

*RSU #14 Withdrawal
Committee
401 Webbs Mills Rd
Raymond ME 04071*

**May 28, 2019
6:00pm
Broadcast Studio
423 Webbs Mills Rd
Minutes**

Members:

- Rolf Olsen, Select Board Rep, Chair
- Teresa Sadak, Proponent Rep
- Katie Leveille, RSU #14 Board of Directors Rep
- Joe Bruno, Citizen Rep

Consultants:

- Dr. Mark Eastman, Retired Superintendent and Educational Consultant
- Dan Stockford, Attorney

1) **Called to order** at 6:00pm by Chair Olsen

2) **Approval of Previous Meeting(s) Minutes**

a) March 5, 2019

Motion to approve as presented by Mrs Sadak. Seconded by Mr Bruno.

Unanimously approved

3) **Work Shop Session**

a) Chair Olsen – The purpose of tonight’s meeting was originally to begin to set up the sub-committees, but there seems to have been a disconnect with people thinking that this was just going to be executive session. I think a lot of people are not here because of that. We need to get rolling. Marshall Bullock is here, and we want him to start working with Mark on the budget side. Marshall did a lot of the work on the finances when we went through this the last time. Also, he is a former teacher. People can apply online.

Mr Bruno – We have the list we came up with. Have we reached out to them?

Chair Olsen – We will reach out to them and see if they have an interest.

Ms Leveille – I will contact the people who has expressed an interest to me.

Mrs Sadak – Great speech at your school board meeting when you gave an update regarding the withdrawal. Really good. The last time the chair would not allow updates of the withdrawal process. This is good as another avenue for communications. It would be good to be able to get the updates out via the school.

Ms Leveille – I can bring it up at the next meeting I attend.

Mr Bruno – Do you think as we change superintendents to Chris Howell that he will be open?

Ms Leveille – I think he is outstanding at communication. He will be great to work with.

Mrs Sadak – The issue is communication and the more ways we can use...

Ms Leveille – We can also use the PTO.

Chair Olsen – We have the Town listserve.

Dr Eastman – Sandy put it out on the school listserve after he told us that it was not appropriate to use the school listserve for this purpose. I thought it was pretty neutral.

Chair Olsen – It wasn't the fact that it was slanted or not slanted. It should be a 2-way street to get information out to people. Both sides should be allowed the same avenue so people can make an informed decision.

Dr Eastman – It might be good to look to the new administration to see if their position will be any different. They suggested using the Town Office sign to get messages out.

Ms Leveille – The sign is where a number of people had confronted me, but I was under the assumption that we were just in executive session today without any sort of agenda. Part of getting the communication out is having an agenda so people will know what you are talking about.

Chair Olsen – Marshall, you and Mark can start working together.

Mrs Sadak – Do we have the descriptions on the website?

Town Clerk Look – I don't have the descriptions. Do we have a list of the sub-committees that you want?

Chair Olsen – I sent that to you back when you asked me what we wanted on there. I will resend that to you.

4) Executive Session

Motion to enter executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405 (6) (E) to confer with the attorney by Mr Bruno. Seconded by Mrs Sadak.

Unanimously approved

Motion to leave executive session as stated above by Mr Bruno. Seconded by Mrs Sadak.

Unanimously approved

Chair Olsen – The next meeting will be an executive session and will be on June 24th at 6pm.

5) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:49pm by Mr Bruno. Seconded by Mrs Sadak.

Unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L Look, Town Clerk