

WITHDRAWAL STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Canterbury Meeting House

August 14th, 2023

IN ATTENDANCE

Committee Members: Randi Johnson, Committee Chairperson, Mark Ekberg, Charlie Krautmann, Sumner Dole, Calvin Todd, Jessica Treadway

Consultant: Phil McCormack

Absent: Tracey LeCLair, Cheryl Gordon and Travis O'Hara

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Randi Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

MEETING MINUTES

Review/Approval of the July 24th 2023 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Sumner Dole and seconded by Mark Ekberg to approve the July 24th, 2023 Withdrawal Study Committee Meeting Minutes. The motion passed by unanimous vote..

The next meeting of the Withdrawal Study Committee will be August 28th, 2023 in Belmont at the Mill Building.

SURVEY

- Distribution - The Survey was sent out to the SAU, both Canterbury and Belmont Facebook Groups, The Canterbury Town Email and the Belmont Newsletter Group and Town Website
- Response Update - We have received 139 responses as of 08/14. 86 from Canterbury and 53 from Belmont. 117 of the respondents have children in the district
- Next Steps - Randi will send out reminders, the survey will remain open until the 21st.

RECEIVING SCHOOL QUESTIONS

- The group reviewed the list of questions that Phil provided based on previous experience and what he has seen within the committee meetings.
- Phil will be reaching out to Belmont, Bow, Concord, Laconia and Winnisquam as well as Hooksett to see how they solved for these things.
- The group has started to develop a list of question that we will need legal guidance on as follows:
 - School of Record definition
 - Where does the state money go? To the receiving school district or the town?
 - Can we legally provide transportation to one school and allow parents to choose to transport kids to another school ?

UPDATES

- Information Gathering Update. Randi received the following information from the SAU Request:
 - There are 20 Home School Students being tracked in the district from Canterbury
 - AP Classes - Offerings: Belmont High School offers 7 Advanced Placement courses: English Literature & Composition, United States History, World History, Calculus AB, Biology, Chemistry, and Studio Art.
 - State Testing Results
 (<https://dashboard.nh.gov/t/DOE/views/iReport/FrontPage?%3Aembed=y&%3Aiid=1&%3AisGuestRedirectFromVizportal=y&%3Atabs=no&%3Atoolbar=no>)
 - BHS (89 % Participation Rate for ELA and Math, 83% for Science)
 - ELA 60 % Proficiency (Target 62.5)
 - Math 33% Proficiency (Target 50.1)
 - Science 49% Proficiency (Top 25% of the State)
 - BMS (98% Participation Rate)
 - ELA 51% Proficiency (Target 62.5)
 - Math 35% Proficiency (Target 50.1)
 - Science 29% Proficiency
 - BES (98% Participation Rate)
 - ELA 35% (Target 62.5) (Lower 25%)
 - Math 39% (Target 50.1)
 - CES (89% Participation Rate for ELA and Math, 100% for Science)
 - ELA 63% (Top 25% of the State)
 - Math 72% (Top 25% of the State)
 - Science 65% (Top 25% of the State)
 - Vocational Technical Program Participation (2022-2023)
 - Shaker Regional School District had 37 students enrolled in Vocational Technical programs during 2022-2023. Of those, 34 attended Huot Center; 2 Attended Concord; and 1 attended the Winnisquam program. Four students were Canterbury students; 2 at Huot; 1 at Concord; and 1 at the Winnisquam program. The cost for those 4 students was \$7,373.86 charged to the 2022-2023 school year. In the event the vocational centers do not receive the full state-share of the vocational tuition the sending districts do get assessed the difference. There will be no way to determine that amount until after the State completes their calculations and final payment.
- Drafting the 2023 Report
 - Randi has started drafting the 2023 report with the information we have gathered already.

COST OF PLAN

- Updated financial information expected mid August.

NEXT STEPS AND OPEN QUESTIONS

- Future Agenda Items:

- Legal Guidance
- Options other than Withdrawal
- Transportation Discussions

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made at 7:28 pm by Sumner Dole and seconded by Mark Ekberg to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randi Johnson
Withdrawal Study Committee Chair