

Committee to Study Dissolution

Regional School District No. 11

Minutes of the Meeting of March 13, 2017

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:42 p.m.

Present: Clare D'Appollonio, John Bolduc, Jennifer Nelson, Steven Kurcinik, Stephanie Harrington, Rose Bisson, Nick Brown, Matthew Venhorst

Absent: Cesar Beltran, William Fazioli, Sheree Mailhot

II. Audience for Citizens

No members of the public wished to speak during this portion of the meeting.

III. Discussion of Overlapping Criteria and Independent Study Items

A general discussion was held regarding the report and the charge of the Committees. A review of the statutory charge of the Committees, as set forth in C.G.S. §§ 10-63c and 10-47b, was conducted, and further discussion ensued. Mr. Foster of the Addition/Withdrawal Committee noted that that Committee has determined that it intends to study the issue of adding the grades of PK-6 to the regional district. A number of legal questions arose including, the status of the collective bargaining agreements in the event the of the dissolution of the board of education; the status of the property of the regional district in the event of dissolution; and whether, and to what extent, either of the study committees can make recommendations that are binding on a regional board of education. Mr. Venhorst noted that it would be advisable for the committees to obtain legal opinions for an attorney or a law firm on legal issues that the Committees are confronting.

IV. Discussion of Update of Information from 2009 Study

This discussion item was tabled.

V. Quality Education Definition Update

This discussion item was tabled.

VI. School Enrollment Data Update

This discussion item was tabled.

VII. Next Steps

This discussion item was tabled.

VIII. Audience for Citizens

Discussion was held regarding the role of the Addition/Withdrawal Committee and the issue of whether the Committee had the authority to add grades PK-6 to the Regional School District.

Mr. Syme, Scotland First Selectman, noted that the Committees faced a number of legal issues and that it would be beneficial for the Committees to hire an attorney or law firm at some point.

IX. Adjourn

Mr. Dunn moved, and Ms. Harrington seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.