

Regional Planning Committee Minutes

September 26, 2007

Members Present:

Gerald Clockedile, Facilitator	Sharri MacDonald School Board
OOB	Dana Peck, Selectman Arundel
David Galli, School Board Saco	Millie Tuttle, School Board
Dayton	David Lane, Selectman Arundel
Michael Lafortune, Supt. Saco	Peter Flaherty, Resident
OOB	Lynn Cote, School Board, Arundel
Ron Morton, City Council Saco	Rick Mathews, Supt.
OOB	Alan Richard, School Board, Arundel
Alan Cartwright, Resident Saco	Alton Hadley, Supt.
Arundel	Jack Reetz, Arundel Resident
Carl Stasio, Headmaster Thornton Academy	

A meeting of the Regional Planning Committee was held on Thursday, September 26, 2007 at Saco City Hall.

Dave Galli opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to approve the minutes dated Sept. 13, 2007 was made by Alan Cartwright and seconded by Dave Lane, All in favor.

Dave Galli reviewed the items on the agenda. Hand-outs on Consolidation Overview, Timelines and Templates were distributed.

Dave Galli urged the Districts in this RPC to try to make their decision very soon on their consolidation plans. Their decision will have a major impact on the decisions and make-up of the current RPC.

Rick Mathews reported that the current numbers show that the consolidation will cause a budget increase for OOB, therefore making them unable to assist Saco with their financial status.

Some committee members attended the Drummond Woodsum Worksop. They learned that the 50% reduction for Central Office Administration is statewide, not each RSU. The 5% for other areas could also change.

Jake reported - The state realizes there are many financial issues. Legislature may address cost sharing changes within an RSU. He told the committee that an Alternative Cost Sharing Formula

would be need to be submitted to your Representative by Oct. 3, 2007

He also stated every plan should have an Educational Plan.

Jake also advised committee to consider the June deadline instead of the January one, as this would be very difficult to achieve.

Jake responded to a couple questions that he had been asked to submit to the state. The answer was that the questions were legal and would have to be addressed by an Attorney.

A question regarding Tuition Rates and High School Choice was asked. Jake responded that the RSU would be responsible for the Tuition Rate that is being used in their RSU. If a different High School is chosen and it cost more, the town that the student is from would be responsible for the difference.

Jake suggested each Superintendent bring to the next meeting a copy of their Oct. 1st enrollment.

The Demographic Group handed out a booklet with information gathered so far.

- Ø 1st page broke down the Number of Students and Age Groups from each town
- Ø 2nd page showed each School building that the towns will be bringing to the RSU.
- Ø 3rd page was a comparison of Median Age, Household Incomes, Values and Property Tax for each town.
- Ø 4th page projected Student Growth to 2017 (A suggestion was made to go tot he State Website and look at the Census)
- Ø 5th page showed various Property Ownerships, such as Ball Fields and Playgrounds.

The Committee broke out into groups at 7:50: Each group was given a handout of material from the Consolidation Book for them to review and use as a guideline in their decision making.

8:45 Reconvened

Finance Committee reviewed the Financial Outline from the Consolidation Book.

Demographic Committee also reviewed pages relevant to them from the Consolidation Book.

Contract Committee - They need to research the Seniority List and Salary Rates for each town. They will figure salaries at the higher rate to see what the impact will be. There are also 2 different Unions to consider.

RSU Board Committee - Vision statement was discussed. Also what does each School District

have to offer for Education? Possibly have a meeting and invite Curriculum Staff to inform Committee of what each town has to offer.

Arundel asked what the other Districts offer in the areas of Professional Development, Goals and Curriculum. Arundel need to assess the Education factors before they can make a decision.

A presentation to the Arundel Board by the Curriculum Coordinator from Saco and a PowerPoint Presentation from OOB were planned for Oct 1st. at 7:00 at the M.L. Day School.
E-mail notification will be sent out.

Meetings Scheduled:

Thursday - October 11, 2007

Wednesday - October 24, 2007

Minutes prepared by:

Respectfully submitted by:

Lynn Ouellette, Transcriber
Superintendent

Michael Lafortune,