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ANSONIA DERBY TEMPORARY REGIONAL SCHOOL STUDY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 5, 2020 Ansonia High School

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Ansonia members:

Steven Adamowski – Treasurer- excused Joseph Jaumann present Christopher Phipps present

Rich Bshara arrived at 7:36 pm

Joshua Shuart present

Derby Members:

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

Also Present:

Dr. Matthew Conway – Derby Superintendent of Schools John DiCarlo, NVCOG Director of Municipal Shared Services

Public Portion

No one came forward and public portion was closed.

Approval of minutes

Without objection, the minutes were tabled.

Treasurer's Report

No action.

Review section 2 Academics and Programming, Consultant's Report

Mr. Jaumann reached out to Atty. Matthew E. Venhorst, Esq. from the State of Connecticut Department of Education, Division of Legal and Governmental Affairs for clarification on a number of details pertaining to the regionalization. The State Board seeks a number of details, one being the consultant will layout the a vision of the region's academic curriculum. Further, Mr. DiCarlo indicated that the NVCOG, if directed, would interface with DMG as per the information being referenced by Statute.

Members continued the discussions on the curriculum. Consensus is that DMG, in consultation with the Superintendents should craft a model of the combined curriculum. It was also noted that although discussions have been mostly in regards to High School courses, it was suggested that DMG should be guided to look at the districts as a whole. The elementary schools and Middle School mergers as well as to some degree the athletics should be better explained. Having this broader picture defined would provide for the ability to make a better decision on the direction going forward. It was noted that if the decision is to explore shared services rather than a complete regionalization, then the extent of definition could be less. Having the best possible information will allow to bring forth more thoughtful discussion. Members did stress that if this committee was to create a specific model that it may be too restrictive for the regional board that would be created. Further, to define in detail would not provide for the ability to make changes as the student needs change.

DMG is scheduled to meet with the Committee at the next meeting February 24th.

Motion by Joseph Jaumannand seconded by George Kurtyka. Move to direct the NVCOG to reach out to DMG to provide greater clarity on the programming content as specified per State Statute. Motion passed unanimously.

Point of Good Order and Public Portion

Nothing was presented.

Adjourn

Motion by Joseph Jaumann and seconded by Joshua Shuart. Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted; Karen Kemmesies