

**RSU #16 Meeting**  
**Old Town Elementary School**  
**November 14, 2007**

Municipalities: Alton, Bradley, Greenbush, Milford, Old Town (Orono, Veazie, Glenburn attended first half of meeting)  
Moderator: Sandy Bernstein

- I. Introduction: Sandy Bernstein from New Canada, ME
  - A. Old Town, Union 90, Union 87
    - 1 Union 90 and Old Town are ready to move
      - a. Union 87: Orono & Veazie are not committed yet
  - B. Multiple Letters of Intent for RSU #16 Members
    - 1 We have until December 1 to make decision of "dancing" partners
    - 2 Submit progress report for RSU #16
    - 3 Glenburn may need to submit an LOI to include all parties
      - a. Milford and OT do not have an LOI with Glenburn
- II. The Law!
  - A. Law passed by Legislature
    - 1 Save money
      - a.
    - 2 Equitable educational opportunities across the State
  - B. Requirements
    - 1 Prescribes units of 2,500 plus, we will be approx. 2,900
      - a. Some units were approved for less, 1,200 was another benchmark
  - C. Map of projected RSU's across the State
    - 1 Law allowed local units to choose partners, but did have suggested models
    - 2 Form a Regional Planning Committee
      - a. School Board members, Local Governments, Citizens at large
        - Six from each "town" suggested for RSU #16
      - b. Address the required functions prescribed by the law
        - Not given any powers after the RSU formation completed
        - Not used for negotiations, simply the planning of reorganization
          - Local Boards have the responsibility for implementation and negotiation
          - Municipalities have final vote of its inclusion in the RSU
    - D. Concerns:
      - 1 Local Control
      - 2 Will we really save money?
      - 3 School closures
        - a;. Each school remains open for the first year
        - b. Regional school board may determine necessary after first year
  - III. Regional Planning Committee responsibilities
    - A. See handout titled "Components of the Regionalization Plan"
      - 1 Units of School Admin. Included in the RSU
      - 2 Size, Composition and apportionment of the governing body
      - 3 Method of voting of the governing body
      - 4 Composition, powers and duties of any local school committees to be created
      - 5 Disposition of real and personal school property
      - 6 Disposition of existing school indebtedness and lease-purchase obligations, if the parties choose not to use Section 1506 regarding the disposition of debt obligations
      - 7 Assignment of school personnel contracts, collective bargaining agreements and other contractual obligations
      - 8 Disposition of existing school funds and existing financial obligations, including undesignated fund balances, trust funds, reserve funds and other funds appropriated for school purposes
      - 9 Transition plan that addresses the development of a budget for the first school year of the reorganized unit and interim personnel policies
      - 10 Documentation of the public meeting or public meetings held to prepare or review the reorganization plan
      - 11 An explanation of how units that approve the reorganization plan will proceed if one or more of the proposed members of the regional school unit fail to approve the plan
      - 12 An estimate of the cost savings to be achieved by the formation of the regional school unit and how these savings will be achieved.
      - 13 Such other matters as the governing bodies of the school administrative units in existence on the effective date of this chapter may determine to be necessary.

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B. Deadlines:

- 1 Plan by December 1
- 2 Municipal votes may begin in January, but suggested June 6
- 3 Must have a vote by November, 2009

B. Glenburn left the meeting when they were told they could not participate in the survey as they are NOT approved in our present LOI

C. Orono & Veazie chose to leave

- 1 We will have to submit our 12/1 progress report without them
  - a. The Board chairs will have to sign the RPC report

V. RPC leadership and currently required efforts

A. Co-chairs "elected"

- 1 They are responsible for communicating with DOE
- 2 Nominated:
  - a. Jim Dill
  - b. Scott Hayden

**V. Next meeting on December 11, 2007 @ 6:30 p.m. OTES**