

Cooperative School District Planning Board Meeting MINUTES
Monday September 22, 2014 at 5PM
Camp Calumet

Call to Order: 5:04pm by Chair Jack Waldron

Present: Jack Waldron, Karl Ogren, Jane Davidson, Shannon Ames, Cheryl Littlefield, Lori Palmer, Mike Douglas, Ray O'Brien

Absent: Kirsten Greib

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Karl and seconded by Cheryl to approve the agenda. It PASSED unanimously.

Approve Minutes of 6/9/14 meeting: A motion by Cheryl seconded by Lori PASSED unanimously to approve the minutes amended as follows: Line 4 should read: *We are not building a new school.*

Public Input: None

Discussion: We reviewed the idea that Cooperative districts are usually formed when a building project is at stake. We are not in that situation therefore it would not be worth the sacrifice of autonomy to form a cooperative district. However, if one of the schools were closed, or if enrollment becomes drastically reduced, or another sudden change occurred, it might be appropriate to revisit the idea of a cooperative district.

Recommendation: It is the recommendation of this committee that it is not in the interest of Tamworth, Freedom, and Madison to form a Cooperative School District. Much cooperation can occur without forming a cooperative, individual towns would sacrifice autonomy that would be a constant source of friction, and there would be costs to forming such a district. On the plus side, contract negotiations might be less time consuming with a cooperative district.

We looked at these areas for cooperation:

- Transportation
- Technology
- Curriculum and Professional Development
- Food service
- Purchasing

Adjourn: At 5:53pm Lori made a MOTION to adjourn and Jane seconded it. It PASSED unanimously. **Next Meeting:** Monday, October 27, 2014, 5pm, Camp Calumet.

Submitted by Ray O'Brien