

## Voluntary Regional Education District Study Committee

Meeting Date: Jan 4, 2012  
Place: Leland & Gray HS

**Draft**

In Attendance:

Committee Members: Bruce Parlman, Drew Hazelton – Jamaica; Antje Ruppert, Beth McDonald , Windham; Joe Winrich David Dezendorf – Townshend; Lee Anne Parker – Brookline; Corey Stark, Emily Long, Bucky Pelsue from Newfane.

Others: John Everitt, subcontractor to VSBA; Steven John, Superintendent.

Members of the public: Nancy and Jerry Dyke.

Emily Long called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Draft minutes of the November 2nd meeting were not available; approval was moved to Feb 1st meeting.

7:10 Discussion and review of the document “Benefit to Students”. This document was written by John Everitt after a meeting in mid-November of all the WCSU principals and administrative staff. This document has been posted on the WCSU RED web site. Emily Long encouraged the study group to review the most recent Strategic Plan when considering a regional program.

8:00 John Everitt led us through enrollment and data projections. Graphs showing the number of school children per school over the years were presented showing a ragged trend downward.

8:10 Financial terms and definitions were reviewed. From there we were led into a review of tax rates, the effect of the Small Schools Grant and the impact Act 153 and a RED would have on tax rates over a 4 year period. John Everitt will report back on whether the reduction in the k12 tax rate information was before or after the CLA.

8:45 Review of the recommendations for amendments to Act 153. A task force of Superintendents, Directors of Special Education and a variety of other school officials and support staff met on November 28, 2011 to review Act 153 in its entirety and develop recommendations for amendments to the law. This meeting was a two day affair and too lengthy to review in this format. Due to time constraints the committee decided to spend our next meeting on 2/1 to discuss these recommendations and their influence on our committee’s objectives.

9:15 Motion to adjourn by David D, and seconded by Drew.

Next meeting dates  
February 1, 7pm L&G  
March 21, 7pm L&G

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Anne Parker