

**KIDS Kennebec Intra-District Schools
RPC / Transition Team
June 12, 2008 5:30 P.M.
Hall-Dale Elementary School**

Present: Chair O’Neil LaPlante, John Armentrout, David Lyal (Alt.), Cindy McPherson, Jim Grandahl, Gary Getchell, Pam Longfellow, Dan Shagoury (Alt.), Rich Howard (Alt.) and John Ottum

Absent: Vice-Chairman Mike Rogers, Doug Averill, Nancy Jodoin, Seth Goodall and Mary Gleason, Michaela Loisel and Nadine Barnard

Also attending: Rick Cote, Martha Witham, Don Siviski and Jake Clockedile

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair O’Neil LaPlante declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

2.0 ACTION ON MINUTES

There were no minutes to approve.

3.0 ADJUSTMENT(S) TO AGENDA

Item 6.7 was added as information Request for Legal Expense Funds.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

5.1 The Committee was reminded of the resources posted on the DOE Web Site and encouraged to visit the site to stay current.

5.2 The Committee was requested through the Superintendent’s Office to forward “approved budget” amounts to John Armentrout so that an accurate hypothetical RSU budget scenario can be created.

5.3 Request by the RPC for the transfer of State owned 7 Reed Street to become the Central Office of the RSU has been met with bureaucratic protocol in the form of an RFQ this summer.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 The Committee reviewed the results of the Reorganization Referendum.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Dresden	322	82
Farmingdale	329	66
Hallowell	510	102
Monmouth	560	220
Richmond	<u>490</u>	<u>120</u>
	2211 (78.94%)	590 (21.06%)

The Committee reflected upon actions that contributed to the positive result and developed the following list.

1. Two rounds of public hearings (8 meetings)
2. Two bulk mailings to 14,000 residents
3. Representative reports to constituent groups
4. Aura of compatibility (Superintendents, Boards and Reps.)
5. Positive attitude “make it work for kids”
6. “Want to” versus “Have to” from January ’07 through June ‘08
7. Attention caused by non-contiguity of RSU
8. Visibility and presentation at school events
9. A “refined” message without educational jargon i.e. local required tax vs. foundation allocation
10. Enthusiasm to keep it going
11. Continued goal of frequent newsletters
12. Realization of shared services and expertise

6.2 John Ottum **motioned** to accept the Administrative flow chart as amended for planning purposes. Cindy McPherson **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor unanimously**.

6.3 John Ottum **motioned** to establish four working sub committees within the transition team to include: 1. Central Office, 2. Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction, 3. Buildings and Grounds, Food Service and Transportation, 4. Information and Communication Technology, as well as to receive periodic updates from the Superintendents regarding the Special Education Director collaborative agreement. Gary Getchell **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor unanimously**.

6.4 The Committee selected July 23rd for the four SAU School Boards to hold a Joint Board meeting to interview and elect and hire an Election Secretary for the selection of Directors of the KIDS RSU on November 4, 2008.

Superintendents were asked to solicit able and knowledgeable candidates to correctly manage the process and present two finalists at the Board meeting on July 23rd at 6:30 in the Hall-Dale Elementary School cafeteria.

6.5 According to the DOE approved Reorganization Plan for KIDS RSU contained in Article No. 9 A Transition Plan and Timetable for the KIDS “The Regional Planning Committee would officially be dissolved upon successful referendum results.” Given the successful results of the June 10th referendum in all five towns the Regional Planning Committee is officially dissolved at the conclusion of the meeting and the Transition Team will assume responsibility of continued preparation for the RSU and new School Board arrival.

6.6 The Committee agreed that a vacation period should be considered and that the next meeting of the Transition Team should occur in August.

6.7 With an accumulated account of \$3500 for legal fees the Committee agreed to request reimbursement of \$2500 for RPC expenses from the DOE. The additional amount would then be equally distributed (25% for each SAU) and once again be reimbursed by the DOE from the \$2500 per SAU that has been reserved for such needs.

7.0 COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

None.

8.0 CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR REPORT

Facilitator Jake Clockedile commended the group on its successful journey and referendum.

8.1 With a balance of \$2.76 for RPC expenses, mileage reimbursements will not be available to RPC members.

9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)

The Transition Team will need to articulate expectations and timelines for each Administrative Sub Committee so that an effective and efficient structure is recommended to the RSU Board of Directors.

The DOE has tentatively set June 18th for a brief press conference/congratulations to the RPC for the successful referendum. The meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. in our usual meeting place at Hall-Dale Elementary School.

Local legislators, the Commissioner and the entire RPC is invited to attend. If you can take an early lunch that day to attend the 30 minute \pm event it would be greatly appreciated.

O'Neil and Mike will be asked to speak about "what made it so successful" (3 minutes each) and the Commissioner will then extend her commendations to the RPC. Legislators may wish to also speak but the whole event should not consume more than one half hour.

A celebration cake and beverage will also be provided (from our \$2.76 balance?).

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

John Ottum **motioned** to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Jim Grandahl **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor unanimously**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald L. Siviski
RPC Secretary