

**Central Aroostook RPC Meeting
October 30, 2008
6:00 pm
Easton Elementary School Cafeteria**

SAU's Participating: Bridgewater, Easton, MSAD #42, MSAD #45

Members Present:

Bridgewater: Terri Allen; Wayne Bradbury; Duska Kingsbury; Butch Richardson; Ellen Schneider, Asst. Superintendent (Liaison)

Easton: Mike Corey; Dave Hopkins; Norm Trask; Frank Keenan, Superintendent (Liaison)

MSAD #42: Greg Day; Todd Grass; Carolee Hallett; James McClay; Nate Smith; Roger Shaw, Superintendent (Liaison)

MSAD #45: Daren Churchill; Theresa Cochran; Mike McIntosh; Ed Buckley, Superintendent (Liaison)

Non-Members Present: Gerald Clockedile (RPC Facilitator); Fred Boyd, Principal (MSAD #42); Kimberly Hall, Recording Secretary; Tim Levesque, Technology Coordinator

Members Absent: Nina Bradstreet (Bridgewater); Jerry Dow (MSAD #45); Jan Greico (MSAD #45); Tim Humphrey (MSAD #45); Gehrig Johnson, (Bridgewater); Tom Osgood (Easton); Andrea Powers (MSAD #45); Cary Schumacker (MSAD #45)

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm in the Easton Elementary School cafeteria by Co Vice-Chairperson, Mike McIntosh (MSAD #45).
2. Distribution of Draft Documents: The following documents were distributed for review and vote:

Contract/Educational Planning Committee:

Section 7a (a, b & c) – Assignment of School Personnel Contracts, School Collective Bargaining Agreements and Other School Contractual Obligations

Greg Day gave a brief overview and explanation of this document. There were no questions presented and no further discussion.

Section 13a – Plans to re-organize 4 areas of operation (Current Administration, Central Office Staff, Transportation/Maintenance and Special Education.

Greg Day gave an overview of each section of this document. It was determined that changes needed to be made to two of the spreadsheets. These changes would be made and the document redistributed prior to tonight's voting.

Section 13-d -- Tuition Contracts and Choice

Brief description given by Greg Day.

Section 13-f – Vote to submit the Plan to the Commissioner

Brief description given by Greg Day.

Section 13-g – RSU with Less than 2500 Students

Brief description given by Greg Day.

Section 13-h – CTE Regions

Brief description given by Jake Clockedile.

Governance Committee:

Section 9 – Transition Plan and Timetable for the CADS

Previously distributed and approved, this section was amended by the addition of one paragraph which deals with personnel policies during the transition period. This was explained by Jake Clockedile.

Finance Committee:

Section 6 –The disposition of existing school indebtedness and lease-purchase obligations if the parties elect not to use the provisions of the Section 1506 regarding the disposition of debt obligations.

Explanation for each section of this document was given by Jamie McClay.

Section 12 – Estimate of Cost Savings to be Achieved

Draft document submitted by Carolee Hallett with explanation by Frank Keenan, Jake Clockedile and Greg Day in her absence.

Section 13-b – Cost Sharing in the Regional School Unit

Document submitted and explained by Mike Corey.

Section 13-b.1 – Cost-Sharing Formula

Document submitted and explained by Mike Corey.

Section 13-e – Claims and Insurances

Document submitted and explained by Jamie McClay.

Section 14 – Amendment to the RSU Plan

Document submitted and explained by Mike McIntosh.

Community groups separated at 7:00 pm to discuss documents and voting. At 7:30 pm the members of the Finance Committee were requested to join the MSAD #45 delegation for a brief discussion.

Full committee reconvened at 7:45 pm. At this time it was reported that, in the process of reviewing the Section 6 document regarding ‘disposition of existing school indebtedness’, members of the MSAD #45 delegation realized that their district had a significant amount of debt that had not been previously disclosed to the RPC due to the misconception that the debt was state funded and, therefore not considered debt for the RSU’s purpose.

There was significant discussion regarding this debt and whether is should or should not effect the proposed cost-sharing formula. After some time spent in debate it was decided, by consensus, to go ahead and vote on those sections of the plan that would not be affected by this issue. Official voting began at 8:30 pm.

3. Voting:

- a. Motion by Todd Grass (MSAD #42), 2nd by Wayne Bradbury (Bridgewater) to approve the Contract Committee's draft of section 7a.

Voting as follows:

Easton – approved
Bridgewater – approved
MSAD #42 – approved
MSAD #45 – approved

- b. Motion by Greg Day (MSAD #42), 2nd by Jamie McClay (MSAD #42) to approve the Contract Committee's draft of section 7b & 7c.

Voting as follows:

Easton—approved
Bridgewater – approved
MSAD #42 – approved
MSAD #45 – approved

- c. Motion by Wayne Bradbury (Bridgewater), 2nd by Jamie McClay (MSAD #42) to approve the Contract Committee's amended draft of section 13a.

Voting as follows:

Easton – approved
Bridgewater – approved
MSAD #42 – approved
MSAD #45 – approved

- d. Motion by Carolee Hallett (MSAD #42), 2nd by Norm Trask (Easton) to approve the Contract Committee's draft of section 13d.

Voting as follows:

Easton – approved
Bridgewater – approved
MSAD #42 – approved
MSAD #45 – approved

- e. Motion by Carolee Hallett (MSAD #42), 2nd by Greg Day (MSAD #42) to approve the Contract Committee's draft of section 13f.

Voting as follows:

Easton – approved
Bridgewater – approved
MSAD #42 – approved
MSAD #45 – approved

- f. Motion by Todd Grass (MSAD #42), 2nd by Daren Churchill (MSAD #45) to approve the Contract Committee's draft of section 13g.

Voting as follows:

Easton – approved
Bridgewater – approved
MSAD #42 – approved
MSAD #45 – approved

- g. Motion by Todd Grass (MSAD #42), 2nd by Jamie McClay (MSAD #42) to approve the Contract Committee's draft of section 13h.

Voting as follows:

Easton – approved
Bridgewater – approved
MSAD #42 – approved
MSAD #45 – approved

- h. Section 6 from the Finance Committee tabled pending further discussion.

- i. Motion by Greg Day (MSAD #42), 2nd by Norm Trask (Easton) to approve the Finance Committee's draft of section 12.

Voting as follows:

Easton – approved
Bridgewater – approved
MSAD #42 – approved
MSAD #45 – approved

- j. Sections 13b & 13b.1 from the Finance Committee tabled pending further discussion.

- k. Motion by Todd Grass (MSAD #42), 2nd by Jamie McClay to approve the Finance Committee's draft of section 13e with proposed changes.

Voting as follows:

Easton – approved with changes
Bridgewater – approved with changes
MSAD #42 – approved with changes
MSAD #45 – approved with changes

- l. Motion by Terri Allen (Bridgewater), 2nd by Daren Churchill (MSAD #45) to approved the Finance Committee's draft of section 14.

Voting as follows:

Easton – approved
Bridgewater – approved
MSAD #42 – approved
MSAD #45 – approved

- m. Motion by Terri Allen (Bridgewater), 2nd by Greg Day (MSAD #42) to approved the updated version of the Governance Committee's section 9 document adding the paragraph regarding transitional personnel policies.

Voting as follows:

Easton – approved
Bridgewater – approved
MSAD #42 – approved
MSAD #45 – approved

Following voting, there was continued discussion regarding sections 6, 13b & 13b.1. With strong arguments from both sides, it was suggested that the issue be tabled until the Finance Committee can review the situation further. At this point a motion was made by Carolee Hallett, 2nd by Todd Grass to vote on documents for section 6, 13b & 13b.1 as they stand without approving the additional MSAD #45 debt.

Individual delegations gathered to caucus prior to voting on these documents. Committee reconvened at 8:55 pm at which point Carolee Hallett withdrew her motion. A motion was made by Duska Kingsbury (Bridgewater), 2nd by Norm Trask (Easton) to have the Finance Committee reconvene, with the Superintendents, to determine the best way to proceed with the cost sharing issue. Approved unanimously.

Plan for the Finance Committee and Superintendents to meet in Easton at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, November 5 with the remaining committee members to join them at 7:00 pm with the intent to have documents for sections 6, 13b and 13b.1 ready to vote on.

4. Motion by Carolee Hallett (MSAD #42), 2nd by Duska Kingsbury (Bridgewater) to table items 4 through 19 until the next meeting and adjourn at 9:10 pm.
Approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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