

**Regional Planning Committee
Minutes January 29, 2008
7:00 P.M.**

Members Present:

David Galli, School Board Saco	Michael Lafortune, Supt. Saco/Dayton	Ron Morton, Saco Council
Lisa Morse, Dayton (Alternate)	Millie Tuttle, School Board Dayton	Sheila Dube, Dayton Resident
Gary Curtis, Resident OOB, Alt.	Kay Dutton, School Board OOB	Sharri MacDonald, School Board OOB
Eric Mathews, Supt. OOB	Jake Clockedile, Facilitator	Paul Kelly, Thornton Academy
Shirley Jones, School Board Saco	Alan Cartwright, Resident Saco	

A meeting of the Regional Planning Committee was held on Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at Saco City Hall.

Welcome& Introductions

Dave Galli welcomed attendees.

Approval of Minutes dated January 23, 2008

A motion was made by Dave Galli and seconded by Sheila Dube to approve the minutes dated January 23, 2008. Voted unanimously. Motion passed. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Responses to Plan Questions

Dave Galli handed out the verbiage for questions #1 and #2 for the RPC to review and discuss.

Question #1: Clarification wording changes were made with response, from A): Old Orchard Beach School District, to Old Orchard Beach School Department, Municipal School Unit. Also: B) from Union 7 School District to School Union 7 consisting of Saco School Department and Dayton School Department. A motion was made by Lisa Morse and seconded by Gary Curtis to approve the changes. Voted unanimously. Motion passed.

Question #2: Dave Galli explained the intent of the sub-committees decision to have Wards with even population with six regions to give everyone representation. We need to look at the governing body as one school district not separate school districts.

Ron Morton spoke in disagreement, stating that the towns want what is best for kids. He feels the towns need to know they have representation on the Board.

Superintendent Lafortune spoke to an attorney about weighted votes and other options. At this point he is unsure how the weighted votes would work. Jake Clockedile explained a couple different ways weighted votes worked.

A suggestion was made asking if we could do three members at large, stating one must be from each community, making this a nine member Board. The legal question will be presented to an attorney if three at large would be considered as weighted votes.

Gary Curtis suggested Question #2 be tabled so that further work can be done and brought back to RPC and Dave Galli will work on Question #2 for meeting scheduled on February 13, 2008.

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Question #4: A motion was made by Ron Morton and seconded by Gary Curtis that the wording with response to Question #4 will be that 'No Local School Committee shall be created by the new RSU #56'.

Question #7: Rick Matthews's handed out suggested wording for Question #7. The RPC will review and Saco/Dayton will add their information for the RPC to vote on at the next meeting, February 13, 2008

Lisa Parker will work on a proposed budget and will speak on the two proposals presented through a conversation with Jim Ryer.

Ron Morton suggested that after all information is gathered the RSU should hire legal help for writing the plan. Superintendent Lafortune will check into this.

Agenda for February 13, 2008 Meeting:

Questions #1 & #2: Presentation by Dave Galli for voting
Question #6: Discussion
Question #7: Presentation by Lisa Parker for voting
Question #8: Presentation by Lisa Parker for discussion
Question #9: Presentation by Lisa Parker
Question #11: Presentation by Superintendent Lafortune

Agenda for February 20, 2008 Meeting:

Question #5: Discussion

Adjournment

Adjourned 8:45 PM

Next Meetings

Wednesday – February 13, 2008 @ 4 PM

Wednesday – February 20, 2008 @ 4 PM

Thursday – March 6, 2008 @ 6 PM

Minutes prepared by:

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Respectfully submitted by:

Michael Lafortune, Superintendent