

RPC Meeting  
Wed., October 10, 2007  
Belfast Area High School  
6:30 – 9:00 pm

Present: Ruth Holmes, Craig Poulin, Sara Bradford, Denise Dakin, Sonja Salvatore, Marsha Anderson, Ed Moran, Barbara Klausmeyer, Ray Hart, 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, , Mary Szwec, Bruce Mailloux, Ray Freve

Absent: Richard Marsden, Veronica Magnan, Brian MacFarland, Larry Theye, Jean Dube, Debra Riley, Joyce Davidson

Ray Freve called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. An additional ground rule is that you need to catch yourself up if you are absent for a meeting. Also, you are allowed to ask questions of the superintendents.

The minutes are not to be approved – they are just an account of what happened.

Members of the committee asked various questions, as follows:

- If we are absent, can we discuss and possibly change a decision? No. No changes once a decision is made.
- Who pays Ray? Tri-State Billing pays him with money raised by the legislature.
- Who pays Drummond Woodsum for the workshop? The state pays them.
- The Commissioner is responsible for the criteria? The criteria are the 13 items you have.
- Comment: The DOE's plan for us with lip service – 75% is spoon-fed. Ray disagreed. We are responsible for who will make up the Board and how to vote. The state's responsibility is to have school committees and educate our children.
- Why the sham? They truly want you to make the decisions.
- Our Board has a sub-committee investigating Skip Greenlaw's petition to overturn the legislation. He is requesting an individual from each town to collect signatures. Answer from Mr. Freve: I am not going to touch that topic.
- Where is the recorder? Ray said he had a name, but for tonight, Mary will record again.

Sub-committee sessions:

- Can we meet on our own? The meetings have to be in a public place. They need to work together during this time. It is not practical to meet in various places.
- Can we reduce the length of the meetings? Suggested 2 – 2 ½ hours. We will take a break, but after that, no votes will be taken. Perhaps start the next meeting with a report out and a vote from the committee.

Ray passed out a sheet stating the goal of the RPC and factors in achieving the goal, as follows:

GOAL: To develop a reorganization plan. This plan will be submitted to the individual school committees and to the Commissioner of Education for the State of Maine.

FACTORS IN ACHIEVING THE GOAL:

1. Stay on task (goal).
2. Everyone participates, no one dominates.
3. Respect each other's opinions and suggestions toward achieving the goal.
4. Editorializing on the concept and LAW needs to be kept to a bare minimum or not at all.
5. Attendance is important, or inform yourself prior to the next meeting.
6. Decisions in sub-committees will be reached by consensus, or by majority if need be. Once reached, the decision will be respected.
7. Decision in the RPC will be by majority vote. (50% + 1)

**REMEMBER:**

1. The only “dumb” question is the one that is not asked.
2. Deal with issues, not faces.
3. Remember all of this is self-inflicted.

The sub-committees went into their break out sessions in various rooms for their work session.

There was no large group meeting.

The next meeting will be at the Searsport District High School Cafetorium at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, October 17, 2007.

**OCTOBER 17 AGENDA**

Welcome - Ray

Nuts and bolts

10/24 meeting

10/31 meeting

Distribute materials requested

Committee meeting time

Break

Consider any proposals that might be ready

Continued committee work by committee choice

Adjournment