

**Monmouth Richmond Dresden Hall-Dale Regional Planning Committee**  
**August 23, 2007 5:30**  
**Hall-Dale Elementary School**

**Present:** Monmouth: Doug Ludewig, Jim Grandahl, Steve Cottrell  
Richmond: O'Neil LaPlante, Seth Goodall, Martha Witham  
Dresden: Gary Getchell, John Ottum, Mary Gleason, Rick Cote  
Hallowell: Michaela Loisel, (subs Tony Masciadri, David Giroux)  
Farmingdale: Tom Austin  
Hall-Dale: Don Siviski

**Absent:** Mike Rogers, Monmouth; Nadine Barnard, Farmingdale; Cindy McPherson,  
Hallowell; Farmingdale Community; Hallowell Community; Richmond  
Community

Superintendent Siviski opened the meeting with the distribution of a packet of materials and agenda for the evening.

Participants introduced themselves and the town and position they were representing. Superintendents outlined how this tentative RSU was formed as a gathering of trust amongst member school leaders and similar educational values amongst communities. A brief analysis of property value per student for each of the four districts was shared with the average being \$373,000 per student across all four districts. Individual member schedules and commitments were recorded on a survey sheet after an extensive discussion regarding the focus of the committee's efforts over the next three months. Our subcommittee structure will focus immediate efforts on Finance, Governance and Public Education/Relations with other areas of interest developing as we complete the first priorities:

To Date first choices include (with six members yet to select)

Finance: John Ottum, O'Neil LaPlante, Tom Austin, Jim Grandahl, Nadine Barnard  
and Rick Cote

Governance: Gary Getchell, Seth Goodall, Mike Rogers and Martha Witham

Publics Ed/Rel: Doug Ludewig, Mary Gleason, Michaela Loisel and Steve Cottrell

Superintendents were also included as they serve as a resource and secretary to all committees.

Since all meetings are open to public attendance superintendents attending sub committee meetings should post time and date, record minutes, and send to Don Siviski for distribution to all interested parties (email) as well as retention for final application to DOE. Electronic mail "Cc"(carbon copies) sent would include public officials who wish to be kept informed through the process. Please send addresses to Don for inclusion in the mailings. Superintendents please forward to your Board.

Other topics of interest included introducing each district's administrators to one another as well as groups of teacher, etc., calendars for 2008-09 and schedules, joint workshops and training sessions. (A joint Board meeting should also be considered to launch our efforts.)

Eleven members expressed interest in attending the September 24<sup>th</sup> law workshop and it was suggested that representative registrations be completed ASAP by each participating District Superintendent to secure a seat.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 after viewing the YouTube edition of *Did You Know?*  
(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xHWTLABecl>) 1st version or  
([http://www.halldale.org/index.php/hd\\_it](http://www.halldale.org/index.php/hd_it)) newer version or  
(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FqfunyCeU5g>) narrated version

Our Facilitator is Jake Clockedile 205-5334. Given the yet to be completed matrix of conflict dates Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> were reserved on Jake's schedule for our next full group meeting.

Wednesday and Thursday have multiple conflicts while Monday and Tuesday have only one participant conflict each, otherwise the committee would need to rotate through the week and also align with Jake Clockedile's schedule.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald L. Siviski  
MSAD #16 Superintendent of Schools  
RPC Representative