

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

**December 9, 2019  
6:00pm  
Broadcast Studio  
423 Webbs Mills Rd  
Agenda**

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

Sub-committees in attendance:

- Finance – Marshall Bullock, Kevin Oliver

1) **Called to order** at 6:05pm by Chair Olsen

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

a) October 28, 2019

**Motion** to approve as presented by Mr Bruno. Seconded by Ms Leveille.

**Unanimously approved**

3) **Reports from Sub-Committees**

Mr Bullock gave an overview of the figures and the budget assumptions that they are working with to develop a budget for secondary education. For example – that there will be a 4% increase overall in the RSU 14 budget, a 4% increase in the State tuition rate, 17% of the student population will be in Special Ed with a cost of \$10,000 in addition to tuition.

Mr Bullock said that they have looked at the list of programs provided by the Programs Sub-committee and did not see anything that would be removed. There will be additions, security for example. Everything that is in place, stays in place. What we will be looking at is the budget items for the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent offices and other central office items.

There was discussion about getting the PTO involved and possibly asking them to survey the parents pertaining to possible programs and other input. There was also discussion of why we are looking at withdrawing if we are happy with the current programs, how

school choice works, how a new school board will work and make changes. The teacher contracts will be rolled over to Raymond and then the new school board will negotiate as needed. Having a solid school board will be very important if we withdraw.

Chair Olsen – Thank you for all of your good input. We are still in the information gathering stage and welcome all input. Nothing is final until the Town votes, probably in November 2020.

#### 4) Workshop Session

No workshop needed.

#### 5) Executive Session

- a) Executive Session to consult with the Committee's Attorney pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(E)

**Motion** to enter executive session as listed at 7:23pm above by Mr Bruno. Seconded by Mrs Sadak.

**Unanimously approved**

**Motion** to leave executive session at 7:56pm by Mr Bruno. Seconded by Mrs Sadak.

**Unanimously approved**

**Motion** to submit a counter proposal to RSU #14 and that Joe Bruno be someone designated to be a part of the negotiations along with attorney Dan Stockford by Mr Bruno. Seconded by Mrs Sadak.

**Unanimously approved**

#### 6) Adjournment

**Motion** to adjourn at 7:57pm by Mrs Sadak. Seconded by Mr Bruno.

**Unanimously approved**

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Susan L Look, Town Clerk*