

MEETING WITH TOWN MANAGERS
AND SELECTPEOPLE
ON REORGANIZATION

Thursday, August 23, 2007
5-6:30 pm

PRESENT: Mary Szwec, Anne Crimando, Peter Curley, Aaron Fethke, Sara Bradford, Evelyn Adams, Roland LaReau, Joe Hayes, Tom Fraser, Joe Perry, Dick Desmarais

ABSENT: Allan Gordon, Richard Crossman

The superintendent passed out the evening's agenda and the timeline for reorganization. She introduced herself, and asked everyone to also introduce themselves. Then she reviewed the evening's agenda and explained the process and role of the MSAD #56 Board of Directors up to the time the "Notice of Intent" was sent in to the state.

There was discussion and questions regarding the "Notice of Intent". The superintendent felt if it would help, she would send copies of upcoming minutes to each of the town offices. The question was asked that if the legislature makes a change, can Stockton Springs go with Bucksport, Frankfort with MSAD #22, and Searsport with MSAD #34? Currently the law does not allow this to happen. With new legislation, anything can happen.

The next step is to develop the Reorganization Planning Committee (RPC) whose job would be to develop the governing structure of the new Regional School Unit (RSU). It is similar to forming a new country. What will the governing body be like, its powers, duties, structures, cost-sharing, etc. The superintendent explained the RPC would be comprised of:

- One member from each town's municipal government;
- One Board member from each town, elected by the MSAD #56 Board of Directors;
and
- A credible citizen from each town selected jointly by the town officials and the Board of Directors.

MSAD #34 will also through the same process.

The superintendent shared that each resident of the district should receive the district's newsletter, which explains consolidation and asks if anyone is interested in serving on the RPC. If she receives any names, she will forward them to the town officials.

The superintendent shared that our facilitator is Ray Freve, who is both knowledgeable and very fair.

A question and answer period followed.

- The RPC meetings are opened.
- There was a request that they be televised so all residents could follow the process since they will be voting on reorganization. This would help stop the rumors.

- ❑ Stockton stated the August 23 meeting was an emergency meeting and that they would elect their representative on September 6, 2007.
- ❑ Searsport used tonight as a workshop, and would elect their representative on September 4, 2007.
- ❑ Frankfort sent one representative and they would elect their representative either August 27 or September 10, 2007.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.