

**AOS Meeting Notes
September 22, 2008**

Present: George Stanley, Greg Stanley, Wally Paul, Jennifer Olsen , Bill Hamlin, David Dickey, Tom Malcolm, Mark Marston

Absent: Gary Morin

Also in Attendance: Sara Alberts, Jake Clockedile and Bob Kautz

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 by Bill Hamlin

WHERE ARE WE AT:

For Tuesday Jan 27th Referendum you need to do the following

- a. Friday, Dec 12 to file order for referendum ballot w/ municipal clerks
- b. Nov 14th get Plan to the Commissioner (must be approved before you file w/ the clerk)
- c. Oct 20th get material to attorneys
 - a. Need it back from attorneys the by Oct 27
 - i. Ask attorneys how soon you can have the plans turned around
 - ii. Send in piecemeal to them??

Getting back into RSU 17 at this time

1. You are not in a position to split up now
2. You filed an intent to be an AOS, you are obligated to it
3. If you split the other units in 17 would need to agree to add you at this time:
 - a. All will need to File a notice of intent
 - b. Boards need to meet to vote on adding others
4. Doubtful if DOE will let anyone drop out now as it will leave the others out and there are not the student numbers left to do this.
5. Points of friction: Governance and cost sharing
 - a. What compromises can you live with / Work through the issues
 - b. Keep the AOS as uncomplicated as possible so as not to alienate people. Watch what you place in the core functions at this time. Leave in wording in St John's plan that puts pieces in place later.
 - c. Get people on board and work on over time to make changes.
6. We all wanted an AOS so we could have local control, and this is why we went w/ an AOS with our area. RSU 17 people did not want to do this.
7. What do we need to change: How can we support our schools no matter who we are with.
 - a. Set the *framework* now
 - b. Showing savings: explain what we have done and are willing to consider. Don't need to show \$ savings can do it through wording.
8. What are concerns
 - a. Proportions
 - b. Idea:

- i. Define functions of AOS control /Local boards control develop the language (see the St John Valley wording)
 1. Of AOS controlled functions what is of importance to you and how can it be resolved
 2. What can you compromise
 - ii. Lastly define the apportionment
 9. We need to be advocates of the plan
 10. Bring out the options for the group to vote on

A. Committee Work

B. Report Out

a. **Transition /Property etc**

- i. Discussed information from last week.

b. **Governance**

- i. St John Valley Board orientation and Operating procedures:
 1. Assigns to the AOS board what we assigned them to do
 - a. Board meetings board meetings to alternate
 - b. Business functions: payroll keep books in CO what impact will that have. Or should it be kept in the towns. What is it now and why. How would it affect the municipalities. LOOK AT
 - c. AOS Budgets to be turned in March 1
 - d. Administration of sp ed
 - e. Develop general regional policies
 - f. See page 4-5-6-7
 2. Define consistency : at the AOS board

C. Finance:

- a. Reviewed the cost sharing based on student population and the need to review w/ real numbers
- b. Reviewed what was at the AOS level

D. Other:

- a. Use the St John Valley doc as a template. And pull out the sections of the doc to vote on

E. Set Agenda for Sept 29, @ Schenck HS

- a. Vote on items agreed upon
- b. Committee work
- c. Committee Report out
- d. Set Agenda for the next meeting
- e.

F. Motion To Adjourn 8:52

Greg.

Jennifer

Vote: all

COMMITTEE WORK AREAS OUTLINED

Governance to do sections

- 2 Size composition and apportionment of gov body
- 3 method of voting of gov body
- 4 composition powers and duties of Local school committees
- 11 explanation of how units will proceed if one or more of the members fail to approve the plan

Property Personnel Transition

- 5- Disposition of real and personal school property –
- 6- Disposition of existing school indebtedness and lease purchase obligations the parties elect not to use (section 1506 if you want to pick up any debt)
- 7- Assignment of school personnel contracts School collective bargaining agreements and other school contractual obligations
- 9- Transition plan that addresses development of budget for 1st year of AOS and interim personnel policies
- 13a School Union assets liabilities,
- 13b tuition contracts and scl choice,
- 13c claims and Insurance,
- 13e collective plans for consistent collective bargaining agreements

Finance

- 8 disposition of existing school funds and existing financial obligations (undesignated fund balances etc.
- 12 estimate of cost savings to be achieved and how these savings will be achieved
- ~~–Determine functions in addition to the AOS core functions~~
- Cost sharing
- Subsidy sharing

After 10, 13d