

DUMMER/BERLIN WITHDRAWAL STUDY

Minutes of Meeting

Monday, October 2, 2006

Dummer Town Hall

PRESENT:

Dummer School Board Representatives: Nancy Bisson, Julie Glover

Berlin School Board Representative: Mitch Couture *Town of Dummer Representative:* Paula LaBrecque

Administration: Superintendent Paul Bousquet *Other:* Kimberly Hockmeyer, Recorder

I. Call to Order

Julie Glover called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM.

II. Acceptance of Minutes, dated: August 7, 2006 and September 26, 2006

Motion made by Glover to accept the Minutes of the 08/07/06 and 09/26/06 meetings as presented.

Motion seconded by Bisson. No additional discussion. Vote 4-0 in favor. Motion approved.

III. Election of Chair

Bisson nominated LaBrecque as Chair of Committee. LaBrecque accepted.

IV. Establish Ground Rules

Bousquet presented the guidelines for the Committee.

V. Determine Length of Meetings

LaBrecque led the discussion on the length of the meetings. Committee agreed to one (1) hour long meetings. In the event that additional time is needed, a member of the Committee will make a motion to extend the meeting in fifteen (15) minute increments.

VI. Discussion of Attachments to Agenda

A. Enrollment Summary

After reviewing enrollment summary, LaBrecque questioned Bousquet and Couture if there has been any discussion of a regional school. Bousquet explained the history between Gorham and Berlin. Couture presented a list of courses at BHS that are available to Gorham students and GHS courses that are available to Berlin students.

Committee members discussed NECAP and AYP results for 2005-2006.

VII. Review Step by Step Actions to be taken RSA 195-A:14

Committee members discussed steps and directions they would like to take. Glover expressed her personal point of view to have choice in schools. LaBrecque commented that there would have to be a cap on tuition and that transportation costs would become an issue that would need to be discussed. Discussion on what would change in going from an AREA agreement to a Tuition agreement. Bousquet stated that tuition agreements can be made with area schools. LaBrecque requested tuition rates from area schools. Discussion on what a change would have on special education. Couture stated under an AREA agreement, the school district accepts all students; if under a tuition agreement, they may choose not to accept students. Discussion on capital costs and building aid that would still need to be paid if Dummer chose to leave the AREA agreement.

Bousquet will create an outline of steps the Committee will need to accomplish for the State report and will include with next agenda.

LaBrecque asked for the time frame of the committee. Bousquet stated that the report would have to be to the State by the second week in December and then will go before the voters in March.

VIII. Next Regular Meeting, Monday, November 6, 2006

Glover requested exact costs Dummer would remain responsible for and its affect on the tax rate from Pauline Plourde, Business Administrator.

Glover will obtain information on Measured Progress.

Bisson will obtain NECAP results for 2005-2006 from Department of Education for Berlin, Gorham, and Groveton.

IX. Other

X. Adjournment

Motion made by Bisson to adjourn. Motion seconded by Glover. No discussion. Vote 4-0 in favor. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Hockmeyer
Recorder