

RPC Meeting
Wed., October 3, 2007
Searsport District High School's Cafetorium
6:30 – 9:30 pm

Present: Ruth Holmes, Richard Marsden, Sonja Salvatore, Marsha Anderson, Ed Moran, Barbara Klausmeyer, Ray Hart, Veronica Magnan, Eric Walker, Eric Sanders, Evelyn Adams, Alan Hammond, Harold Grove, Denis Howard, Roger Rowlands, Duffy Woods, Kathy Hoey, Jan Austin, Aaron Fethke, Nedra Bellows, Morris Leathers, Catherine Leathers, Alexa Schweikert, Brain MacFarland, Mary Szwec, Bruce Mailloux, Ray Freve

Absent: Larry Theye, Jean Dube, Debra Riley, Craig Poulin, Joyce Davidson, Sara Bradford

AGENDA:

- Meeting Called to Order - Ray
- Minutes
 - Review/Approval of Wed., Sept. 26's Meeting
 - Decision on Minutes for the future
 - Best way to get them out in a timely manner
- Set Ground Rules
- Sub-committees
 - Role of its members
 - Choose a facilitator and recorder
 - Work session
 - Sub-committees report out to the larger group
 - Their charge for the evening
 - What was accomplished?
 - Any decisions to recommend to the larger group
 - Their needs (information, etc.)
 - Next Steps
- Closing – Ray

Next Meeting:

- Wed., Oct. 10th – Belfast
- Agenda – TBA

Ray convened the meeting at 6:30 pm and welcomed the members back. An attendance sheet was circulated requesting individual's emails so we can guarantee a means to get future minutes and agendas to the members of the RPC. The approval of the Sept. 26th minutes will be done later in the meeting. Mary asked who did not receive minutes and agendas for they were faxed to Town Offices for distribution and emailed to those members who gave us an email address.

Ground Rules:

Ray asked for Ground Rules that people needed to have in place in order to do the task at hand. Rules were:

- What happens if there is an impasse – this was left to sub-committee to decide
- Method of Voting – which way consensus or majority - Sub-committee can decide but it was thought that within the sub-committee consensus would be preferred.

- Recorder – Ray asked Mary for her copy of the minutes from the Sept. meeting. We can ask if there is a person who is interested in serving as a recorder from either of the two districts for the future, but Ray asked Mary to continue to do the minutes for tonight’s session.
- Minutes will be emailed, with the exception of Harold Grove who will pick his up at the
- Frankfort Town Office. Here is the list of members with their email addresses:
 - Ruth Holmes: rholmes@msad34.net
 - Richard Marsden: richardmarsden@hughes.net
 - Sonja Salvatore: sheartalent@fairpoint.net
 - Marsha Anderson: metutor@midcoast.com
 - Ed Moran: emoran@prexar.com
 - Barbara Klausmeyer: leftbank@verizon.net
 - Ray Hart: rymndhrt@yahoo.com
 - Veronica Magnan: vgwriter@fairpoint.net
 - Eric Walker: belmontwalkers5@aol.com
 - Eric Sanders: eric.sanders@bankofamerica.com
 - Evelyn Adams: fax to Frankfort Town Office at 223-3988, her attention
 - Alan Hammond: mcja2@verizon.net
 - Harold Grove: will pick up at the Frankfort Town Office
 - Denis L. Howard: denislhoward@adelphia.net
 - Roger Rowlands: rogerrow@prexar.com
 - Duffy Woods: dawoods@panax.com
 - Kathy Hoey: townofsearsmont@fairpoint.net
 - Jan Austin: jaustin@msad56.org
 - Aaron Fethke: afethke@yahoo.com
 - Nedra Bellows: nbellows@penobscotmarinemuseum.org
 - Morris Leathers: RCBL18@yahoo.com
 - Catherine Leathers: bobby132@yahoo.com
 - Alexa Schweikert: sunnypt@prexar.com
 - Brian MacFarland: bmadfarland@msad56.org
 - Mary Szwec: mszwec@msad56.org
 - Bruce Mailloux: bmailloux@sad34.net
- Sub-committee assignments were finalized as follows:
 - Areas 1, 2, & 3: Harold Grove, Alan Hammond, Aaron Fethke, Eric Sanders, Ruth Holmes, Morris Leathers, Deb Riley, Alexa Schweikert
 - Areas 4, 5, & 6: Sara Bradford, Ray Hart, Denis Howard, Eric Walker, Roger Rowlands, Ed Moran, Barbara Klausmeyer
 - Areas 7, 8 & 9: Nedra Bellows, Evelyn Adams, Jean Dube, Joyce Davidson, Kathy Hoey, Rick Marsden
 - Areas 11 and 12 : Marsha Anderson, Veronica Magnan, Catherine Leathers, Sonja Salvatore, Jan Austin, Craig Poulin
 - Area 13 – everyone

Sub-committees should complete a section before going on to another section. They should elect a chairperson and a recorder. The plan must be submitted to the Commissioner by December 1st, and then it comes back to the full committee for a vote. If the committee needs information, requests should be made through Ray Freve, not individually to the superintendents. We will provide the information.

- The question was asked: What does one man, one vote mean? Answer: Everyone has to be represented by a formula. We will need information on population, etc. from each town.

The sub-committees then went to work on their tasks and then came back together as a group.

Committee #11: This committee recommended that the RSU go with Option A which would have the total vote of the SAU determine the RSU. Thus, if the Town of Frankfort said no, but SAD 56 says

yes, the RSU would be approved. It was recommended that there be extensive public relations efforts. A motion was made by Ray Hart and seconded by Rick Marsden that the total SAU vote determines the RSU. **VOTE: 23-0-0**

Committee #4: This committee discussed the composition, powers, and duties of any local school committees to be created. There was discussion. There was consensus in the sub-committee that no local school committees be created. A motion was made by Denis Howard and seconded by Rick Marsden that there be no local school committees in the RSU. **VOTE: 23-0-0**

Committee #1: The committee dealt with what SAU's would be part of the new RSU. A motion was made by Harold Grove and seconded by Morris Leathers to have the nine communities in MSAD #34 and MSAD #56 be part of the new RSU. **VOTE: 23-0-0**

The RPC Committee discussed next week's agenda for Wednesday, October 10 at the Belfast Area High School at 6:30 pm. Items will include:

1. Call to order
2. Review the guidelines.
3. Review of minutes
4. Committee requests for data as follows:
 - 1-3 want weighted votes for 15-17 members and a copy of the approval of the Notice of Intent.
 - 7-9 want all relevant data – Brian MacFarland, Mary and Bruce will get this. This includes contracts, local costs, debts, lists of real property, audit reports, service agreements, budget reports current budget numbers, the EF M 045, reserve funds, trust funds, Revolving Renovation Fund information, scholarship funds, and enterprise funds (hot lunch).
5. Printed ground rules – Ray Freve
6. Sub-committee work session.
7. Full Committee report out.