

Subcommittee Meeting/Reorganization
Minutes
8/8/07

Members in attendance: R. Bessey, B. Basford, S. Nolan, P. Williams, R. Downs, and M. Gallagher

Materials that had been requested by the Board subcommittee previously were provided for review of other district's educational mission, vision statements, student handbooks, finances, etc. However, rather than review all the districts that had been previously considered for possible consolidation, it seemed most prudent to only review those districts with whom consolidation might be a possibility. That was narrowed down to SAD #59 and SAD's #48 and #38. After a quick review it was discussed and considered that most likely the Board would wish to opt to send letters of intent for just those two combinations.

We then discussed additional information that Mike will put into a spreadsheet for the August 15th meeting. The data would include the towns in each of the SAD's of 59, 48, 38 and 53, number of board members from each town, students enrolled by each town, number of PK-4 schools, number of teachers in PK-4 grades, student/teacher ratios, classroom student/teacher ratio, number of principals and assistant principals. All of the same data would be collated for the middle school levels (grades 5-8), and for grades 9-12 high schools. Additionally, data will be provided for graduation requirements, graduation rates, percentages of students attending post secondary education, numbers of system administrators, number of ed. Techs., building administrative assistants, the total district budget, percent of state funding by district, per pupil cost at the elementary and secondary level, teachers who hold a masters degree or above, an MEA and SAT results.

The committee then discussed who from each town might make up the new Reorganization Planning Committee (RPC). Bob will appoint the board representatives. Either Barbara or Susan from Burnham, Paul Williams from Detroit, Bob will represent the board as the Pittsfield member. Mike has contacted Town Manager, Kathy Ruth about appointing a town official and possibly a community member. He will contact Joe Cianchette about a Detroit municipal member and a community member. Stuart Huff has indicated his interest in being part of the process as first selectmen of Burnham. Susan and Barbara will discuss with Stuart the selection of a community member.

Mike will prepare the data, hopefully by Friday, August 10, for distribution to the members of the board's subcommittee on re-organization planning.