

WITHDRAWAL STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Canterbury Town Hall

June 26th, 2023

IN ATTENDANCE

Committee Members: Randi Johnson, Committee Chairperson, Mark Ekberg, Cheryl Gordon, Travis O'Hara, Tracey LeClair, Charlie Krautmann, Sumner Dole, Calvin Todd, Jessica Treadway

Consultant: Phil McCormack

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Randi Johnson called the meeting to order at **6:02** pm.

MEETING MINUTES

Review/Approval of the June 12th 2023 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Travis O'Hara and seconded by Cheryl Gordon to approve the June 12th, 2023 Withdrawal Study Committee Meeting Minutes with the correction of Cheryl Gordon's last name . The motion passed by unanimous vote. Tracey LeClair, Charlie Krautmann, Sumner Dole, Calvin Todd and Jessica Treadway all abstained due to their absence from the meeting.

The next meeting of the Withdrawal Study Committee will be July 10th, 2023 in Canterbury. The group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, alternating between Canterbury and Belmont. Charlie Krautmann noted that Monday October 9th is a holiday, and the group will look into alternate dates if needed as we get closer.

COMMITTEE OVERVIEW & REVIEW OF WITHDRAWAL STUDY PROCESS

- Randi Johnson gave a brief overview of the committee and provided the group with a copy of RSA 195:25 - 195:30. The group discussed the November 1st timeline for the report due date, and how this would be voted on. Travis O'Hara indicated that he saw some bills this year in regards to the RSA and Super Majorities regarding voting districts and will look into if anything has changed.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- The group discussed the change in tone from the Canterbury Town Meeting this year compared to last year and decided that we would like to get a survey out to community members in both towns. Due to the timing and the November deadline, we want to get this out as soon as possible and will focus our next meeting on the survey. Randi Johnson will look into Survey tool options. The group will need to get creative on how to get the survey out to community members. The group agreed to come up with five questions each and send them to Sumner Dole within five days. Some examples of survey questions we discussed are:
 - Why do we want to do this?

- What are the important priorities to you regarding the school district?
- How do you feel about the possibility of changing schools and why?
- What questions, comments and concerns do you want to relay to the study committee?
- The group discussed what other sources of readily available information may be useful to the group. Sumner Dole indicated that he was able to get a copy of the 1993 Study from the SAU. Randi Johnson indicated that she had recently seen a copy of the last Culture Survey and Demographics Study on the SAU Website. Travis O'Hara indicated that we may be able to get a list of NH Scholarship EFA Funding in Canterbury to help identify students outside of the district.

REPORTS AND UPDATES

- Randi Johnson provided an update from Winnisquam since the last meeting. They indicated that without a tuition agreement, they would charge the following:
 - Middle: \$18,615.05
 - High School: \$17,240.42

NEXT STEPS AND OPEN QUESTIONS

- Randi Johnson to get a copy of the 1993 Study from the SAU and send it to committee members
- Randi Johnson to get a copy of the most recent Demographic Study and Culture Index Survey from the SAU Website and send it to the committee members.
- Randi Johnson will ask Superintendent Tursi if the SAU would be willing to send out our Survey on behalf of the Withdrawal Study Committee to all parents at the next school board meeting on June 27th.
- All committee members send five questions for the survey to Sumner within five days.
- Randi Johnson to get historical enrollment data for the district.
- Future Agenda Items:
 - Options other than Withdrawal

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JUNE 12TH NON-PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Travis O'Hara and seconded by Cheryl Gordon to approve the June 12th, 2023 Non-Public Withdrawal Study Committee Meeting Minutes. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Tracey LeClair, Charlie Krautmann, Sumner Dole, Calvin Todd and Jessica Treadway all abstained due to their absence from the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made at 7:55 pm by Sumner Dole and seconded by Travis O'Hara to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randi Johnson
Withdrawal Study Committee Chair