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**Study Committee Regarding the Dissolution of Regional School District #11  
Minutes of Meeting  
August 14, 2008  
Parish Hill Middle/High School  
Chaplin, CT.**

**1. Call to Order**

**Chairman Stearns called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.**

**2. Roll Call of Committee**

Present: Clark Stearns, Melanie Johnston, Gale Lockland, Richard Weingart, Marion Taylor, Catherine Wade, Ronald Harris, Sally Ireland, Douglas Gillette, and Dov Kugelmass (7:20). Absent: Howard Rifkin.

**3. Public Participation:** no commentary.

**4. Written Communications to the Committee**

Chairman Stearns reported receipt of prepared FAQs for website to be discussed during that portion of the agenda.

**5. Additions to Agenda:** none.

**6. Secretary's Report:**

**a. Orders of the Day**

The agenda had been distributed to those in attendance.

**b. Review of Minutes 7--24-08**

**Motion: Melanie Johnston, seconded by Catherine Wade, to amend the minutes as follows: agenda item 9. b. change "government structure, specifically voting and electoral methods" to "apportionment of the regional school board". Motion carried unanimously, Douglas Gillette abstaining.**

**Motion: Melanie Johnston, seconded by Richard Weingart, to approve the minutes of 7/24/08 as amended. Motion carried unanimously, Douglas Gillette abstaining.**

**7. Treasurer's Report:** none.

**8. Reports of Standing Committees**

**a. Capacity Analysis - Junior High Schools, Tuition Rates, Course Catalogs**

Gale Lockland reported that she continues to receive course catalogs and that Norwich Free Academy's tuition rate for designated sending towns is \$10,465.

**b. Per Pupil Expenditures**

After much discussion, it was agreed that the committee needed to define "per pupil expenditures" and to determine the districts to be used in comparisons. Ron Harris offered the statutory definition of "Regular Program Expenditures" under CGS 10-262.f.(20) and will obtain those figures from the State Department of Education. Richard Weingart will contact the State Department with questions raised during discussion.

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**c. Financial Issues: Assets/Liabilities/Obligations**

Doug Gillette distributed a draft letter to Regional District # 11's superintendent requesting the information needed to determine net assets and obligations.

**Motion: Ron Harris, seconded by Marion Taylor, that committee members review document as provided and email comments. Motion carried unanimously.**

Letter to be approved at the next meeting.

Richard Weingart will check on the recent appraisal of Parish Hill as reported to Chaplin Selectmen by Chaplin Assessors as part of the town's revaluation.

**d. Communication Plan for the Committee**

Melanie Johnston reported that the website is up and running.

**9. Unfinished Business**

**a. Consideration/Recommendations for Approaches to Study**

**Motion: Gale Lockland, seconded by Richard Weingart, to postpone agenda items: FAQs for Website and Consideration/Recommendations for Approaches to Study. Motion carried unanimously.**

**b. Letters to Local Boards of Education**

Draft letter was distributed. The introductory paragraph was reworded by Douglas Gillette. Gale Lockland suggested that "*impact to the facility*" include "*if any*". Catherine Wade requested a statement explaining that dissolution of the district doesn't necessarily mean dissolution of Parish Hill. Dov Kugelmass asked to strike the paragraph "*While these are merely questions...for your town.*"

**Motion: Richard Weingart, seconded by Douglas Gillette, to empower the chairman and vice-chairman to make appropriate changes as suggested, taking into account comments made by committee members, and to send the letter to the local boards.**

**In favor: Clark Stearns, Melanie Johnston, Gale Lockland, Richard Weingart, Marion Taylor, Catherine Wade, Ronald Harris, Sally Ireland, and Douglas Gillette.**

**Opposed: Dov Kugelmass.**

**Motion carried 9-1.**

**10. New Business: none.**

**11. Next Meeting Date**

The committee will meet on August 28, 2008.

**12. Public Participation: no commentary.**

**13. Adjournment**

**Motion: Marion Taylor, seconded by Sally Ireland, to adjourn at 9:22 p.m.**

Respectfully prepared,  
Dayna McDermott Arriola  
Recording Clerk