

**Regional School Unit No. 38
Transition Team
February 11, 2009**

Minutes of Meeting

Those present: Holly Stevenson, Don Reiter, April Fenton-Hulett, Rob Peale, Mike Parent, Doug Ide, Mary Keeley, Steve Hayes, Brigitte Williams, Rich Abramson

Discussion:

1. Rich Abramson shared the content from his conversation with Norm Higgins of the Department of Education.
 - a. \$25,000 available in a grant to convert our financial software to ADS or to use ADS to help us with our financial consolidation issues.
 - b. Educational consultant team is hired to work with the 24 consolidating districts on educational consolidation issues; a grant of \$5,000 is available as well to help with this process; could we use these folks to review our curriculum from an outsider's point of view? Could the \$5,000 be used to offset NEASC review?
 - c. DOE workshop available to members on Thursday, February 26th (not 2/24 as originally reported) at the DOE; please let Rich know if you wish to attend.
2. Consensus from the group on asking to be Maranacook RSU #42 as we move forward. Rich said that Norm had requested this at DOE. (Additional note – 42 was not available, we have been given 38)
3. The Committee reviewed the timeline developed by Steve Hayes
4. Steve Hayes agreed to prepare a memo to the Select Boards explaining the process as well as having an additional article in the Town Warrants for additional local elementary expenditures.
5. Brigitte Williams reviewed the available Transition Funds available as well as the balances in the legal fund (see attachments)
6. Steve walked the Committee through the revised plan that modified the finance numbers due to Winthrop and Fayette not joining the RSU, as well as reviewing and agreeing on the Board distribution. Motion by Steve Hayes, second by Holly Stevenson to have the following composition for the School Board: Manchester 4 members, Mt. Vernon 3 members, Readfield 4 members, and Wayne 2 members for a total of 13 Board members. This composition was developed using 2000, 2006, and 2007 census figures. Motion Carried: 3 in favor, 2 opposed (Don Reiter, Rob Peale).
7. Terms of office have been developed as follows:
Manchester – 2 1-yr. terms, 1 2-yr. term, and 1 3-yr. term
Mt. Vernon – 1 1-yr. term, 1 2-yr. term, and 1 3-yr. term
Readfield – 1 1-yr. term, 2 – 2-yr. terms, and 1 3-yr. term
Wayne – 1 2-yr. term, and 1 3-yr. term.
Following the first year of elections all terms will be 3-year terms. Donna Foster will complete the nomination papers and get them to the Town Offices no later than Friday, February 13th.
8. Motion by Steve Hayes, second by Rob Peale to dispense with a search for a Superintendent in its capacity as Transition Committee. Discussion followed. Motion Carried: unanimously.

9. Motion by Steve Hayes, second by Rob Peale to designate the Interim Secretary to hire all personnel needed to transfer property, apply for tax I.D., etc. Discussion followed. Motion Carried: unanimously.
10. The Committee agreed to compensate Rich, Brigette, and Donna on an hourly basis for any work that needed to be completed outside the regular work day. Some of this work will be done during regular business hours. Rich will provide a spreadsheet documenting all of the work and time connected with this project.
11. The Committee set a tentative meeting date of April 2, 2009, 6:30 p.m. at the Superintendent's Office.
12. The Committee agreed with Rich to keep as much of the additional work necessary to complete the RSU in District. Steve suggested that Rich contact Howard Lake to see if would help with the legal work.