

(DD) Exploratory RSU meeting, July 31, 2007, Holbrook School, Holden

Present:

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Minutes:

In response to the question, "What do we all value in our schools?"

D. Smith, Glenburn: Educationally sound partnership, school choice, keep k-8 school

Al Smith, Union 90: put education first, school is the center of the community and VALUED, commonality with a high school and how to establish a k-12 continuum

Greenbush: School Choice

Milford: We like our small schools, choice, and don't like the idea of having to go hat in hand to a bigger district.

Aurora: We want to keep our k-8 school

D. DeLuca: Airline, Education of children, small schools share common goals, share resources, like mindedness, part of a larger group would give us teacher training and wider choices to offer students

J. Lacerda, Airline, We like out small school and want to keep it as it is the heart of the community. School choice

Y. Mitchell, Bus Mgr Holden and Airline: We need to put students first, and choose the best groups to work with that are the most like us.

L. Regan, Supt MSAD63 and CSD8, Academic programming, capturing the most resources, community schools which people love, local control, local involvement, not a

lot of debt, like representation and population in partners, share resources, teaming is important, collaboration is key, salaries that are relatively consistent

S. Rocha, Dedham: Don't want to lose our school, we have no teacher's union and have good teachers we want to keep

L. Romain, Glenburn: Want percentages in contracts rather than guaranteed numbers

D. Varnum, Holden: I understand there can be local school committees in addition to the regional RSU board???? (There was some discussion on this as some of us had understood we could do this, and others did not hear it)

There was a lot of discussion about contracts with high schools, what kind, how long, percentage or "ironclad"? D. Smith said he would call Augusta and get a clarification on this . He will ask about percentages and what "ironclad" means.

There is a possibility that Otis, Mariaville and SAD 26 will also want to join in our discussions.

One very important questions was voiced. What happens if a high school won't take our kids? (Special education students are of particular concern.)

What is the position of Orrington? Loren Romain volunteered to contact Kyle Cashburn, their board chair, to talk and perhaps invite them to our next meeting.

At the next meeting everyone present is asked to do the following:

1. Bring your top 5 concerns
2. Bring your top 5 positives

Schools present agreed to send financials to Yvonne Mitchell, SAD 63, and she will begin to put together information for all of us to look at. It would appear none of those schools present this evening are carrying much debt which is important to our discussions and concerns.

The next meeting will be held on AUGUST 16, 7pm at the Glenburn Elementary School, Hudson Road. Glenburn. Board chairs, superintendents and any RPC members who wish to may attend.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Sirois