

23 August 2012

Called to order at 1800

All Present

Motion to accept minutes from August 16, 2012 by Tim, second Jeff, Passed 4-0

Consultants Norm Higgins and Ray Poulin present, gave introduction of themselves

Motion by Tim second Jeff to go into executive session to negotiate possible contract, Jason asked if they should give what they can offer before we go into executive session to negotiate price, Mr. Poulin said they would need to know what we want, Mr. Higgins repeated that they need to know what we want and also advised they had met with Jim Rier, deputy Commissioner of Education about our situation, Mary asked if they would prefer to observe the rest of the meeting then discuss it, Mr. Higgins and Mr. Poulin both agreed that would be best, Motion failed 1-3 (Mary for)

Executive session moved to end

Tim gave review of meeting with Jim Rier

Jason gave summary of other school units

Hilary Holm (RSU Board Chairperson) asked for clarification on RSU 2 and 12

Gene Stover stated that this work has been done by the WERP committee and we shouldn't be spending time on it, Jason asked "where are they?" and that they had not come forward with any information.

Ms. Holm gave an update on the RSU proposed cost sharing formula, public meetings for this have been set for August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in Wiscasset, 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Windsor, and September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in Somerville.

Ms. Holm gave a quick overview, Cost sharing would be RSU wide on a per student basis, the cost per town would be figured by taking the total net

operating cost and dividing it by the number of subsidized students per the ED279 form, then multiplying that amount by the number of subsidized students the town has

Towns have to pay the minimum set forth by the state to receive the subsidy, that minimum plus any local additional needed to meet the RSU budget is what each town will pay.

Ms. Holm also explained a proposed safety net that is accompanying the proposed cost sharing formula

This will take effect for the 2013-14 school year

Mary went over information requested and what we were waiting for and Jeff advised that he believes we received what we were missing today.

RSU Withdrawal Committee (present) state they have no request and are waiting on us

#### Public Comment

Gene Stover – states we should find competent help, we should look at previous budgets, also pointed out that Wiscasset's 35.08% we are currently paying is flawed as it included cost of educating Alna and Westport students, he stated we are a stand alone committee to work on withdrawal, he reports people in the public are upset

Dick Grondin – has three questions 1) When are we to vote? Jason answered that if we meet timelines then we are looking at a January or February election. 2) What did we ask of selectmen? Jeff answered with a committee to look at the future options for education 3) What was meant by comment about capital expenditures mentioned in meeting with Jim Rier? Tim answered that Mr. Rier did not see capital expenditures as a problem

Mary talked about Westport Island sending their students to Wiscasset, and three directions of voting, Jerry Bodner to insure the parents education of students, he reported 51/72 (75%) students go to Wiscasset Schools

Mary reviewed upcoming schedule, no meeting next week, Workshop September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Wiscasset Town Office, Following week for a public forum.

Tim motioned to go to executive session, second by Jeff, passed 4-0

Motion by Jeff, second Tim to hire consultants if they agree to accept, passed 4-0

Motion to adjourn by Mary, second Jeff, 4-0

Adjourned 2018