

WITHDRAWAL STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES- Final
Belmont Mill Building, 4th Floor
June 12th, 2023

IN ATTENDANCE

Committee Members: Randi Johnson, Committee Chairperson, Mark Ekberg, Cheryl Gordon, Travis O'Hara

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Randi Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

MEETING MINUTES

Review/Approval of the May 8th 2023 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Mark Ekberg and seconded by Cheryl Gordon to approve the May 8th, 2023 Withdrawal Study Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Travis O'Hara abstained due to his absence from the meeting.

The next meeting of the Withdrawal Study Committee will be June 26th, 2023 in Canterbury.

REPORTS AND UPDATES

Update on Reach Out to Surrounding Towns - Randi Johnson provided an update on the request to surrounding towns to inquire if they would be willing to accept tuitioned students from Canterbury for grades 6-12 as follows:.

- Belmont - Request was sent to the SAU as part of my bulk information request, I am expecting to start receiving data after the end of the school year.
- Bow - Willing to accept tuitioned students (with the same understanding as last year), Estimated costs for 2023 - 2024 are: Bow Memorial School \$13,884.00 and Bow High School \$18,597.00. Programs of Studies and Extracurricular activities remain the same as last year and expectation was set that they may be updated closer to the start of the school year.
- Concord - Willing to accept tuitioned students, asked additional questions regarding School of Record Status which will impact the Tuition Rates. Mark Ekberg, asked a clarifying question on whether or not it would be a flat fee or if it would increase every year. Randi Johnson stated that it would need to be included in the agreement and that she would expect to see built in increases over time.
- Laconia - Willing to accept tuitioned students, base their rates off of the NHDOE Website for the Cost Per Pupil By District. The Approved Rates (2020 - 2021) are as follows: Middle School \$16,242.00 High School \$18,332.00. Also provided their Programs of Studies, High School Profile, Middle School Handbook and Middle School Athletic Handbook.

- Merrimack Valley - Merrimack Valley did not respond to my request last year. I am going to try again after the end of the school year in the hopes of getting a response.
- Winnisquam Regional - Willing to accept tuitioned students, set expectation that the updated tuition amounts and programs of study will not be ready until mid-June.

Update on Request for Updated Information from the SAU - Randi Johnson provided an update on the request to the SAU for updated information that was provided to last year's committee as well as the additional information that this committee would like to request. The requested information is as follows:

1. Updated Fixed Asset Information
2. Updated number of Canterbury and Belmont Students in each of the district schools
3. Updated number of Canterbury students that are not currently enrolled in the district ex. homeschooled students.
4. Updated information for the estimated budget if possible
5. Updated Capital Improvement Costs to determine what the payback cost would be if Canterbury were to withdraw from the district.
6. Updated Programs of Study for both BHS and BMS
7. Estimated Tuition cost for middle and high school students for enrollment
8. A breakdown of information on Canterbury and Belmont students for the following:
 - a. Standardized Testing Results
 - b. Student Achievement
 - c. Special Needs Population and Cost
 - d. Transportation Costs including cost per mile
 - e. Huot or other technical program outside of the school
 - f. College Prep and AP Classes
9. A breakdown based on school of the following:
 - a. Percentage of Shared Services
 - b. Combined Purchasing
 - c. Offerings

The SAU Office is in the process of pulling this information together for us. I don't expect to start seeing information come in after the end of the school year. Mr. Tursi was able to provide us the following information now though:

Canterbury/Belmont Students Per School as of May 23, 2023

	Belmont Students	Canterbury Students
CES	8	111
BES	329	7
BMS	275	58
BHS	297	48

Total	909	224
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The group discussed potential numbers for the estimated tuition costs and had a brief discussion regarding estimated budget costs from last year. Randi Johnson explained how the estimated budget was created last year and that a request for refreshed numbers was submitted for this year. Randi Johnson stated that she was looking at the Gilmanton Town budget and they have line items for Tuition to Gilford and that we may be able to get some ideas on how a single school budget could potentially look like. The group discussed looking at Alton and other towns that have similar setups.

Randi Johnson stated that last year when the previous committee looked into Canterbury students that were homeschooled and/or attended private schools that they had not considered Charter Schools. The group discussed reaching out to local Charter Schools in Franklin and Pembroke to inquire if there were any Canterbury students attending.

Consultant Information Update - Randi Johnson provided an update on the status of the consultant the committee would like to utilize to complete the study as follows:

Randi has been in contact with Phill McCormack. Phil is happy to assist us with this year's study, he has recently accepted a position on the NH School Board Association's Board of Directors. He notified them that he will be assisting us to ensure that there is no conflict of interest. They both agreed that there was no conflict of interest but wanted to ensure that both the Study Committee and the Shaker Regional School Board were aware of his position. Randi Johnson will notify the School Board at their June 13th Meeting.

NEXT STEPS AND OPEN QUESTIONS

- Randi Johnson to secure meeting locations in Canterbury and Belmont to align with the alternating schedule agreed upon by the committee

ADJOURNMENT

Randi Johnson ended the public portion of the meeting at 7:00 pm accompanied by a motion by Travis O'Hara and seconded by Cheryl Gordon and by unanimous roll call vote to enter into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II.(c).

Respectfully Submitted,

Randi Johnson
Withdrawal Study Committee Chair