

Committee to Study Dissolution

Regional School District No. 11

Minutes of the Meeting of September 11, 2017

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m.

Present: Stephanie Harrington, Jennifer Nelson, Steven Kurcinik, Rose Bisson, Nick Brown, Matthew Venhorst

Absent: Cesar Beltran, John Bolduc, Clare D'Appollonio, William Fazioli, Sheree Mailhot

II. Audience for Citizens

No members of the public wished to speak during this portion of the meeting.

III. Discussion of Update of Information from 2009 Study

a. Responses from Area High Schools

Ms. Nelson said that she would put together a list of responses from area high schools.

b. Asset Distribution if RD11 Dissolves

Nick Brown agreed to review Section 8 of the prior Dissolution report and to update this section of the report to be included in this Committee's report.

c. Options for Grades 7 and 8 Students

The Committee discussed the fact that, if the school district is dissolved, grade 7 and 8 students would need to be educated and would not be the responsibility of the local boards of education. This information will be included in the materials that Ms. Nelson prepares.

d. Enrollment Projections

Ms. Bisson indicated that she would collect enrollment information for the Committee's report.

IV. Discussion of Membership Replacement as Result of November Elections

Mr. Brown and Mr. Kurcinik indicated that they were up for reelection.

V. Discussion of Committee Configuration if Add/Withdrawal Referendum Results in District Consolidation

The Committee agreed that work needs to continue on the Dissolution Study regardless of the outcome of the Add/Withdrawal process.

VI. Next Steps

Ms. Nelson reported that she would review the Halloran & Sage Opinion letter included in the prior Dissolution report and contact that law firm to see if the letter remains valid. Ms. Nelson agreed to handle Section 7 of the prior Dissolution report to be updated for inclusion in the Committee's report. Other assignments were as follows: Mr. Kurcinik agreed to handle Sections 2 and 3; Mr. Venhorst agreed to handle Section 5, with Ms. Nelson to provide the names of comparison districts; Mr. Brown to handle Section 8; and Ms. Harrington agreed to take Section 6.

Ms. Nelson reported that Mr. Bolduc would be resigning from the Committee and that Will Hooper would be taking over for him.

The Committee agreed that the next meeting would be held in on September 25, 2017, at 6 p.m., in the usual location.

VII. Adjourn

Mr. Brown moved, and Mr. Venhorst seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.