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ANSONIA DERBY
TEMPORARY SCHOOL REGIONALIZATION COMMITTEE

Monday, October 22, 2018
Ansonia High School

MINUTES

Co-chair John Izzo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Ansonia members:

John Izzo - Co Chair	present
Steven Adamowski – Treasurer-	excused
Lorie Vaccaro	present
Joseph Jaumann	present
Tracey DeLibero	present

Derby Members:

Jim Gildea - Co Chair	present
George Kurtyka – Secretary	present
Tara Hyder	present
Ronald Luneau, Jr	excused
Barbara DeGennaro	present (arrived at 7:05 p.m.)

Also present

Richard Dunne NVCOG Executive Director, John DiCarlo, NVCOG director of Municipal Shared Services, Dr. Matthew Conway, Derby Superintendent of Schools, and Joseph Raiola, Principal of Basik High School.

Public Portion

Beverly Tidmarsh referenced the agenda and media articles and indicated that she understood that no vote could be taken in executive session. Mr. Izzo was unaware of any such statement but confirmed that no vote would be taken in executive session.

Motion by George Kurtyka and seconded by Lorie Vaccaro. Move to close the public portion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of minutes

Motion by Lorie Vaccaro and seconded by Joseph Jaumann. Move to approve the minutes of September 24, 2018, with correction that Dr. Steven Adamowski arrived at 6:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by James Gildea and seconded by Joseph Jaumann. Move to amend the agenda to add discussion of the NVCOG process for consultant selection. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Dunne stated that the Study Committee has followed up on the RFQ. Submissions have been reviewed and candidates have been interviewed. There have been deliberations and the applicants have been scored. Presumably, this evening the committee will return from executive session and make a recommendation to the NVCOG to open contract negotiations with the selected candidate. This will start the 60-day time period to complete the selection process. Should the NVCOG fail to enter into a satisfactory agreement with the top-rated consultant within the 60-day period, it will enter into negotiation with the second-rated consultant, with a new 60-day time period. Mr. Dunne recalled that the co-chairs are authorized to take all action required to carry out the negotiation and he suggested that if there were additional staff needed to take action that they too be authorized. NVCOG has final authority over contract language. All firms will be notified of their status regarding the selection of a consultant. The contract draft document will be provided to the members and their comments will be received.

Executive Session

Motion by James Gildea and seconded by Lorie Vaccaro. Move to enter into executive session for the purposes of discussing consultant selection with Dr. Matthew Conway, Joseph Raiola, Richard Dunne and John DiCarlo invited to attend at 7:12 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting returned to regular session at 7:35 PM.

Motion by James Gildea and seconded by George Kurtyka. Move, that based upon the fact that District Management Group of Boston, MA received the highest rank during the consultant review in response to the RFQ, to recommend to the NVCOG to initiate contract negotiations with District Management Group for consultation services to the TRSSC. Motion passed unanimously.

Point of Good of the Order and Public Portion

Mr. Gildea personally said that working with many boards and commissions through the years that this joint effort between towns is both exciting and satisfying with the members reaching a mutual consensus and he looked forward to the progress that will be made in the upcoming period. Mr. Izzo concurred with Mr. Gildea's sentiments noting that there is two years yet to come.

No one else from the committee or the public came forward.

Motion by James Gildea and seconded by Joseph Jaumann. Move to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted;
Karen Kemmesies