

Regional District 11
Addition/Withdrawal of Grades Committee
Minutes

March 29, 2017
Parish Hill Library
5:30 PM

1. Call to Order 5:31 pm
2. Roll Call

Present Absent

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes -	Sherry Smardon
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes -	Rod Perry
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No -	Jeff Clermont
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes -	John Burnham
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No -	Stephanie Harrington
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No -	Steve Dunn
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes -	Stacy Foster
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes -	Matt Foster
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes -	Jennifer Nelson – Arrived 5:38 pm
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes -	Atty. Matt Venhorst

3. Review of Statutory Charge

Matt Venhorst

One year – Provide report and detail of findings that caused the committee to come to that decision.

What is the plan to implement? We provide a plan for implementation for how to implement the adopted findings if the referendum is affirmed.

Study - Addition of Grades PK-6/Full Regionalization

What happens to the capital structures of the individual towns?

CABE cannot offer legal advice on the A/W or dissolution issues.

4. Approval of minutes

a. March 13, 2017

Moved – Sherry Smardon

2nd – Rod Perry

Aye – Matt Foster, Jennifer Nelson, Sherry Smardon, Rod Perry

Nay – None

Abstain – John Burnham, Stacy Foster

5. Open Discussion with the Region 11 Committee to Study Withdrawal/Dissolution and possible action on the following items:

a. Current Status of Committees

Meet jointly once per month and jointly once per month.

b. Overlapping Criteria and Independent Study

c. 2009 Study information update

d. Addition to Operations Procedures of possible breakout for sub-committee work

e. Discussion of educational options for further research

1. Governance
2. Form Sub-committee on what minimum standards we need to have for bringing in 7-8 to each elementary school.
3. Action items for Full Regionalization

Discussion ensued regarding sub-committee work.

Why did this committee settle on PK-6/Full Regionalization?

Declining population

Withdrawing 7-8 is not a feasible financial option

Failed referendum in 2009

Based on the tri-town survey

Long-term commitment of regionalization vs. Cooperative agreements

Comparison of structures, cost to operate, function/capabilities of the four structures in the district.

Staff

Teachers contracts

Paraprofessional contracts

Administration contracts

Need enrollment to determine needs and potential realignment of grades

Updated demographic study? DPH projections on census data

What does the model/governance/organization structure look like?

Consequences of loss of the individual town Boards

Legal

Superintendent

Principals

Clerical Support Staff

Special Education Director

Financial Support Staff

Office equipment contracts

Consumable procurement

Transportation

Educational supply procurement

Curriculum procurement/Vertical Teaming

Technical Support/IT

(Get each school's budgets to obtain the financial information related to the administration of that building.)

Nurse/Medical Care? RN vs. EMT service?

Food Service

Education

Effect of an educational cohort or lack thereof

Field Trips together for the students from PK-12

Positive effects of combining students early

Positive effect of providing a stable environment

Talk about the positive educational outcomes the Region is providing and how that would potentially increase by vertical teaming and educational alignment from the elementary schools up through the high school

Professional development combined through all schools
Major concerns of the citizens of the area towns have with potential Add PK-6
Implementation plan should include recommendations regarding concerns of the
citizens; such as, closing a school, regional board composition, etc.
Proposed Bill 6788

6. Future meeting time
 - a. 1st meeting of the month Monday; 2nd will alternate Monday/Wednesday
 - b. Monday April 17th @ 5:00 pm
 - c. Monday April 24th @ 5:30 pm Joint with Dissolution
7. Presentations
8. Next Steps
Bring the current and proposed elementary school budgets and the RD 11 budget to the next meeting.
9. Agenda for next meeting
10. Public Participation
11. Adjournment 7:15 pm
Moved – Stacy Foster
2nd – Sherry Smardon
Aye – Matt Foster, Jennifer Nelson, Sherry Smardon, Rod Perry, John Burnham, Stacy Foster
Nay – None
Abstain – None