

Town of Embden



Informational Meeting

May 9, 2015

10:00 AM Meeting held at the Embden Community Center

In attendance was: Approximately 20 people.

1. Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:06.
2. **The following questions were raised for future consideration:**
 1. How much will it cost to tuition our kids to another district?
 2. What will the actual savings be?
 3. Who will pay transportation costs?
 4. What will happen if a special education student moves in? What will be the cost associated with educating that student?
 5. Will the Town be able to negotiate the tuition rate?
 6. If students are tuitioned, will the Town have any say on what goes on in that district?
 7. Will it be possible to have another meeting, part way into the process, once some of the numbers are known?
 8. Can we get the numbers from some of the communities who have already withdrawn? Would it be possible to have some of their committee members come and speak to the Townspeople to answer the following questions: any advice for Embden, why the process was done, whether the municipality saved money and how much?
 9. What is the amount of Embden's debt liability?
 10. What does RSU74 currently hold for lease purchases (buses, office equipment, etc.), teacher contracts, and/or retirement plans that Embden might be responsible for?
 11. Who will pull all of these numbers together?
 12. Does Embden have trained people on the Withdrawal Committee?
 13. Will anyone survey the kids to see what they want?
 14. How many students does Embden have in addition to the 111 (homeschooled, charter school, etc.)? Does this number include Embden students that currently attend Madison, Skowhegan, etc. through Superintendent Agreements? Does this number include Skowhegan Vocational students?
 15. Is the Town currently gearing toward Madison?
 16. Will parents have a choice of where to send their children?
 17. If parents choose to send their child to a different school, will the parents have to provide transportation? Will they have to pay the difference in tuition if the cost is higher than that of the district with which Embden has an agreement?

18. Will children still be able to participate in extracurricular activities?
19. Will Embden kids still be able to participate in the Skowhegan Vocational program?
Would there be an additional charge for this program, and if so would it be paid by the parents or the Town?
20. Will parents still have a choice of a specific school within RSU74 if the students are tuitioned (for example, sending a child to Solon Elementary or GSS who would otherwise be on the route for CCS)?

3. Next Meeting Announcement:

Public Hearing – Saturday, May 30, 2015 @ 10:00am at Embden Community Center.

4. Meeting was adjourned at 11:21am.

Minutes submitted by:

Bonnie A. Baker, Town Clerk