

Study Committee Regarding the Dissolution of Regional School District #11
Minutes of Meeting
June 12, 2008
Parish Hill Middle/High School
Chaplin, CT.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Stearns called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Committee

Present: Clark Stearns, Melanie Johnston, Gale Lockland, Richard Weingart, Charles Bruckerhoff, Marion Taylor, Dov Kugelmass, Catherine Wade, Ronald Harris, and Douglas Gillette. Absent: Howard Rifkin, State Treasurer's Office

3. Public Participation

No commentary.

4. Written Communications to the Committee

Chairman Stearns read a letter submitted to the RD11 Board of Education requesting information on district finances and the response from Dr. Ken Henrici, RD11 Superintendent, which included documentation to be distributed to committee members.

5. Additions to Agenda

Motion: Melanie Johnston, seconded by Catherine Wade to add Communication under agenda item 10 c. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Gale Lockland, seconded by Richard Weingart, to add Letters to Elementary School Boards under agenda item 10 d. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Secretary's Report:

a. Orders of the Day

Secretary Lockland reviewed agenda items.

b. Review of Minutes 5-22-08

Motion: Doug Gillette, seconded by Melanie Johnston, to approve the minutes of 5/22/08. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Review of Committee Roster

Committee Roster was circulated and checked for accuracy.

d. Appointment of Recording Clerk for Committee

Motion: Gale Lockland, seconded by Catherine Wade, to appoint Dayna McDermott Arriola Recording Clerk at a rate of \$15 per hour. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Treasurer's Report

a. Bonding Status

Treasurer Weingart reported that his bonding coverage is under the Town of Chaplin.

8. Reports of Standing Committees

None.

9. Reports of Select Committees

a. Contact Information for Local Schools

Melanie Johnston reported that contact lists for local schools will be verified and available for the next meeting.

b. ADMs for RD#11 Towns

Ronald Harris provided a record of Average Daily Matriculation for the region's towns from 1976 to present.

10. Unfinished Business

a. Committee Rules of Order

Motion: Richard Weingart, seconded by Doug Gillette, to follow Robert's Rules of Order during committee meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Considerations/Recommendations for Approaches to Study

After discussion on individual committee members' concerns and suggestions on the study, the following initial tasks were identified and assigned:

Capacity, Tuition Rate, and Course of Study of 12 Local Schools
(Gale Lockland and Dov Kugelmass)

Financial Issues: Assets/Liabilities/Obligations (Dick Weingart, Doug Gillette, and Melanie Johnston)

Per Pupil Costs (Melanie Johnston and Marion Taylor)

c. Communication

Clark Stearns and Melanie Johnston will develop a communication plan which will include a website to make the committee's conduct and documentation available to the public.

d. Letters to Elementary Boards of Education

Tabled.

11. New Business

Richard Weingart will check with Town of Chaplin officials on Scotland's suggestion for method of payment for Recording Clerk.

12. Next Meeting Date

Motion: Melanie Johnston, seconded by Richard Weingart, to establish as meeting dates the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Adjournment

Motion: Dov Kugelmass, seconded by Richard Weingart, to adjourn at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully prepared,
Dayna McDermott Arriola
Recording Clerk

Respectfully submitted,
Gale Lockland, PhD
Secretary of the Committee