

Re-organization Planning Committee
Organizational Meeting
8/15/07

Members in attendance: S. Mack, S. George, D. Wright, F. Raynes, J. Cianchette, S. Shorey, A. Shorey, M. Hodgins, R. Bessey, R. Williams, B. Basford, R. Basford, S. Nolan, F. Anderson, G. Kane, W. Price, R. Downs, M. LaGross, G. Jordan, A. Miller, S. Nevens, D. Chale, and T. Ferland

Item 1. Superintendent Gallagher distributed the attendance sheet from the first meeting and asked that individuals correct any inaccuracies in their email addresses or phone numbers; and for people who had not attended the previous meeting to sign and provide their contact information. He then offered hard copies of any and all previous committee meeting minutes, and/or the list of brainstormed ideas from the first meeting. Additionally he shared that there was information located on a table in the front of the room that was in addition to the summary spreadsheet that was distributed to all individuals as they entered the meeting. The additional information was previously collected to share the mission and vision statements etc. from other potential consolidation districts.

Item 2. Superintendent Gallagher reviewed the data contained on the spreadsheet sharing the information of SAD #59, SAD #48, SAD #38 and SAD #53. Questions were asked and answered and some discussion was created about particular pieces of data.

Item 3. Superintendent Gallagher indicated that the Reorganization Planning Committee (RPC) membership has been determined. The names of the RPC committee include from Burnham: first selectman Stuart Huff, Barbara Basford as community member, Susan Nolan as board member; from Detroit: selectman Ethan Kelley (Ethan will be replaced by Joe Cianchette), community member Carol McCarron, board member Paul Williams; from Pittsfield: town councilor Gary Jordan, community member Mike Hodgins, board member Bob Downs. These individuals will be responsible for the negotiations with other SAU/RPC members.

Item 4. A discussion was held regarding the recommendation by the large group for the MSAD #53 board about the districts with whom letters of intent should be submitted; clearly a letter of intent will be filed to enter into conversations with MSAD #48 and 38 which is a package deal, since both of those districts will be consolidating. After a considerable amount of discussion it was decided to submit another letter of intent including SAD #59, and one that would also include SAD #59 with other school systems in the Somerset County area. Therefore, the Board of Directors at their August 27th meeting will authorize the submission of three letters of intent. There will be a meeting of the RPC in the early part of September to plan for meeting with other districts' RPCs.

Item 5. Superintendent Gallagher indicated that all members who have been in attendance previously and at tonight's meeting will be included in the information as the work of consolidation continues. Additionally, it will be posted on the district's website.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Gallagher