

Regionalization Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes

Location: Southern Aroostook School, Dyer Brook

Time: 6:30pm

Date: Monday, October 29, 2007

Representatives from: MSAD #14, MSAD #25, MSAD #29, MSAD #70, CSD #9, Moro Plantation, Orient, Bancroft, and Hersey.

1. Terry Comeau, Superintendent of CSD #9, welcomed all the RPC participants.
2. Mike Howard facilitated the meeting in Mary Jane's absence. Mike had the agenda and timeline distributed as well as the minutes from the RPC meeting and subcommittee meeting from 10/15/07. A motion was made and then seconded to approve the minutes. The motion duly passed.
3. Mike asked if there was any public comment related to the RPC's work. There were no public comments.
4. Mike discussed the Timeline that was distributed. Each subcommittee was provided a laptop in which the Drummond Woodsum template was added for each subcommittee's components to be added. Kelly will compile each subcommittee's portion and provide to the Superintendent's by Friday, November 2 for their Superintendent's meeting. This will allow them to have information to provide to their school boards. Bill Dobbins will be sending the information to Augusta and will need each subcommittee chairs signature.
5. Mike asked if there were any question. There were none.
6. The RPC broke into their subcommittee groups.
7. The RPC came back from their subcommittee work time and Mike mentioned the upcoming RPC meeting dates:
 - a. Thursday, November 15, 2007 at Houlton Southside School
 - b. Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at Mill Pond School (formerly Hodgdon Elementary School)
8. Mike asked that each subcommittee Chair provide updates:
 - Myron Baldwin – They have two incomplete items. The description of excluded property and the new capital project that will be assumed and the new capital project that will not be assumed. It is still to be determined which of the two categories that the Houlton Community Arts Center will fall under.
 - Greg Ryan – There will be six subcommittees and 15 board members for the new RSU. A handout outlining this was passed around and is attached to the minutes. As it stands now, in August 2008 those interested in being on the new school board would pick up the paperwork at their town office, the election would be in November 2008, the term would start in January 2009, but not start until July 2009.
 - Dawn Dougan (for Mark Bossie) – They reviewed two templates. Personnel contracts in each district and their expiration dates and external contracts of services used. By the end of the next meeting, they will be able to provide an update.

- Greg Sherman – They reviewed the draft model of what the new central office will look like. Their next step is to look at the costs related to the central office. The Superintendent's have a meeting this Friday to discuss this. Going forward, the subcommittee needs to crunch numbers.

Greg Sherman mentioned that Brian McGuire asked that he relay that he has copies of the petition.

A question was asked to Greg Sherman if he saw any savings. Greg said he was unsure at this point. They still have work to do and they are waiting on some things from the state.

Mike mentioned the Timeline and that each group will provide their information to Kelly to forward onto the Superintendent's for their meeting on Friday. He also mentioned that a good portion of the next meeting will be review of where everyone is at.

A final comment was made by an RPC member that whatever the finance committee decides, this is just not in the best interest, the petitions need to get out.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Farnham