

2 August 2012

Called to order at 1800

Members – All present

Motion to approve minutes from 7/26/2012 by Jason, Second Jeff, passed 4-0

Mary gave an explanation of the vote

Jeff explained how vacations and other reasons at the RSU have caused a delay in receiving information, Received RSU start up agreement and teacher's contract, Wiscasset's cost are 35.08%, has salaries but not totals

Jeff also has the new email set up and Lisa will print and place emails in Jeff's mailbox

Jason spoke with Deputy Commissioner and future plans do not need to be part of withdrawal agreement and he also doesn't believe the Starks agreement will be helpful for us as it is different circumstances

Jeff spoke with the lawyer, Geoff Hole, and he had stated the town has "put the cart before the horse", willing to meet with us next Thursday, possibly after 1500

Motion to appropriate amount of funds needed to meet with lawyer before we meet with ad hoc committee by Tim, second Jeff, passed 4-0

Mary spoke about meeting with ad hoc committee and what we send them, agreed to send minutes and financial information Jeff has received, Jeff is disappointed with relationship with superintendent's office, they did not have the information requested

Jason stated the disappointment needs to be expressed

Tim said the information should be readily accessible

Jeff had sent an email on July 19th and received a reply on July 20th stating he would have the information requested by the following Monday or Tuesday and it has not been received yet, several attempts to make contact have been unsuccessful

Mary said a meeting with the ad hoc committee has not been scheduled

Mary has put together the binder for the town office so that anyone can see the information we have received, minutes, and any findings we have, also about doing a bulk email to anyone that sends us an email so that the public can be kept up to date, Jason disagreed with the bulk email as people may not want them and will ask if they want to see information, majority of committee felt it would be a good idea, Jeff will take care of the email

Jason reported that future plans are not part of the agreement. Jason and Mary have met with Boothbay, now have a better understanding of an AOS and have open lines of communication with them. Jason and Time will be meeting with AOS 93 tomorrow, Mary mentioned pros and cons of an AOS from a sheet created by WERP and they had listed no cons

Mary brought up recommending a committee from the town to look at future options, Jason agreed to ask town to create a committee, Tim asked if the expectations are for us to continue that work, Mary stated that our job is the withdrawal agreement and we will not be able to do both efficiently

Reviewed the 11 points needed in the agreement and divided them up

Mary mentioned sharing information with other committees, Westport Island Committee meets alternating Mondays and Tuesdays with their next meeting August 6th, Their chairperson was in attendance and he is the point of contact and will talk with Mary as our chairperson

Public comment

- Dick Grondin stated he is bothered by the difficulty in getting numbers and that we should insist on a source, also disappointed that he will not be

getting a plan for the future and that options were expected by the public as they were told that's what they were voting for

- Ed P said thank you, he reported the budget is on the RSU's website but it contains lots of numbers, reaffirmed that the town voted to negotiate a withdrawal, he asked what the proposed committee would do, we responded with having them investigate options whether it be closing schools and/or joining a new district
- Cliff Hendricks asked where the numbers were coming from and if the options would use previous and inside numbers or will another study have to be done
- Ed asked if we will have the cost of the first year and we told him we would

Next meeting is August 16th at 1800 at the Town Office

Meeting adjourned at 1937

Respectfully Submitted,,

Jason Downing