

**Regional Planning Committee
Minutes April 10, 2008
7:00 P.M.**

Members Present:

David Galli, School Board Saco	Michael Lafortune, Supt. Saco/Dayton	Jake Clockedile, Facilitator
Gary Curtis, Resident OOB, Alt.	Millie Tuttle, School Board Dayton	Alan Cartwright, Resident Saco
Ron Morton, Saco Council	Kay Dutton, School Board OOB	Sharri MacDonald, School Board OOB
Eric Matthews, Supt. OOB	Roxanne Frenette, OOB, Town Council	
Shirley Jones, School Board Saco	Peter Flaherty, Resident OOB	

A meeting of the Regional Planning Committee was held on Thursday, April 10, 2008 at Old Orchard High School.

Welcome& Introductions

Dave Galli opened the meeting and introduced Drummond Woodsum Attorney, Dick Spencer, who was present to review the plan and inform the Board of cost sharing. Governor Baldacci visited the meeting and responding to a headline from the Portland Press Herald referencing blocking of the plan. Governor Baldacci's comment was that the plan *will* happen.

Approval of Minutes dated March 13, 2008

A motion was made by Ron Morton and seconded by Alan Cartwright to approve the minutes dated March 13, 2008. Voted unanimously. Motion passed. Minutes were approved with #2 amended to no at large.

Attorney Dick Spencer's Review:

Dick Spencer informed the Board that there will not be enough time to have a referendum in June as previously thought. The referendum can not happen until November, 2008.

Dick handed out a Revised Plan for review, plus a cost sharing spreadsheet. The spreadsheet showed a comparison using several different elements for deciding the cost sharing; i.e.: number of pupils, 2008 valuation, EPS, and additional local funds. He recommended using the additional local funds percent used in the year prior to the RSU, following the same percentages going forward so that no cost shift will take place. Eventually in three to four years a new formula could take over once the consolidation was more accepted.

A discussion took place between the committee members and Dick Spencer on the cost sharing formulas and how they affect each town. Part of the plan is to revisit cost sharing in five years to see if amendments are required.

There was a short discussion on the 2/3 majority vote with no outcome. Dick Spencer suggested language to address this area.

The committee will review the revised plan presented and make any necessary changes at future meetings.

Adjournment

Adjourned 9:00PM

Minutes prepared by:

Respectfully submitted by:

Lynn Ouellette, Transcriber

Michael Lafortune, Superintendent