

**Regional Planning Committee
Minutes October 24, 2007
7:00 P.M.**

Members Present:

Gerald Clockedile, Facilitator	Sharri MacDonald School Board OOB	Millie Tuttle, School Board Dayton
David Galli, School Board Saco	Roxanne Frenette, Town Council OOB	Lisa Morse, School Board Dayton
Michael Lafortune, Supt. Saco	Gary Curtis, Resident OOB, Alt.	Jim Trask, Selectman Dayton
Alan Cartwright, Resident Saco	Eric Mathews, Supt. OOB	Sheila Dube, Resident Dayton
Paul Kelly, Finance TA	Peter Flaherty, Resident OOB	

A meeting of the Regional Planning Committee was held on Wednesday, October 24, 2007 at Saco City Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Approval of Minutes dated October 11, 2007

A motion to approve the minutes dated October 11, 2007 was made by Alan Cartwright and seconded by Lisa Morse, All in favor.

Correspondence:

Jake informed the Committee that a template for a partial plan submission is still being worked on by the DOE. He also told them that absolutely everything that has been decided will need to be submitted by Dec. 1. The committee is responsible for submitting the Plan to the DOE.

Included in the Plan should be:

- Where are we now
- What has been completed
- What are the next steps

The Saco & OOB Superintendents are concerned that by submitting this plan, it may look like everything is fine and there are no issues concerning the Consolidation.

Jake explained to the Committee, there might be some flexibility in the referendum dates in the spring.

Jake put the request into the State Planning Office for the Committee to pursue developing wards for voting. The State has authorized the Committee to do so.

Eric Mathews received a return e-mail from Jim Rier of the DOE acknowledging the problems this committee is facing. Jim Rier requested that a sub-committee go to Augusta to meet with him to discuss issues and ask questions. He sent 4 dates that he would be available.

Collective Bargaining Group

Eric Mathews reported on Collective Bargaining research that had been completed. The OOB & Dayton Contracted Teachers were brought up to Saco's Contract amounts. By doing this it creates an increase to the RSU'S financial template of \$500,000. The Collective Bargaining group will continue to work on this information.

Financial/Contract/Demographic Groups

Split up into groups at 7:30. Reconvened at 8:10

Financial Group – November 2, 2007 was the date chosen to go meet with Jim Rier. Paul Kelly, Shari MacDonald, Mike Lafortune & Eric Mathews will be the Sub-Committee.

Contract Group – Lisa Morse reported they are reviewing and verifying information that has been gathered.

Demographic Group – Questions arose regarding maintenance of properties and land ownership. New Board will have to discuss these issues with each town's council or selectman to address responsibilities.

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RSU Board Group

Dave Galli reported the group discussed having Advisory Groups from each Community. They plan to write a statement encouraging the new RSU Board to have Community Advisory Groups.

Jake informed Committee that there is money available to help with Committees expenses. Superintendent Lafortune asked Jake to find out the process for applying for these funds.

Eric Mathews asked to discuss Budget Validation at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Adjourned 8:30

Meetings Scheduled

Thursday – November 8, 2007

Wednesday – November 28, 2007

Thursday – November 29, 2007 – if needed

Minutes prepared by:

Lynn Ouellette, Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:

Michael Lafortune, Superintendent