

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 Ludewig 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.**

b. 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

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.

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**.

5.4 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

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