

RSU #16 Meeting: Old Town Elementary School
August 20, 2008

Attendees: Chrisanne Blackie, Jim Dill, Keith Feero, Andrea Gifford, Fred Gifford, Ann Goodwin, Laurie Guay, Scott Hayden, Carol May, Harry Sanborn, Laura Sanborn, Todd Saucier, Sue Smithson, Sally Strout, Bonnie Sullivan, David Walker, Mike Williams, David Wollstadt

Visitor: Walt St. John

Moderator: Harvey Hayden

I. Reviewed list of RPC committee membership

A. Confirmed the municipal, council, selectboard and school board representatives

II. Cost Sharing revisited:

A. Dave Wollstadt shared his narrative on Cost and Debt sharing.

1 Year 1: Over EPS will be allocated based on current year over EPS percentages

a. 2009-2010 over EPS spending should be about the same

2 Year 2: Utilize current valuation percentages and number of pupils in a 50/50 cost share model

a. There is an adjustment for debt service for local debt on OT High School, OT Middle School and Alton Elem.

b. See 'Cost & Debt calcs' sheet

3 Future Years: Future debt and over EPS spending determined by the RSU Board will utilize the 50/50 model also

a. There will be a safety valve statement in the RSU plan that allows for revisiting the cost sharing.

b. Jake Clockadile provided language that could be included in the plan that addressed this probable revisit

1 Can this RPC create benchmarked occasions for this to occur (i.e.: when the personnel leveling begins)

B. What about the anticipated increases in compensation for the staffs of the SU90 schools

1 The SU90 towns will be realizing a significant increase in costs, but OT will be sharing in those increases

- C. How do we answer public questions regarding the costs of running an RSU vs. current models?
 - 1 How much revenue is lost from Title I, Small School subsidy, etc.? Can it be quantified?
(Alan Smith)
 - 2 Have we identified and quantified savings of a consolidated superintendent's office?
(Alan Smith/David Walker)
 - 3 Can we make an accurate guess at the other factors, such as the Cost of Living adj. that might occur with regards to State funding?
- D. Town representative deliberated and provided their decision
 - 1 Each town agreed that they are comfortable with the proposed cost and debt sharing formula