

Cooperative School District Planning Board Meeting MINUTES
Monday February 24, 2014 at 5PM
Camp Calumet

Present: Madison: Ray O'Brien, Cheryl Littlefield, Tamworth: Lori Palmer, Shannon Ames, Jack Waldron

Absent: Karl Ogren, Mike Douglas, Jane Davidson, Kiersten Grieb

Public Input: None

Scheduling and Posting of Meetings: We discussed the general principal of when to have meetings, but we did not set a regular date. We set the next meeting on Monday, 3/24/2014, 5pm, Calumet Conference Center.

Survey:

Karl and Lori met regarding the survey to collect feedback from towns and did the heavy lifting by assembling the survey and format. Lori reviewed the questions and will forward an electronic copy of the survey to Jack who will see that it gets to members. We discussed logistics such as how many to print. We decided that Jack should ask SAU office to print some for the Tamworth meeting, print more as needed for Freedom then Madison Town meeting. We should see to it that administrators post link on all relevant town and school websites for the survey. Ray will do Madison, Jack will do Tamworth, Lori will do Freedom. Ray will forward to Cathy Gregg who is the author of the Madison Town column. There should be an announcement and some copies at all town meetings too. Jack, Ray, and Lori will speak to the moderator about where the surveys can be found in the room and on line. The survey could remain active until the end of March so that we can look at the results starting April 1.

Legal Assistance:

Matt Upton has offered pro bono assistance to the committee as a service to the SAU as we explore some of the issues involved. He would like a list of questions from us to review and get back to us. If an actual Coop is formed and more extensive legal work is required, of course that would be billable. We should think of those questions and get them back to Jack.

Two questions on our list are:

- If Coop is formed can the ownership of the buildings revert to the town and get leased by Coop district for the purpose of delivering educational services. If the Coop needs

only two buildings, it would not lease more than that.

- What are the common methods and language for getting out of the relationship? Would it be a sunset clause or an automatic renewal option, or what?

Adjourned at 6:15pm

Thanks again to Calumet Conference Center for their hospitality.

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