

Transition Committee Meeting

February 21, 2018

Present: Joe, Carrie, Steve, Dan, Al, Regina.

Also Present: Kim, rep from TMS (Andy P)

I. Meeting starts at 12:02pm

II. Motion to approve minutes by Dan, seconded by Regina.

Voted to modify the minutes slightly. First set of comments from Miller about the discussion on the cost of students tuitioning in.

Text to add: In the discussion DiLegio mentioned that the Lanesborough Elementary School Committee had voted in Spring 2017 and made the vote known to the tuitioning towns the costs were going to rise to be in line with average cost. Miller mentioned that while he understands the arguments that can be made for charging either marginal or average cost, by having the tuitioning towns pay significantly less than average cost that means there are less dollars in the district, which impacts the educational opportunities available to all students.

Comments from Carrie to include:

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third line down, change "Paul" to Mr. Sieloff"

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Minutes state

" Past practice has been to make sure there is at least one member from each town with signing authority."

Correction: This is policy

DKA states "All payroll and accounts payable warrants shall be signed by at least three of the members of the Committee and this must include at least one member from eachmember town."

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Minutes state: "The committee expects to vote on School Choice slots by the March 1 meeting at the latest." There was some uncertainty about the deadline. Policy JFBB states

"That by May 1 of every school year, the administration will determine the number of spaces in each school available to choice students.

That by June 1 of every school year, if consideration is being given to withdraw from the provisions of the choice law, a public meeting will be held to review this decision."

Motion passes 7-0

III. Transition Update from Superintendent and Administration, Budget update

Need to coordinate across schools Williamstown Elementary is on a different platform than the other two schools, will take a small financial hit to get to other schools. Lanesborough requires some budget training. Cost for Williamstown is under \$10,000, and no cost for moving out of what we are using but possibly need an archive fee to save data for the state.

Transition committee will recommend to vote to support the administration's recommendation for software.

Discussed moving domain names and emails.

Do we need a district webmaster? Part-time position, doesn't exist now, small increase to a budget (or maybe not as this person would take over some responsibilities handled by existing people).

Food service: two food service directors (one in each town), bring them together and have a director and an assistant director, jumping b/w the three schools, partnering on ordering. Bulk ordering not an option now due to kitchen not being as large, maybe later.

Leases in hands of town managers. Our counsel has weighed in on them, felt acceptable. The Youth Center lease in Williamstown is with the town, not us.

Building use form: want one form for all three schools.

Jumped to budget as Dan needs to leave at 1.

Some costs previously born by schools will now be items in the town lines. Discussed how to explain.

Talked about how to format budget to explain it well.

Steve leaves at 1.30pm.

At 1:52pm AI moved to adjourn, Regina seconded, motion passes 4-0.