

## Freedom, Madison, & Tamworth Cooperative School District Planning Committees

### Joint Meeting

Wednesday, September 11, 2013 @ 6 P.M.  
Camp Calumet Conference Center, Freedom, NH

### Minutes

**PRESENT:** Jane Davidson, Michael Douglass, and Karl Ogren of Freedom, Cheryl Littlefield and Ray O'Brien of Madison, Shannon Ames, Lori Palmer, and Jack Waldron of Tamworth, and Superintendent Lou Goscinski.

**ABSENT:** Kiersten Grieb

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by Superintendent Lou Goscinski.

**HISTORY DISCUSSION:** Several members contributed to the story about how we got to this meeting. There have been efforts at establishing a cooperative district here in the past especially around the time the whole valley was addressing the issue of secondary education. These efforts failed generally because of cost and control. Conway built a new school and created a tuition arrangement with all of the sending towns and they voted favorably on that. At an SAU board meeting recently a member suggested we study forming an SAU 13 cooperative district. Tamworth had already voted to do so, but had no one with whom to co-operate. Madison and Freedom then voted to form study committees in 2013. Now all three districts could contemplate forming a cooperative board to study the matter.

**ORGANIZATION:** Lou presided over the following votes to get the group established and organized.

**VOTE:** To Form A Cooperative School District Planning Board. A motion was made by Cheryl and seconded by Jack to for a Cooperative Study Board. A discussion followed about the cumbersome name and developing a clear mission. The motion PASSED 8 in favor and 0 opposed. The name and mission will be discussed at the next meeting.

**VOTE:** To Elect Cooperative School District Planning Board Officers

A) Chairperson: On a motion by Ray and seconded by Karl, Jack was nominate to be Chair until our meeting that occurs after the School District elections. The motion PASSED 8 to 0.

B) Clerk-Treasurer: On a motion by Karl seconded by Jane, Ray was nominated as Clerk. Discussion pointed out that there being no funds at this time, we would need only the services of a clerk for minutes and correspondence. The motion PASSED 8 to 0.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

- Jack pointed out some problems we would have to eventually overcome depending on the direction we want to take: including imbalances across the districts in number of students, assessed valuation, politics, socio-economic situations.

- Karl thought we could look at what we want to be, then determine what obstacles there might be.
- We identified areas of cooperation that we could explore and discuss:
  - Policies
  - Transportation
  - Purchasing
  - Administration functions
  - Collective bargaining/personel
- We wondered how much of this we can do now and how much we can do only with a different organization such as a Cooperative or other configuration.
- At this point none of the participants were thinking about a new high school

**HOMEWORK** for the next meeting:

- Focus on ways we want to cooperate.
- Think of an accurate but more concise name that doesn't require too much memorization.
- Think of a simple mission statement.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, October 21, 5pm, Camp Calumet Conference Center

**ADJOURN:** On a motion by Mike seconded by Karl we unanimously voted in favor of adjourning the meeting at 7:02pm

Ray O'Brien  
Clerk