

1 Shaker Regional School District
2 FINAL Withdrawal Study Committee Meeting Minutes
3 Canterbury Meeting House
4 September 12, 2022
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6 IN ATTENDANCE

7 **Committee Members:** Randi Johnson, Committee Chairperson; Ruth Mooney, Eric Johnson,
8 Alice Todd, Tracey Leclair, Rue Toland
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10 EXCUSED

11 Bob Steenson, Charlie Krautmann
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13 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

14 Randi Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.
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16 MEETING MINUTES

17 Review/Approval of August 22, 2022 public meeting minutes.
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19 ***A motion was made by Ruth Mooney and seconded by Rue Toland to approve the***
20 ***August 22, 2022 Public Withdrawal Study Committee Meeting Minutes as presented.***
21 ***The motion passed by unanimous vote. Alice Todd abstained due to her delayed arrival***
22 ***at the meeting.***
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24 The next meeting of the Withdrawal Study Committee will be September 26, 2022 at the
25 Canterbury Meeting House.
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27 PUBLIC COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE

28 Kent Ruesswick, Town of Canterbury Selectman; and Danielle Krautmann, Canterbury resident;
29 were present.
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31 BUDGET INFORMATION UPDATE – Randi Johnson asked the committee members for
32 questions/feedback regarding the information presented by Superintendent Tursi and Debbie
33 Thompson at the last meeting. Randi stated more information will be forthcoming.
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35 REPORTS AND UPDATES

36 *Capital Improvement Costs* – Randi Johnson requested capital improvement cost information
37 from the SAU. Randi mentioned that she contacted Will Phillips of the NH School Boards
38 Association. Will relayed that he would need approval from the Shaker Regional School Board

39 to assist, as the SRSB is the NHSBA member. Randi will request such permission at the school
40 board meeting scheduled for 9/13/2022.

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42 Ruth Mooney raised the question of who makes an agreement to determine how much
43 Canterbury would have to pay regarding capital improvements to Canterbury Elementary
44 School property since 1971. This is an outstanding question.

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46 *Legal Guidance Update* – Randi Johnson stated that the Shaker Regional School Board denied
47 the Withdrawal Study Committee’s request of funds to consult the district’s lawyer for legal
48 guidance at their last meeting. Several committee members voiced the ongoing need for a
49 consultant to assist with this Withdrawal Study process. Components of the report(s) that are
50 required to be submitted to the Department of Education were discussed. Rue Toland
51 summarized by stating the committee needs the consultant’s guidance as there are probably
52 many questions the committee hasn’t even thought of to ask.

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54 Rue Toland shared her insights on the statutes regarding capital improvements and repayment.
55 Ruth Mooney also raised the concern of liability for committee members as they progress
56 through the process without necessary guidance.

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58 Eric Johnson discussed creating a basic budget with information learned so far, to allow the
59 committee to move forward. Rue Toland asked who would be responsible for costs involved
60 during the planning year if the proposed withdrawal were to move forward.

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62 Randi Johnson will ask the SAU to provide information on the impact to Belmont if Canterbury
63 moves forward with the proposed withdrawal. Eric Johnson and Randi Johnson will provide an
64 update to the school board at their meeting tomorrow night (9/13/2022). Rue Toland asked Eric
65 and Randi to mention NH RSA195:25 and RSA195:29.

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67 Kent Ruesswick, Town of Canterbury Selectmen, read the petitioned warrant article approved
68 at the Canterbury town meeting in March 2022. Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to
69 instruct the school board to form a committee pursuant to NH Rev. Stat. 195:25 to initiate a
70 review of the feasibility and suitability for the Town of Canterbury to explore withdrawing from
71 Shaker Regional School District and pursue agreements with surrounding towns (including
72 Belmont) to provide multiple options for educational, athletic and extracurricular activities for
73 Middle and High School students, Canterbury has a small student population and is surrounded
74 by towns that offer more options to meet our students’ needs within a closer proximity at a
75 potentially lower cost per student. Petitioned Warrant Article.

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77 *Information Gathering Update – Merrimack Valley School District* – Randi Johnson will follow
78 up again with Merrimack Valley.

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80 *Information Consolidation Review - Winnisquam Regional School District*– Information received
81 will be included in the consolidation effort.

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83 NEXT STEPS AND OPEN QUESTIONS

84 Randi Johnson stated that Charlie Krautmann volunteered to start consolidating data collected
85 for the creation of necessary reports.

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87 ADJOURNMENT

88 A motion was made by Rue Toland and seconded by Alice Todd to adjourn the meeting at
89 6:57pm. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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91 Respectfully Submitted,

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93 Gretta Olson-Wilder

94 School Board Secretary