

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

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 6:05 PM.

Public Input – NONE

Dave Testerman asked the committee members for their opinion to continue with Hill School District or look at changing agreement or severing all ties.

Leigh Webb wants more facts. Really would like to have a Hill representative at a meeting. He'd like to know what people really feel about the consolidation.

George Dzujna has heard from certain members of the SAU Board that the lawyer fees will be extremely high for withdrawal. The SAU School Board invited Jim O'Shaughnessy to the last meeting to discuss the consolidation only. Committee needs to find out the costs.

Leigh Webb would like to know what the actual costs will be to withdraw and he suggested drafting a letter to the Hill School Board to invite them to the next committee meeting. Committee would like to get their comments and feelings should the withdrawal go through, what their plans would be, etc.. The Superintendent will draft the letter and send to the committee for their input and then send to the Hill School Board.

Amanda Bergquist has estimated fixed assets at a total of \$35,000 over the past four years for Franklin. Hill's fixed assets should be around \$4,500.

Dave Testerman will start a draft of the plan and will send it to the committee. The idea is to get the plan completed and have the lawyer look at it before it goes to the Department of Education.

Nancy Coffin, Hill School Board Member mentioned that this was the third meeting a representative from Hill has attended. It was mentioned several times at tonight's meeting that Hill did not want anything to do with Franklin. Ms. Coffin stated that at the previous SAU School Board meeting there actually had been specific concerns that had been brought up regarding consolidation from a couple of SAU school board members and not just Hill. Tam Feener stated the SAU Board voted to no longer discuss the Franklin withdrawal plan and no longer discuss the consolidation at their meetings and not to have these items placed on the

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agenda. Nancy mentioned the withdrawal is a Franklin issue, not a SAU School Board issue until such a time the withdrawal is approved. Then it will be a SAU School Board issue.

Public Input: Mr. Desrocher requested the committee start the plan for the withdrawal as soon as possible.

Next meeting will be: Tuesday, January 19th – FMS Library – 6:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.