

## Franklin Withdrawal Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

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

**Absent Committee Members:** Leigh Webb, Member of the Public

**Administration:** Daniel LeGallo - Superintendent, Amanda Bergquist – Business Administrator

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

**Call to Order by Daniel LeGallo, Superintendent of Schools, at 6:05 PM.**

**Nomination(s) for Chairperson:**

Tam Feener nominated David Testerman for Committee Chair and Scott Burns seconded the nomination.

No more Nominations

Vote for David Testerman for Chairman of the Withdrawal Committee - unanimous.

A discussion was held on withdrawing from the SAU. Once you withdraw from the SAU you will need another SAU #.

Glen Feener mentioned combining the school budget with the City. Financial and administrative services would be combined as well with the City personnel.

*(SAU consists of the following personnel: Superintendent, Business Administrator, Administrative Assistant, Payroll, Accounts Payable, IT Director, Communications Coordinator, and Ancillary Secretary. (HR piece for SAU is shared by Administrative Assistant and Payroll)).*

At this time 24 students from Hill attend the Franklin High School.

Amanda Bergquist, Business Administrator stated Hill pays for SAU Services at \$93,000. Special Education Services at Newfound are paid out of the Hill budget. SAU will lose a portion of indirect costs from Grants and Amanda will bring these figures to the next withdrawal meeting.

**Curriculum:** At one time SAU had three curriculum coordinators for each school. Due to the specific grant closing we are now down to one person for curriculum for all schools. Curriculum Coordinator is paid out of a grant.

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Questions that were asked that will need to be answered before moving forward are:

- Should Franklin withdraw and why?
- Is it financially safe?
- Do you need a SAU or just superintendent services?
- What is it going to cost to withdraw?
- What is the liability to Hill once Franklin withdraws?
- Finance, payroll, accounts payable will be combined with the City. (economically feasible?)
- Accountability for SAU employees. What could be the legal ramifications? How much?
- Where do the SAU employees stand? Do they automatically go with the new SAU?
- What does it cost to start a SAU?
- What kind of breakaway plan for Hill?
- Projections of students.
- Will there be a need for new bylaws?

It was brought up that the school lawyer should be contacted with these questions and agreed to have the school lawyer attend the next committee meeting.

The next Withdrawal Committee meeting will be held Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at the City Hall.

### Adjournment

**MOTION:** Glen Feener moved to adjourn at 7:31 PM, seconded by George Dzujna.