

KIDS Kennebec Intra-District Schools
RPC / Transition Team
May 13, 2008 5:30 P.M.
Hall-Dale Elementary School

Present: Chair O'Neil LaPlante, Vice-Chairman Mike Rogers, Tim MacDonald, John Armentrout, Gary Getchell, Mary Gleason, Michaela Loisel, Rick Cote, Martha Witham and Don Siviski

Absent: Doug Averill, Seth Goodall, Jim Grandahl, Nadine Barnard, Nancy Jodoin, Pam Longfellow, David Lyal (Alt.), Cindy McPherson, John Ottum and Rich Howard (Alt.)

Also attending: Jake Clockedile, Steve Philbrook and Matt Stone

Chair O'Neil LaPlante called the meeting to order at 5:47 and declared a quorum present at 5:58 p.m.

The first topic of discussion was the public information campaign to voters in each of the five towns regarding the referendum vote on June 10th. The Public Education/Relations Committee developed a flier to be distributed to each town over the next two weeks. Specific information regarding penalties and membership as well as location dates and times of the public hearings will need to be inserted prior to duplication and distribution. Each Superintendent's Office will process / distribute the flier to their respective towns.

A hypothetical RSU budget was then analyzed as if the four districts with current budget data for the next school year had already been regionalized. Given a total combined budget of \$25,620,194 with an expected state subsidy and local assessment contribution of \$23,500,000 and tuition, balance forward, interest, etc. of \$2,000,000 the committee was able to determine or compare local tax expectations. A paper copy of the \$23,500,000 tax and subsidy projection will be used at public meetings to explain the financial picture of the RSU.

A draft RSU administrative structure was presented to the Team for review and analysis. Given the advantages of RSU Directors of Buildings and Grounds, Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment, Food Services, Transportation and Information Communication Technology outlined in the DOE approved plan as well as the Co-Directors of Special Education recently reorganized for the next school year the Team recommended that it be presented at the next meeting for a vote of approval.

Facilitator Jake Clockedile updated the group on the changes in the reorganization law (LD2323) and Chair O'Neil LaPlante called the Team's attention to the May 19th workshop in Brunswick at the Regional Tech Center from 6:00 to 8:00 where additional information would be presented. A Transition Team/RPC meeting on May 20th will therefore not be held.

Future meeting topics include:

- Approval of administrative plan
- Sub committee structure similar to the proposed administrative plan
- Dates of future meetings

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald L. Siviski
RPC Secretary

Public Hearing Schedule: May 27th – Dresden ES 7:00
 May 28th – Richmond HS 6:00
 May 29th – Monmouth Academy 7:00
 June 2nd – Hall-Dale High School 6:00