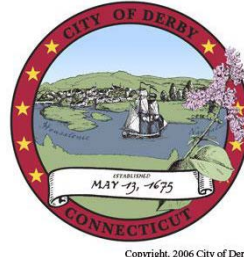


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## ANSONIA DERBY TEMPORARY REGIONAL SCHOOL STUDY COMMITTEE

Monday, December 9, 2019  
Derby Middle School

### MINUTES

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

#### Roll Call

##### Ansonia members:

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

##### Derby Members:

Jim Gildea - Co Chair	present
George Kurtyka – Secretary	present
Tara Hyder	present
Ronald Luneau, Jr	arrived at 7:06 pm
Barbara DeGennaro	arrived at 7:04 pm

#### Public Portion

Carolyn Duhaime of 25 Elm Street, Derby stated that she is a product of Region 16 Beacon Falls/Prospect. There are inherent concerns of the balance of power, the larger municipality having a greater authority. Concern being that the smaller municipality would not have a strong voice in the decision making process once the region is formed. She felt there were some things that people need to understand, and she indicated that she is speaking to provide historical information on the subject rather than presenting a strong position on the subject. Regionalization is easy to do. De-regionalizing requires an act of the State Legislature. Region 16 started basically in 1972 and at that point a new middle school was built. Each of the towns had their own grammar schools and a choice of where to send the high school students. Beacon Falls had the choice of Seymour or Naugatuck and Prospect had the choice of (inaudible) or Waterbury. It was in 2001 that a regional high school was built in Beacon Falls. With populations getting larger the neighborhood grammar school is disappearing and busing of students is a reality. While the larger municipality may benefit with shared services, the smaller municipality should take into consideration not only the financial factors but the impacts on the

students themselves. As a past member of the Derby Board of Apportionment and Taxation she noted that the city tax boards will have to determine budgets based on the needs of the regional school district. She offered to answer any questions members may have from her experiences.

No one else came forward and public portion was closed.

**Motion by Joseph Jaumann and seconded by George Kurtyka. Move to combine agenda items 5 - Review TRSSC timeline and 10 - Set schedule and strategy to discuss consultant's report and to go out of order on the agenda to vote on the minutes and treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### Approval of minutes

**Motion by George Kurtyka and seconded by Joseph Jaumann. Move to approve the minutes of June 24, 2019, as written. Motion carried with Barbara DeGennaro and Christopher Phipps abstaining.**

**Motion by George Kurtyka and seconded by Barbara DeGennaro. Move to approve the minutes of July 22, 2019, as written. Motion carried with Steven Adamowski, Christopher Phipps and Joseph Jaumann abstaining.**

**Motion by Joseph Jaumann and seconded by George Kurtyka. Move to approve the minutes of August 26, 2019, as written. Motion carried with Barbara DeGennaro abstaining.**

#### Treasurer's Report

Dr. Adamowski distributed his report for the past quarter. Members discussed what has been paid to date and what is remaining. An invoice to District Management Group (DMG) for phases 1.4 to 1.8 in the amount of \$23,100.00 was presented and discussed. It was noted that to date \$53,900 has been paid to DMG with their full contract amount being \$137,000. With the payment tonight there will remain \$60,000 for the balance of their services. Members discussed whether payment of this invoice would reflect that the Committee was satisfied that phases 1.4 through 1.8 were now complete. Members felt that there was still information needed within those phases that were requested at the end of the last meeting. A person participated in the discussion that it would appear to be John DiCarlo, NVCOG director of Municipal Shared Services. He reviewed the payments and the terms of the contract.

**Motion by Barbara DeGennaro and seconded by Tara Hyder. Move to table payment of the invoice in the amount of \$23,100 to District Management Group for the purpose of clarification of services that have been accomplished and what remains to be presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### Review Temporary Regional School Study Committee timeline and Set schedule and strategy to discuss consultant's report

Members discussed whether to divide up the sections to sub-committees or handle each section as a whole committee. It was decided to have the whole Committee review each task section by section. The 2019 calendar had the meetings held on the fourth Monday of each month. It was decided to hold two meetings per month; the first Wednesday and the fourth Monday

<b>First Wednesday (unless stated)</b>	<b>Fourth Monday (unless stated)</b>
January 2, 2020 (Thursday)	January 27, 2020
February 5, 2020	February 24, 2020
March 4, 2020	March 23, 2020
April 1, 2020	April 27, 2020
May 6, 2020	May , 2020 (TBD)
June 3, 2020	June 22, 2020
July 1, 2020	July 27, 2020
August 5, 2020	August 24, 2020
September 2, 2020	September 28, 2020
October 7, 2020	October 26, 2020
November 4, 2020	November 23 , 2020
December 2, 2020	December 28 , 2020

Discuss 2020 Annual Meeting schedule

Members were in agreement with the two meeting per month schedule. It was decided to alternate locations per month with one month at the Derby Middle School and one month and the Ansonia High School. Mr. Gildea will prepare the calendar and send it to the members.

It was decided to cancel the December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting and begin the discussions in the new year.

Members felt it would be helpful to have the consultants available in the future meetings. It was unclear how many future visits were included within the contract. The timing of answering questions and attendance of the meetings will be discussed with DMG. Possibly, meetings can be video conference rather than in person.

Mr. DiCarlo noted that letters were sent to the two municipalities requesting that the Committee terms be extended as per the previous meeting motion. It is anticipated that it will be on the agenda in the two communities in January.

Point of Good Order

Mr. Kurtyka felt it important that there are sufficient funds remaining in the grant funding for the completion of the task. Mr. DiCarlo indicated that there appears to be sufficient funds as per the determination of the negotiated contract with the consultant and the anticipated administrative duties before the committee.

Robert Kling of 50 Harold Avenue, Derby wondered about the way the consultants had laid out the facilities. He wondered if the defined uses were set or subject to change. He noted that the Derby High School can not be sold and could possibly be incorporated into the plan with upgrades to the High School as needed for a possible Middle School campus rather than building onto the existing Middle School. There are new beautiful fields and a field house that can be combined for use by both communities. That seemed to make a lot more sense to him. Mr. Gildea noted that the upcoming discussions will include the use of facilities. Members noted

that no decisions have been made and the planned discussions in the upcoming months will be looking at all that he suggested.

**Motion by George Kurtyka and seconded by Barbara DeGennaro. Move to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM. Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted;  
Karen Kemmesies