

1 Shaker Regional School District
2 FINAL Withdrawal Study Committee Meeting Minutes
3 Canterbury Meeting House
4 May 23, 2022
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6 IN ATTENDANCE

7 **Committee Members:** Randi Johnson, Committee Chairperson; Eric Johnson
8 Bob Steenson (remotely via telephone)
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10 **Excused:** Ruth Mooney
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12 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

13 Randi Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.
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15 MEETING MINUTES

16 Review/Approval of May 9, 2022 public meeting minutes.
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18 ***A motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Bob Steenson to approve the***
19 ***May 9, 2022 Withdrawal Study Committee public meeting minutes with the correction***
20 ***of the spelling of a name. The motion passed by unanimous vote.***
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22 The next meeting of the Withdrawal Study Committee will be June 27, 2022 at the Canterbury
23 Meeting House.
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25 PUBLIC COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE

26 Bob Scarponi, Canterbury resident, stated he was on the 1981 study committee which had a
27 similar focus to the current committee. In the end, the Canterbury chose not to proceed with
28 the withdrawal.
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30 REPORTS AND UPDATES

31 *Soliciting Letters of Interest for other Committee Members* – Randi Johnson explained the
32 process of using community newsletters, newspapers, and school and town email lists, etc. to
33 solicit town residents.
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35 *Committee Name* – Randi Johnson explained the information obtained at the recent school
36 board meeting regarding the committee name. Eric Johnson read the language included in the
37 Town of Canterbury petitioned warrant article requesting the committee. As a result, it was
38 decided to use Withdrawal Study Committee as its official name.
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40 *School Board Association Meeting* – Randi Johnson will provide the association with a few
41 options for dates to attend an upcoming meeting.

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43 *Recent Withdrawal Study Committee Discussion* – The decision was made to table this topic due
44 to Bob Steenson and Ruth Mooney not being present at the meeting to review material
45 gathered.

- 46 • *Charlestown 2019*
- 47 • *Strafford 2021*
- 48 • *Nottingham 2020*

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50 *2020 Canterbury State Ed* – Randi Johnson explained the NH Dept. of Education miscalculated
51 the adequacy amount for 2019. This resulted in a high adequacy payment in 2019, which then
52 caused a lower than anticipated payment in 2020, once the Canterbury student enrollment
53 numbers were corrected.

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55 *District Assets and Liabilities* – Randi Johnson stated there are currently four leases to consider:

- 56 • \$1,340,118 for Energy Upgrades with an annual payment of \$155,902 (ends in 2030)
- 57 • \$23,540 for Chromebook laptops with an annual payment of \$8,487 (ends in 2022)
- 58 • \$85,140 for Chromebook laptops with an annual payment of \$29,424 (ends in 2023)
- 59 • \$130,212 for Copiers with an annual payment of \$27,941 (ends in 2026)

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61 The district has no bonded debt, however does have a long-term contract with First Student
62 (bus company) thru the 2023-2024 school year.

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64 A Fixed Asset Report was included in the informational packet. The net value of assets for the
65 school district as of June 30, 2021 was \$11,492,563.

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67 *Number of Canterbury and Belmont Students in Each School* –

- 68 • Belmont High School 360 total students (50 Canterbury residents)
- 69 • Belmont Middle School 358 total students (55 Canterbury residents)
- 70 • Belmont Elementary School 350 total students (09 Canterbury residents)
- 71 • Canterbury Elementary School 106 total students (98 Canterbury residents)

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73 A total of 212 (18%) students from Canterbury currently attend Shaker Regional School District.

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75 *Canterbury Students Not Attending the District* – There are currently 25 students from
76 Canterbury that are identified as home-schooled. Eric explained how school districts track
77 home-schooled students.

78 *Surrounding Towns Accepting Tuitioned Students* – Randi Johnson contacted several area school
79 districts to solicit information. Eric Johnson will obtain information from the Winnisquam
80 Regional School District. All material gathered will be shared at an upcoming meeting.

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82 *Belmont DRA Evaluation and Equalized Valuation for the 2021 Tax Year* – Details were provided
83 in the informational packet. Bob Steenson will review in more detail upon his return to the
84 area.

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86 NEXT STEPS AND OPEN QUESTIONS

87 Applications of community members wishing to join the Withdrawal Study Committee will be
88 discussed at the next meeting.

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90 Randi Johnson will follow up with the area school districts regarding tuitioning Canterbury
91 students into their respective districts for grades 6-12.

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93 Bob Steenson inquired about what the requirements will be regarding Canterbury having to
94 establish its own SAU. Eric Johnson stated he hopes the School Boards Association will provide
95 some answers and guidance.

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97 Danielle Krautmann (Canterbury resident) asked if there was a way to determine how many
98 Canterbury residents send their children to private school. This topic, and how to possibly
99 obtain more data on Canterbury children not enrolled in SRSD, will be discussed with the NH
100 School Boards Association.

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102 ADJOURNMENT

103 A motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Bob Steenson to adjourn the meeting at
104 6:20pm. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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106 Respectfully Submitted,

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108 Gretta Olson-Wilder

109 School Board Secretary