

Steps for Raymond to Withdraw from RSU 14

Step	Description	Time	Date	Status
1	Circulate a petition to withdraw from the RSU and gather at least 235 signatures from voters registered in Raymond.	At least 45 days before the Special Town Meeting	6/19/2018	<i>Complete</i>
2a	Selectmen call a Special Town Meeting to vote on whether or not to officially start the withdrawal process.		6/19/2018	<i>Complete</i>
2b	May include absentee ballots, and if so they need to be available 30 days prior to the election.	30 days prior to the vote	7/15/2018	<i>16 Absentees</i>
3a	Town Clerk to post the Notice of Public Hearing.	At least 7 days prior to Public Hearing	7/17/2018 for 7/20/2018 papers	<i>Complete</i>
3b	Hold a Public Hearing regarding the petition at least 10 days prior to a Special Town Meeting (4 below).	At least 10 days prior to Special Town Meeting	7/31/2018	<i>Complete</i>
4	Hold a Special Town Meeting (election) to secret vote (ballot) on whether or not to officially start the withdrawal process. <u>The article would need to read:</u> "Do you favor filing a petition for withdrawal with the Board of Education, authorizing the withdrawal committee to expend \$50,000 over 2 years and authorizing the Select Board to issue notes in the name of the Town of Raymond or otherwise pledge the credit of the Town of Raymond in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 over 2 years for this purpose?" Yes No		8/14/2018	<i>178 YES 121 NO 2 Blank 301 Total Voters 7.5% turnout</i>
5	If the vote is favorable, the Town Clerk shall immediately give written notices, by registered mail, to the Secretary (Superintendent) of the RSU and to the Commissioner of Education to include the result of the vote (# Yes and # No votes), and an explanation by the Selectmen stating the reasons why the municipality seeks to withdraw from the RSU.	Selectmen's Meeting after the Election	8/21/2018	<i>Complete</i>

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6	The Commissioner of Education will direct the Selectmen to establish a 4-member Withdrawal Committee to develop a Withdrawal Agreement, 1 from each of the following: 1. Municipal Officers 2. General public 3. Group filing the petition 4. RSU Board	Within 30 days of the receipt of the notice in step 5 is implied	9/28/2018	Complete
6a	Selectmen choose 1 Municipal Officer, 1 member of the General Public, and 1 member of the group filing the petition		10/9/2018	Rolf Olsen, Joe Bruno, Teresa Sadak
6b	RSU Board of Directors choose 1 of the members of the Raymond Directors			Katie Leveille
7	Chair of RSU Board calls a meeting of the Withdrawal Committee and presides as chair until the committee elects their own chair.	Within 30 days of the Notice sent in step 5	10/17/2018	Complete
8	The Raymond Withdrawal Committee (RWC) shall negotiate the Withdrawal Agreement with the RSU Board and submit the Withdrawal Agreement to the Commissioner of Education.	Within 90 days after the committee is formed	12/27/2018	Extension Requested 11/29/2018
	New Deadline		3/27/2019	
	Initial RWC proposal to RSU		4/8/2019	
	Initial counterproposal from RSU		5/27/19	
	New RWC proposal to RSU		9/9/2019	
	New counterproposal from RSU		9/26/2019	
	Additional changes to counterproposal from RSU		10/4/2019	
	New RWC proposal to RSU		1/20/2020	
	Meeting between RWC and RSU to discuss Withdrawal Agreement		2/11/2020	
	New counterproposal from RSU		3/18/2020	
	Clarification requested from RSU		4/29/2020	
	New RWC proposal to RSU		6/5/2020	
	Notice from RSU of vote on Withdrawal Agreement in July		6/23/2020	
	Draft Withdrawal Agreement sent to DOE		6/30/2020	
	Initial feedback from DOE		7/1/2020	
	RSU Board approved Withdrawal Agreement		7/15/2020	
	RWC approved Withdrawal Agreement		7/23/2020	
Sent to DOE		7/24/2020	Complete	

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9	Commissioner shall either give the Withdrawal Agreement conditional approval or recommend changes.	Within 60 days of the receipt of the Withdrawal Agreement	8/14/2020	Complete
11a	RSU Board shall post Public Notice in each municipality of the time/location of the Public Hearing.	At least 10 days prior to Public Hearing	8/25/2020	Complete
11b	RSU Board conduct the Public Hearing.		9/3/2020	
12	Withdrawal Committee shall develop and forward the final Withdrawal Agreement to the Commissioner of Education.	Within 30 days following the Public Hearing	Must be submitted by June 30 th of the year prior to the proposed withdraw date	
13	If changes are recommended – The Commissioner shall send the Withdrawal Agreement back to the Withdrawal Committee, establish maximum time frame, and indicate the steps to be followed by the Withdrawal Committee.	Time set by Commissioner		
14	If approval is given – Commissioner shall set the date for vote. The Commissioner shall attempt to coincide with a statewide election.	Date set by Commissioner		
15	The Commissioner shall give written notice of the date by registered or certified mail to the Town Clerk of Raymond.	At least 35 days prior to the vote	By 9/28/2020	
16a	The Town Clerk shall immediately notify the Selectmen upon receipt of the notice from step 15, and the Selectmen shall meet and immediately issue a warrant for a Special Town Meeting to be held on the date set by the Commissioner.	Day of receipt of Commissioner's written notice		
17a	May include absentee ballots, and if so they need to be available 30 days prior to the election.	30 days prior to the vote	By 10/4/2020	
17b	Town Clerk to post the Notice of Public Hearing.	At least 7 days prior to Public Hearing		

Step	Description	Time	Date	Status
17c	Selectmen hold a Public Hearing on the withdrawal question. <u>The question would need to read:</u> "Do you favor the withdrawal of the Town of Raymond from the regional school unit RSU 14 subject to the terms and conditions of the withdrawal agreement dated (insert date)?" Yes No	At least 10 days prior the Special Town Meeting	By 10/24/2020	
17d	Town Clerk to post the Notice of Election, sample ballots and copies of the Withdrawal Agreement.	At least 7 days prior to the vote	By 10/27/2020	
18	Special Town Meeting vote on Withdrawal Agreement.		Tentatively 11/3/2020	
19	The Town Clerk shall within 24 hours of determination of the results of the vote on the Withdrawal Agreement certify the number of Yes and No votes to the Commissioner.	Within 24 hours of the vote		
20	If the Commissioner finds the official outcome of the vote meets the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A majority of the voters voted "Yes" • The total number of votes cast must equal at least 50% of the votes cast in the last Gubernatorial Election (2,563 votes cast for Governor in 2018, so there needs to be at least 1,282 total votes cast) then the Commissioner shall notify the Selectmen and the RSU Board to begin the steps outlined in the Withdrawal Agreement.			
21	Once the Withdrawal Agreement has been executed the Commissioner must be notified by certified mail.			
22	Once all steps are completed, the Commissioner shall immediately issue a Certificate of Withdrawal to be sent to the RSU Board and a copy to the SOS-Corporate Division.			