

## Franklin Withdrawal Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

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**Committee Members:** Leigh Webb, Member of the Public, Tamara Feener, School Board, Scott Burns, School Board, Glen Feener, Councilor, David Testerman, Member of the Public, George Dzujna, Councilor, Janet Desrocher, Member of the Public

**Absent:** Scott Burns

**Administration:** Daniel LeGallo - Superintendent, Amanda Bergquist – Business Administrator, Elizabeth Dragon – City Manager, Judi Milner – Finance Director

**Others:** School Board Clerk – Robyn Keane

**Call to Order by David Testerman at 6:08 PM.**

Public Input – NONE

Judi Milner gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Financial Consolidation Recommendation. (PowerPoint attached).

PowerPoint presentation consisted of expected benefits and results. Process to date, current configurations, organization charts, proposed Hill solution and proposed SAU Operation chart, employee logistics, project schedule and preliminary budget savings.

Leigh Webb asked should we take the action on the withdrawal what is the extent of our accountability. This question will need to be answered by the attorney.

Dave asked what happens to the accounts for both city and school. Judi stated accounts will be all together and school will consist of a sub account.

Leigh would like a cost analysis on the MRI piece for Hill. Judi will report back to the committee on this cost.

Dave asked how the Superintendent felt about the consolidation. He stated being separated from Finance, logistically, will not be easy. He likes the idea when he has questions and concerns finance is readily available for him.

Other Information:

- Costs to start a new SAU – possibility that it will only consist of lawyer costs.

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- Tuition agreement; assessment of the SAU is calculated by RSA 194-C:9. Based on ½ of previous year's average membership of attendance and ½ of available present year average membership of attendance equalized evaluation of each district. This is a fixed calculation.
- Weighted Voting. RSA 194-C:8 – In all votes regarding school administrative unit affairs, including the organization of such unit's school board and selection of officers, each district shall be entitled to one vote for each 16 pupils residing in that district and enrolled in schools under the administrative unit. A balance of 8 or more students shall entitle that district to an additional vote. A balance of fewer than 8 students shall no net effect on a district's vote. Enrollments shall be based on the average daily membership (ADM) in residence of each district for the school year which ended in the preceding June. Weighted votes shall only be used upon the demand of a majority of the members of any board present and voting in the school administrative unit. The school board members present at a school administrative unit school board meeting shall be entitled to cast the entire number of votes assigned to their school districts, provided that each representative present shall be entitled to a proportionate share of the total to be cast as provided in RSA 194-C:7.

Dan LeGallo will bring expenses and asset allocation figures to the next withdrawal meeting.

Janet Desrocher suggested putting together two (2) different separation plans for Hill.

Next meeting will be: Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> – FMS Library – 6:00 PM

**MOTION:** David Testerman moved to adjourn at 7:35 PM, seconded by Leigh Webb.