

1 Shaker Regional School District  
2 FINAL Withdrawal Study Committee Meeting Minutes  
3 Canterbury Meeting House  
4 September 26, 2022  
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6 IN ATTENDANCE

7 **Committee Members:** Randi Johnson, Committee Chairperson; Ruth Mooney, Bob Steenson,  
8 Eric Johnson, Charlie Krautmann, Alice Todd, Tracey Leclair, Rue Toland  
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10 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

14 Review/Approval of September 12, 2022 public meeting minutes.  
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16 ***A motion was made by Rue Toland and seconded by Eric Johnson to approve the***  
17 ***September 12, 2022 Withdrawal Study Committee Public Meeting Minutes as***  
18 ***presented. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Charlie Krautmann and Bob***  
19 ***Steenson abstained due to their absence from the meeting.***  
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21 The next meeting of the Withdrawal Study Committee will be October 10, 2022 at the  
22 Canterbury Meeting House.  
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24 PUBLIC COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE

25 None  
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27 BUDGET INFORMATION UPDATE

28 Randi Johnson relayed that the SAU is still gathering information the committee requested. The  
29 Superintendent and Business Administrator may attend a future meeting to present the  
30 information and be available for questions.  
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32 REPORTS AND UPDATES

33 ***Capital Improvement Costs Update***– Randi Johnson provided an update that was also included  
34 in the informational packet. Randi read questions sent to Will Phillips, NHSBA representative,  
35 and his subsequent answers. One such question was his interpretation of payment that may be  
36 required regarding past capital improvements of the Canterbury Elementary School since the  
37 beginning of the cooperative school district. Another was regarding the possibility of the  
38 Withdrawal Study Committee dissolving due to lack of funding and the inability to provide a  
39 comprehensive study. Canterbury residents may decide to petition the town again and attach

40 funding to the warrant article to support hiring a consultant and paying for legal advice. The  
41 issue raised with such funds is whether the town is able to expend them on behalf of the school  
42 district.

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44 *Information Gathering Update -*

45 Impact to Belmont– Randi Johnson shared information received from Superintendent Tursi that  
46 the overall impact to Belmont if Canterbury were to withdraw their students from the district  
47 would be minimal. According to the superintendent, the number of middle school and high  
48 school students per grade level that would be removed would not impact staffing levels. Eric  
49 Johnson and Bob Steenson brought up the point that Belmont would still be responsible for  
50 maintaining staffing levels close to what they currently have, however, would be doing so  
51 without the significant monetary contribution by the Town of Canterbury.

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53 *Information Consolidation* – Randi Johnson and Charlie Krautmann will start crafting all  
54 information gathered thus far for a summary report. Bob Steenson brought up several financial  
55 components to consider.

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57 Eric Johnson requested that a framework providing a basic budget be created to allow for  
58 thoughtful analysis. Discussion ensued on what figures should and shouldn't be considered in a  
59 budget. Randi Johnson mentioned some of the shared services (Director of Special Education,  
60 etc.) to consider if Canterbury Elementary School were on its own.

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62 Voucher programs offered by the State of NH were discussed. Tuitioning students to private  
63 schools was also mentioned. Another idea suggested was for the Town of Canterbury to  
64 provide a tax break for parents that are requesting other options for their children. Bob  
65 Steenson, Canterbury Selectman, stated that would not be allowed under current law.

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67 NEXT STEPS AND OPEN QUESTIONS

68 Randi Johnson will contact the Department of Education for guidance on next steps. If the  
69 Withdrawal Study Committee is not funded adequately to hire a consultant or legal assistance  
70 for guidance throughout this process, members have questions on how to effectively move  
71 forward.

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73 ADJOURNMENT

74 A motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Rue Toland to adjourn the meeting at  
75 6:58pm. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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77 Respectfully Submitted,

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79 Gretta Olson-Wilder

