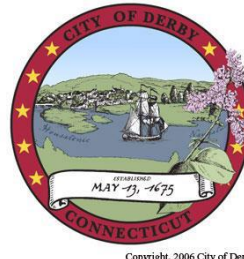


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ANSONIA DERBY TEMPORARY REGIONAL SCHOOL STUDY COMMITTEE

Monday, August 26, 2019
Derby Middle School

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Prior to the roll call, Mr. Gildea welcomed new member from Ansonia – Christopher Phipps

Roll Call

Ansonia members:

Steven Adamowski – Treasurer-	present
Lorie Vaccaro	present
Joseph Jaumann	present
Tracey DeLibero	present
Christopher Phipps	present

Derby Members:

Jim Gildea - Co Chair	present
George Kurtyka – Secretary	present
Tara Hyder	present
Ronald Luneau, Jr	present
Barbara DeGennaro	excused

Also present

Richard Dunne, NVCOG director
Dr. Joseph DiBacco – Ansonia Superintendent of Schools
Robbie Havdala – District Management Group
Simone Carpenter – District Management Group

Public Portion

No one came forward.

Ansonia vacancy

Christopher Phipps was appointed to fill the vacancy created with Co- Chair John Izzo stepping down.

Motion by Lorie Vaccaro and seconded by Tracy DeLibero. Move to nominate Dr. Steven Adamowski as co-chair of the Temporary Regional School Study Committee.

Roll call:

Steven Adamowski – Treasurer-	yes
Lorie Vaccaro	yes
Joseph Jaumann	yes
Tracey DeLibero	yes
Christopher Phipps	abstained
Jim Gildea - Co Chair	no
George Kurtyka – Secretary	no
Tara Hyder	no
Ronald Luneau, Jr	no
Barbara DeGennaro	not present

Motion failed.

It was asked three times if there were any further nominations.

Motion by Lorie Vaccaro and seconded by Ronald Luneau, Jr. Move to table the nomination of a co-chair of the Temporary Regional School Study Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of minutes

Motion by Joseph Jaumann and seconded by Christopher Phipps. Move to table the approval of the minutes of July 22, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Dr. Adamowski reported that the first payment to the consultants totaling \$36,000 was paid two weeks ago. The other invoice paid was for recording services of the secretary.

Motion by George Kurtyka and seconded by Joseph Jaumann. Move to approval the Treasurer's report, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Hyder requested a printout of the report.

Project update with District Management Group (DMG)

DMG PowerPoint presentation dated August 26, 2019 was presented. Mr. Havdala indicated that per the work plan, the process is in Phase 1.4- 1.8 and at this time they are in the process of collecting information to formulate a Task 1 Report on the Regionalization Advisability. He reviewed scenarios for regional configurations ranging from doing nothing to creating a full regional district. There are many configurations that can be discussed dependent on the Committee's considerations. The Task 1 Report will include six main sections – Academics, Finance, Culture, Governance, Enrollment and Facilities.

The DMG report this evening provided assessments and comparisons of the two districts.

Enrollment	Ansonia	Derby
SY 16-17	2,263	1,342
SY 17-18	2,213	1,329
SY 18-19	2,214	1,264

Special Education rates, English Learners and students with free or reduced lunch were similar in both cities. Performance assessments were also very similar. Course offering in each high school differed in that Ansonia High School offers more courses in most departments but Derby High School offers more art, social studies and world language courses as well as more honors classes.

Reviewing the finances of each city, currently Derby spends about \$1,500 more per pupil than Ansonia, most of that additional spending goes to educational programming. For SY 17-18 Ansonia spent \$15,459 per pupil whereas Derby spent \$17,100 per pupil with the CT average being \$16,998. Derby (57%) spends more local dollars than Ansonia (40%), though Ansonia receives more proportionally from the state.

In terms of governance, the last regional district created in the state was done in the 80's. The regional board of education makeup was generally defined per federal law and was weighted by enrollment. Looking at the scenarios it is possible that the committee can specify the recommended membership representation per city.

Members reviewed the many scenarios and the levels regionalization that could be accomplished. They considered how the representation from each city would be applied.

Configuration	Bds of Ed	Board Roles
Status quo – 2 independent districts	2 local	Oversee each city's independent district
2 Independent districts with shared services	2 local	Oversee each city's independent school district and support in shared service agreements and decision making
2 Independent districts with shared central office	2 local	Oversee each city's school district, but hire and share one superintendent and central office
9-12 Regional District	2 local, 1 regional	Local boards oversee each city's local PK-8 district and regional board oversees regional 9-12
6-12 Regional District	2 local, 1 regional	Local boards oversee each city's local PK-5 district and regional board oversees regional 6-12
PK-12 Regional District	1 regional	Oversee PK-12

Point of Good of the Order and Public Portion

Nothing was presented from the public.

The question arose whether the nomination of a Co-chair could be revisited. Members were uncertain. The recording secretary was queried and her recollection of Robert's Rules was that a matter tabled could not be revisited within the same meeting.

Motion by George Kurtyka and seconded by Tracey DeLibero. Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted;
Karen Kemmesies