

## 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  
(Note: Due to an error in the notifications process Leigh Webb was not notified and therefore absent for the first meeting of the committee).

**Absent Committee Members:** George Dzujna, Councilor, Janet Desrocher, Member of the Public

**Administration:** Daniel LeGallo - Superintendent, Amanda Bergquist – Business Administrator, Elizabeth Dragon – City Manager, Judi Milner – Finance Director, Jim O’Shaughnessy, School Attorney.

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

### Call to Order by David Testerman at 6:02 PM.

Public Input – Debby Brown, resident of Franklin, and is running for the school board, asked that the agendas have topics; instead of discussions. Feels that timeline is unreasonable and need at least 4 months to gather the information that is needed. She mentioned the City would like to combine the services of the payroll type services which could be a good option. Option 2 is what if Franklin is a single school district and Option 3 what if it’s a joint Hill and Franklin SAU.

### Withdrawal Discussions:

Reviewed some of the questions asked from last weeks committee meeting.

- Withdrawal from Hill makes Franklin a single school district.
- Need to have a new SAU #.
- Only one school board and only one budget.

It was asked of Amanda Bergquist, Business Administrator, to have a cost analysis on how we fund SAU and what the \$93,000 from Hill entails for the next meeting.

It was mentioned that the timeline is incredibly compressed. Glen Feener explained the committee was formed just 6 weeks ago. Attorney O’Shaughnessy explained how the timeline works and recommended changing the timeline. He mentioned the State Board of Education needs 60 days to review the plan and determine if all the requirements have been addressed and make any necessary recommendations. The committee needs to answer all of the State Board of Education requirements efficiently and accurately. Attorney O’Shaughnessy stated part of the withdrawal plan can be the goals to consolidate in a couple of years. He recommended the committee to study the withdrawal plan templates from the Monadnock School District and Middleton School District. It was recommended the Attorney draw up a new timeline and

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submit to the committee and to keep the school attorney informed of progress along with including him in a few meetings.

A new subcommittee was formed. Leigh Webb and David Testerman will be the sub-committee members. Leigh and David will break down the sections needed by State Board of Education, set up tasks and bring back recommendations to the next Withdrawal Plan Committee meeting.

### Information:

- Hill has a 10 year tuition contract with Newfound
- Newfound students are still serviced through the SAU (includes Special Education)
- New Charter school has 3 Franklin students – will there be more
- SAU Audit 2012 almost completed. SAU Audit 2013 has been started.
- Grants are a large piece of the SAU Budget

### Conclusions:

- Develop a new timeline
- Subcommittee to break down sections on withdrawal plan and set up tasks
- Need true asset value of the SAU
- Money figure for Hill when/if Franklin withdraws
- If/when City consolidates with Franklin will keep current SAU employees.

**MOTION:** Glen Feener moved to have the Withdrawal Committee present and propose the withdrawal plan to the City Council by March 1, 2015, seconded by Scott Burns.

Motion Carried – **Unanimous**

The expected withdrawal date will be as of July 1, 2017.

The recently developed subcommittee will meet on Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the City Hall – City Council Chambers.

The next Withdrawal Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at the City Hall.

### Adjournment

**MOTION:** Leigh Webb moved to adjourn at 7:30 PM, seconded by Tamara Feener.

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