Committee to Study Dissolution

Regional School District No. 11

Minutes of the Meeting of March 13, 2017

## I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:42 p.m.

Present: Clare D'Appollonio, John Bolduc, Jennifer Nelson, Steven Kurcinik, Stephanie Harrington, Rose Bisson, Nick Brown, Matthew Venhorst

Absent: Cesar Beltran, William Fazioli, Sheree Mailhot

## II. Audience for Citizens

No members of the public wished to speak during this portion of the meeting.

## III. Discussion of Overlapping Criteria and Independent Study Items

A general discussion was held regarding the report and the charge of the Committees. A review of the statutory charge of the Committees, as set forth in C.G.S. §§ 10-63c and 10-47b, was conducted, and further discussion ensued. Mr. Foster of the Addition/Withdrawal Committee noted that that Committee has determined that it intends to study the issue of adding the grades of PK-6 to the regional district. A number of legal questions arose including, the status of the collective bargaining agreements in the event the of the dissolution of the board of education; the status of the property of the regional district in the event of dissolution; and whether, and to what extent, either of the study committees can make recommendations that are binding on a regional board of education. Mr. Venhorst noted that it would be advisable for the committees to obtain legal opinions for an attorney or a law firm on legal issues that the Committees are confronting.

## IV. Discussion of Update of Information from 2009 Study

This discussion item was tabled.

## V. Quality Education Definition Update

This discussion item was tabled.

## VI. School Enrollment Data Update

This discussion item was tabled.

## VII. Next Steps

This discussion item was tabled.

## VIII. Audience for Citizens

Discussion was held regarding the role of the Addition/Withdrawal Committee and the issue of whether the Committee had the authority to add grades PK-6 to the Regional School District.

Mr. Syme, Scotland First Selectman, noted that the Committees faced a number of legal issues and that it would be beneficial for the Committees to hire an attorney or law firm at some point.

## IX. Adjourn

Mr. Dunn moved, and Ms. Harrington seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.