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## **Meeting Minutes**

April 14, 2008

### **I. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. on April 14, 2008 at Harmony Elementary.

### **II. Roll call**

The following persons were present: Ella Munday, Co-Chairman, Steve Foster, Stephen Gudroe, Charles Woodmancy, Dale Huff, William Digby, Cynthia Hall, Phyllis Cass, Rodney Farrar, Tom Goulette, Paul Bridge Co-Chair, Charlotte Violette, Peter Cooley, Brad Deane, George Nuite, Michelle Ward, Fred Sherburne, Peter Devine, Onie Lougee, Paul Stearns SAD #4 Supt., Kevin Jordan SAD #46 Supt., Gil Reynolds, Harmony Supt.

### **III. Voting**

Tom Goulette made the motion to accept the minutes for the March 24, 2008 minutes, Charles Woodmancy seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Peter Devine made the motion to approve the School Choice language as submitted. Steve Gudroe seconded the motion and the motion carried.

### **IV. Discussion**

**It was reported that Ray Freeve, our facilitator will be absent for the April meetings due to his fulfilling the role as Superintendent for Dover Foxcroft until May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**John Parola brought up the issue that he was not sure the group should still be working on moving forward until the Legislature has decided what they are doing with the school consolidation laws. Paul Bridge commented that the work the group is doing is producing data that can be used by all school boards in the future. Dale Huff expressed that he felt the group should hold off on meetings for awhile or get in touch with Skip Greenlaw regarding a repeal.**

**Paul Bridge stated that the House has voted to appeal the consolidation law, but the Senate still needs to vote and then it will go to the Governor. The present plan is to have our plan ready for vote at referendum on November 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**Steve Gudroe commented that what we have been voting on could very well be overturned by the Legislature and that we are basically playing defense. His**

**opinion was that the group should wait for a while and see what happens at the State level.**

**Dale Huff also mentioned that it was obvious that we will not be able to keep our deadlines due to the fact the Legislature is running behind in deciding what to do with the consolidation laws.**

**Paul Bridge mentioned the fact that if we don't file a plan we could face penalties. Onie Lougee mentioned that it is very difficult to vote when we don't know the rules.**

**Peter Cooley also noted that the Legislature is going out as of Wednesday and he doesn't foresee any movement. He doesn't feel it makes any sense for us to move forward until we know what we are looking at.**

**Steve Foster stated that if we put our meetings on hold the committee that he is on could finish their work in a couple of hours. He was not sure that the savings committee could be done, but that we are not far away from completing our plan.**

**Peter Devine made the motion to postpone our official meetings until the Governor and the Legislature resolve the consolidation law issues.**

**Charles Woodmancy asked if the committees could still do work if they wanted and the answer was yes, it would be up to the committee chairs to call meetings together to do any further work.**

**Brad Deane moved to amend the motion to state that the Superintendents would be responsible for letting our Legislative leaders and representatives know that we will be postponing future meetings until the law is resolved. Charles Woodmancy seconded that amendment. The amendment carried.**

**Rodney Farrar noted that the Legislators would need to be notified by tomorrow that we will be postponing future meetings as the Legislator's last day was Wednesday.**

**Motion: To postpone all future official meetings of the full group until the Governor and the Legislature resolve the consolidation law issues, and that the Superintendents will notify our representatives tomorrow. Motion carried.**

**Brad Deane asked about what would happen with this scenario:**

**A special education student from Harmony is entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Where Harmony still has school choice for secondary education, who pays above and beyond for that student's education if that student cannot receive in house services from the RCU?**

**The Superintendents were asked to get an answer to this question and to report back to members.**

**Dale Huff made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Charles Woodmancy seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.**