

## Minutes

### Withdrawal Sub Committee Tasking Meeting

A sub Committee of the SAU-18 Withdrawal Committee met on September 17, 2015, at 6 pm, at the Franklin City Hall to discuss tasking specified in RSA-194C for the Withdrawal Committee. The Sub Committee consisted of Dave Testerman and Leigh Webb. Full committee member Janet Desrochers was also in attendance and participated in the discussion. We reviewed the RSA requirements and determined many are items that will be accomplished as the effort continues and are not appropriate for assignment at this time or for the effort we are undertaking. The following are specific items listed and our determination. The **BOLD** notes are our recommendations.

Per RSA 194C

#### IV. Withdrawal.

*(a) The planning committee shall:*

*(1) **This is N/A for assignment** Study the advisability of the withdrawal of a specific school district from a school administrative unit in accordance with this chapter, its organization, operation and control, and the advisability of constructing, maintaining and operating a school or schools to serve the needs of such school district.*

*(2) **This is N/A for assignment** Estimate the construction and operating costs of operating such school or schools.*

*(3) **(SAU and City Finance Department)** Investigate the methods of financing such school or schools, and any other matters pertaining to the organization and operation of a school administrative unit.*

*(4) Prepare an educational **(Superintendent)** and fiscal analysis **(SAU and City Finance Department)** of the impact of the withdrawing district on any school districts remaining in the school administrative unit and a proposed plan for the disposition of any school administrative unit assets and liabilities.*

*(5) **(Legal Council)** Consult with the department of education regarding any unique issues and resolve such issues in a timely manner and submit a report or reports of its findings and recommendations to the several school districts within the existing school administrative unit.*

*(b) **(Deferred until decision)** If the planning committee recommends the withdrawal from a school administrative unit, it shall prepare a plan for organization or reorganization. The plan shall include providing superintendent services, which meet the requirements set forth in RSA 194-C:4, and a transition plan and timeline, which includes consideration of transition budgets and staffing for the withdrawing district, and is signed by at least a majority of the membership of the planning committee.*

**The remaining items are N/A and this item or deferred until actions above accomplished.**

~~—(c) The planning committee may submit to the board of an existing school administrative unit, a plan for joining the existing school administrative unit. If approved, the plan shall be submitted to the state board of education and the school district voters in accordance with this section.~~

~~—(d) The planning committee shall submit a copy of the proposed plan to the several school districts and shall hold at least one public hearing no less than 14 days prior to submission to the state board. Within 60 days, the state board of education shall review the proposed plan for administrative structure and to determine whether or not the proposed plan complies with the requirements of this section and RSA 194-C:4.~~

~~— (e) If in the opinion of the state board, all requirements have been met, it shall forward the plan to the school district clerk for a vote at a regular or special school district meeting.~~

~~— (f) If the state board of education determines that all requirements have not been properly addressed, the deficiencies shall be noted and the plan shall be promptly returned for revision. When the plan is resubmitted, the state board of education shall promptly return the plan and make a recommendation for or against its adoption based on whether or not the plan complies with the requirements of this section and RSA 194-C:4. This recommendation shall be reported to the legislative body of the school district. The state board shall not have veto power over any plan once it is resubmitted by the planning committee.~~

~~— (g) The state board shall submit the plan for district withdrawal from a school administrative unit to the school board of the withdrawing district for acceptance by the district as provided in subparagraph (h). Upon such submission, the state board shall cause the approved plan to be published once at the expense of the state in media of general availability and usage within the district which proposes to withdraw from a school administrative unit.~~

~~— (h) Upon the receipt of written notice of the state board's recommendation of the plan, the plan shall be submitted for approval by the school district under the procedures outlined in paragraph I of this section. The question shall be in substantially the following form:~~

~~— "Shall the school district accept the provisions of RSA 194-C providing for the withdrawal from a school administrative unit involving school districts of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ etc., in accordance with the provisions of the proposed plan?"~~

~~— Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_~~

~~— (i) If 3/5 of the votes cast on the question in the withdrawing district shall vote in the affirmative, the clerk of that district shall forthwith send to the state board a certified copy of the warrant, certificate of posting, evidence of publication, if required, and minutes of the meeting in the district. If the state board finds that 3/5 of the votes cast in that district meeting have voted in favor of withdrawing from the school administrative unit, it shall issue its certificate to that effect; and such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of the lawful organization and formation of the new, single district school administrative unit as of the date of its issuance.~~

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Sincerely,

Dave Testerman

Chairman