



Minutes of the RSU Withdrawal Committee

June 10, 2016

18:00 Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

In attendance was: *No official record was made.*

Committee Members Present: Robert Dunphy, Elizabeth Pratt, Kevin Sousa & Timothy Wahler

Members of the Public Present: Torry Wahler

1. The meeting was called to order at approximately 18:00 (exact time unknown).
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Review of Minutes from Embden RSU Withdrawal Committee Meeting on May 10, 2010.**
Ti. Wahler read the minutes dated May 10, 2010.
4. **Review information from alternative school districts.**
 - 4.1. Members reviewed information submitted regarding alternate school districts.
 - 4.2. K. Sousa commented that it did not appear that Farmington would be a viable option. R. Dunphy said that he felt Farmington was probably the best school that he knew of and SAD74 was the second. To. Wahler reported that she had looked at online reviews and ratings of the area schools, and they all seemed to be ranked about the same, and there did not appear to be any 'shining stars.' R. Dunphy exclaimed that he did not feel there was a better education available in northern Maine than the Farmington schools. E. Pratt said she felt the downside would be the travel distance
 - 4.3. Ti. Wahler stated that this committee would need to decide whether they wished to approach any other school districts.
 - 4.4. E. Pratt remarked, "Early on I spoke with the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent in Madison, that was before the Superintendent resigned, and they said they would be a school of record." K. Sousa reminded them that the gentleman from Starks had told them that Madison would be a step back in education. E. Pratt argued that Madison was one of the top five schools in the state of that class, better than Yarmouth. She added that Madison's test scores were better than Falmouth, Yarmouth, and Cumberland. K. Sousa asked about Madison. E. Pratt stated she had heard that there was a company ready to purchase the Madison Paper Mill, not necessarily for paper production, but it would not sit idle for long. Discussion continued.
 - 4.5. E. Pratt added that Bingham desperately wanted the Embden kids as well. R. Dunphy that said of the schools he visited in Bingham and Moscow, of course they would have a better education because they didn't have many students.
5. **Public comment and questions**
 - 5.1. R. Dunphy asked where they were at. Ti. Wahler replied they were currently on step 7, negotiating.
6. **Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA 13 § 405.**
 - 6.1. Review proposal from RSU 74 and make recommendations.
*Ti. Wahler made a motion (2nd – E. Pratt). Committee entered executive session at [an undetermined time].
No motion to come out of executive session was recorded. Meeting resumed at [an undetermined time].*
7. **Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment.**
 - 7.1. Next RSU Withdrawal Committee Meeting – Thursday, June 23, 2016 @ 18:00 at Embden Town Office.
 - 7.2. Meeting adjourned at [an undetermined time].

Minutes transcribed by Bonnie A. Baker