

NHSAU 29 School Board Meeting
NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT 29
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COMMITTEE: Advisory Committee of the N.H. School Administrative Unit 29 School Board

DATE: January 26, 2009

LOCATION: Conference Room "A", 34 West Street

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

TIME ADJOURNED: 7:49 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

<u>TOWN:</u>	<u>PRESENT:</u>
• Chesterfield	Judy Idelkope
• Harrisville	Jack Calhoun (arrived 7:05 p.m.)
• Keene	Christopher Coates, Chair
• Marlborough	Michael Briggs
• Nelson	Kelly M. French
• Westmoreland	Stuart R. Adams Michael Acerno

OTHERS PRESENT:

- Wayne E. Woolridge, Co-Superintendent
- William B. Gurney, Co-Superintendent
- Paul R. Cooper, Director of Human Resources
- John Harper, Business Administrator
- Brenda Finn, Assistant to the Superintendents

Mr. Coates called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with members representing 6 district boards present.

1. Proposed New SAU 29 Central Office Building:

Mr. Coates stated that the bottom line is that the hope is that a new middle school building is passed by voters. A hot topic for voters is the issue of the Central Office located at 34 West Street. Voters have twice voted to relocate the Central Office from the current 34 West Street location. The hope is to build a new Central Office along with a newly constructed middle school which is planned to be an efficient building complete

with a wood chip plant that will heat the middle school, Jonathan Daniels Elementary, and a new Central Office building.

Mr. Harper mentioned that the Central Office building is a separate building from the middle school and is a separate warrant article. However, both the middle school and Central Office articles would need to pass in order for it to make sense as it would be more economical to construct both buildings at the same time.

In order for any move of the Central Office, 4 of the 7 district boards would need to agree that it is in the best interest of the SAU to terminate the existing 20-year lease. There is language in the lease allowing for this decision to be made.

Discussion ensued as to the potential cost savings associated with a new Central Office building, projected operating costs for a new building, as well as the location of the Central Office.

2. Discussion on Apportionment of Compensation for Co-Superintendents:

Mr. Harper stated that the history of the Co-Superintendent structure is new history – in the last couple of years. In the past the Assistant Superintendents and their secretaries were apportioned 50/50 which encouraged flexibility in the organization.

Ms. Idelkope raised the issue that the new structure of Co-Superintendents is more permanent. Ms. Idelkope cited the fact that the structure in place with the Keene Business Administrator is that the Business Administrator is compensated 30% by the town districts as the position also serves as the SAU Business Administrator.

According to Ms. Idelkope, Mr. Woolridge's position should be shared with Keene. The 50/50 apportionment doesn't seem appropriate any longer.

Discussion ensued regarding the apportionment of the Co-Superintendent's salaries.

Mr. Woolridge stated that the administration can bring forward a recommendation as well as a summary of what is currently happening. The Central Office Leadership Team will look at current roles and responsibilities and will bring forward information to the Advisory Group or at the annual meeting in May.

The group agreed that it would make sense to bring forward to the Advisory Committee before being brought forward to the full SAU board.

Mr. Calhoun moved to adjourn, Mr. Acerno seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Dieter*

APPROVED: 10/26/09