



Amity Regional School District No. 5, Woodbridge, CT
Board of Education

Ad Hoc Shared Services Committee Meeting
April 4, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Mr. Christopher Browe, Ms. Paula Cofrancesco, Dr. Jennifer Turner, Ms. Sheila McCreven, and Mr. Steven DeMaio

Committee Members Absent: Ms. Patricia Cardozo

Board Members Also Present: Mr. Thomas Hurley

Also Present: Dr. Charles Dumais (7:47 p.m.) and Margaret Novicki

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Browe called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.
2. **Public Comment:** Margaret Novicki, Orange resident, is interested in efficiencies and ways the towns can save money. She is attending this meeting to listen and hear the Board's ideas.
Mr. DeMaio offered words of appreciation for public interest.
3. **Discussion Relating to Strengths, Centralized Advantages, and Possible Synergies Among the Partner Towns:**

Mr. Browe read the committee charge (attachment A).

Some items of progress:

- IT shared services
- Woodbridge Old Firehouse/Amity Transition program

Mr. DeMaio spoke of curriculum alignment issues between the four districts; gaps in alignment might be a disadvantage to students.

Ms. McCreven described a previous effort in December 2013 (attachment B) and read from that meeting's handout. She also described a state-level initiative she was involved with as CABE representative in 2012 (attachment C).

Mr. Browe described broader next steps the Committee might pursue.

Dr. Dumais described a meeting about three years ago with a representative from CSDE.

Dr. Turner explained the concern she has heard in Bethany that pre-kindergarten through grade 6 Bethany students would be lost if they were the only pre-K through 6th grade students in the Amity District. The sense of the Committee is that all three member town districts should be approached and invited to discussions.

Dr. Dumais described a few other districts exploring similar options: Region 9 has four boards of education with one superintendent, and Region 4 is also exploring options to merge or share services.

Mr. Browe summarized the sense of the Committee that these discussions should continue and options should be further explored by the Committee.

4. **Adjourn:** On a motion to adjourn made by Steve DeMaio, seconded by Paula Cofrancesco, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn its meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila McCreven
Secretary

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