

1 Shaker Regional School District
2 FINAL Withdrawal Committee Meeting Minutes
3 Canterbury Meeting House
4 May 9, 2022
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6 IN ATTENDANCE

7 **Committee Members:** Randi Johnson, Committee Chairperson; Eric Johnson, Bob Steenson,
8 Ruth Mooney
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10 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

11 Randi Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.
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13 ORGANIZATION

14 *Establishing Rules of Order* - The group unanimously agreed that going forward they will adopt
15 the following meeting norms:

- 16 • Meetings will be called to order and adjourned
- 17 • All decisions will be subject to vote
- 18 • We will reschedule if we do not have a quorum
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20 *Establishing Meeting Cadence and Location* - The group unanimously agreed that they will meet
21 on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at the Canterbury Meeting House at 5:30 pm. It was
22 noted that the group will not be having a June 13th meeting due to scheduling conflicts.
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24 *Committee Name* - Bob Steenson asked if we could change the name of the committee as this is
25 a study/review and not a definitive withdrawal. The group agreed that they would like to call
26 themselves the School District Review Committee.
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28 *Meeting Minutes* - Randi Johnson will ask the School Board if we can utilize their Secretary
29 going forward.
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31 NEXT STEPS

32 *Soliciting Letters of Interest for other Committee Members* - The group unanimously agreed to
33 solicit community members from both Belmont and Canterbury. We would like to have two
34 members from each town and will solicit letters of interest. We will be looking for members
35 who are not biased and interested in doing the work, not just the outcome. At the May 10th
36 School Board Meeting, Randi Johnson will ask if we can mirror the process of other committees
37 that have done this in the past.
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39 *Review of the RSA and Next Steps* - The group reviewed RSA 195:25 to level set on the timeline
40 of the committee. The group understands that within 180 days of this initial meeting
41 (November 5th) that we must submit our findings to the Department of Education.
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43 Randi Johnson will reach out to the School Board Association and ask their Director and
44 Attorney to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss the process with us.
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46 ACTION ITEMS

47 *Information Gathering Stage* - As the committee is in the information gathering stage, we
48 agreed to the following action items to keep the process moving while we solicit community
49 members and ask the SBA to attend:

- 50 • Obtain copies of recent withdrawal studies that we can review to see what types of
51 information other towns have gathered - Eric Johnson will take this action item.
- 52 • Information Requests to the Shaker Regional School District - Randi Johnson will take
53 these action items:
 - 54 ○ Inquire as to why the 2020 State Ed for Canterbury went down so much.
 - 55 ○ Obtain updated appraisals of the current district assets. Does the district
56 have any long term leases, bonded debt or contract liabilities?
 - 57 ○ Get the number of Canterbury and Belmont students in each of the district
58 schools.
 - 59 ○ Get the number of Canterbury students that are not currently enrolled in the
60 district (This would include home school students that the district tracks as
61 well as students who have switched to private schools that were once part of
62 the district.)
- 63 • Identifying surrounding towns that are accepting tuitioned students - Randi Johnson
64 will take this action item.
- 65 • Reach out to Belmont Town Administrator Alicia Jipson for Belmont's DRA
66 evaluation and Equalized Valuation for the 2021 tax year - Randi Johnson will take
67 this action item.

68 ADJOURNMENT

69 Randi Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:14 pm.
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72 Submitted by,

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74 Randi Johnson

75 Withdrawal Committee Chairperson