolidation for Teaching and Learning

Mike Burnham reported that principals at each level have been meeting to discuss future possibilities of improved programming. The next meeting of the high school principals is scheduled for January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Gary Getchell requested the group to consider all possibilities not necessarily probabilities.

**7.0 COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

7.1 Finance Committee

A draft computation of the reductions in subsidy expected for FY09 and the proposed penalties for FY10 if citizens fail to approve an RSU was distributed to the committee. These computations represent a “ballpark” scenario of what to expect since property values and student populations will affect the actual numbers.

7.2 Buildings and Grounds Committee

Rick Cote reported that the committee toured the Dresden facility on November 28<sup>th</sup> and discussed formulas that could be used to determine transferred acreage to the RSU. Only the Hall-Dale facilities need to be toured. The committee has also requested tax maps/plot plans for each site.

7.3 Public Education/Relations Committee

The Public Education/Relations Committee met prior to the RPC meeting and requested that they receive any and all publications from each town so that the information can be filed and referenced for future needs.

Frequently asked questions and contact information from each RPC member was requested for use on the web-site and at the public meetings.

7.4 Collective Bargaining Workshop – 11/30/07

Gary Getchell reported on the Drummond, Woodsum Conference attended by four members of the KIDS-RSU. He compiled various similarities and differences that exist in current contracts for use by negotiating teams in the three districts negotiating this spring.

**8.0 CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR REPORT**

Chair O’Neil LaPlante cited the RPC’s work to date and the energy devoted to the effort. Given the petition drive to repeal and the economic forecast of the state finances, consolidating districts should not expect any additional financial assistance. Our efforts need to shift to areas “yet to be addressed” and “required” in the plan. A cost sharing consideration may include a common 104% of EPS with any additional % becoming the sole responsibility of the individual community.

**9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)**

PE/R will present a draft publication.  
Future meetings for January should be posted.  
Cost sharing discussions will be initiated.  
Celebration of progress to date.

**10.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-Chair Mike Rogers **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Gary Getchell **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor unanimously**.

Respectfully Submitted

Donald L. Siviski  
RPC Secretary

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