

RSU #16 RPC Meeting Meeting
Lewis Libby School
August 13, 2008

Attendees: Chrisanne Blackie, Jim Dill, Keith Feero, Andrea Gifford, Fred Gifford, Scott Gordon, Laurie Guay, Scott Hayden, Carol May, Linda McLeod, Todd Saucier, Al Smith, Sue Smithson, Sally Strout, David Walker, Mike Williams, David Wollstadt

Visitor: Walt St. John

Moderator: Harvey Hayden

I. Excess of EPS and Debt Sharing discussion:

A. Dave Wollstadt's cost sharing formula scenario

1 See sheet titled 'Cost sharing & debt summary'

a. Wollstadt explained the rationale and calculations for the 50/50 EPS Cost share plus debt sharing

- Brief discussion regarding the various municipalities and their shares

- Finance Comm. position was to attempt to "hold harmless" those towns that were accepting more expense, but OT continues to spend more.

B. Cost sharing implementation:

1 Rather than waiting until 3rd year, should we accept the cost sharing agreement in the 1st year.

II. Personnel discussion:

A. Likelihood that increased dollars are a reality

1 Too many unknowns to accurately create funding models

a. Title I funding: It will be mitigated by an RSU size vs. schools in SU 90

b. State aid commitments: Dependent on available dollars and penalties incurred

III. Speaking to our citizens:

A Creating a message

1 Defining alternatives

a. Numbers are not final until the State see the big picture

b. State aid penalties

B. Helping citizenry to understand the State's inability to fund beyond its means

1 SAD's created to develop synergies and efficiencies

a. The RSU is the next iteration

C. The efforts of the RPC members truly considered the children

1 Can we serve them better?

2 Can we do it more efficiently?

3 Can we utilize resources that are unavailable to any of our current towns?

D. Wollstadt's draft of a letter to be included in 'Community Connections'

1 A letter that informs our citizenry of the RPC efforts up to now

a. Include cost sharing, debt sharing, board creation, etc.

b. Conceptual information

c. Explanation of benefits

2 Wollstadt will be editing and including other information

- a. Will e-mail to RPC folks within a few days

IV Other items that need to be on the table:

A. Property discussion

1 Do we have all info.

- a. OT is accumulating that information (Peggy Daigle)
 - Carol May and Linda McLeod will follow up with Daigle
- b. SU 90 information is available (Al Smith)

B. Potential cost savings

1 The superintendents

C. Logistics management

1 We need to move the plan elements forward for submission by Sept. 15th

- a. The plan only requires a listing of those properties that will be excluded
- b. Cost projections:
 - Still need the property evaluations, assesments, maintenance projectcions

2 Transition team

- a. Work on implementation plan
- b. Determine what items will need to be considered
 - Governance
 - A superintendent's office, leadership needs

V Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 20, 2009 @ Old Town Elementary School

A. Complete cost sharing portion of the plan

B. Continue with the plan discussions and **TURN SOMETHING GREEN**