

Voluntary Regional Education District Study Committee
September 7, 2011
Called to order at 6:57pm by Emily Long

APPROVED

Attending:

John Everitt – subcontractor to VSBA; Bruce Parlman – Jamaica; Antje Ruppert - Windham; Joe Winrich – Townshend; Lee Anne Parker – Brookline; Corey Stark, Emily Long, Bucky Pelsue from Newfane, Pam Meihak – Newfane, April Chase(Alternate) – Townshend , Drew Hazelton- Jamaica; John Doty – Windham; Steven John, Superintendent, Community members: Somara Zwick, Brookline, Nancy and Jerry Dike, Windham.

Regarding the motion to send a letter of invitation to Wardsboro, John Everitt has volunteered to get that written and mailed.

7:10 Discussion ensued concerning the viability of establishing a RED.

7:24 Setting Ground Rules:

- Work positively through the process
- Capture pro's and con's
- Maintain open minds and listen
- All ideas are good ideas
- Stay focused on students
- Methodical and deliberate decisions
- Transparency to community and boards

7:34 Revisit purpose and values of RED committee

- Improving learning opportunities and outcomes for students (Ready for next step)
- Efficiencies (purchasing and staffing, operations)
- Retain and sustain strong leadership
- Enhance community support and involvement
- Control destiny
- Finances (sustainability)

7:57 – Timeline for committee work

Studies have been taking about a year. Get copies of the Articles of Agreement from other committees, to help us establish a time line. Look at having Articles ready by winter. Are we obliged to share our studies with the state board of education? If so, when? John Everitt will explore commitment to State Board of Education and get back to us.

There was discussion around positioning ourselves to take advantage of November 2012 opportunity for a vote. Possibly use Town Meeting as a time for presentation of the articles. Concern voiced about deciding on a time to vote on a RED at this early stage.

8:18 Discussion ensued about how to best communicate with our communities.

8:30 Reviewed Articles written by Fairfax and Fletcher districts.

Bucky moved to approve the minutes, Antje seconded. Discussion – change made to reflect accurate start time of 6pm . Approved

Motion to Adjourn Joe Winrich, seconded by Bucky.

Next meeting dates: October 5th, November 2nd , December 14th, January 4th