Regional District 11
Addition/Withdrawal of Grades Committee
Minutes

March 29, 2017
Parish Hill Library
5:30 PM

1. Call to Order 5:31 pm
2. Roll Call

Present	Absent		
☐	☐	Yes -	Sherry Smardon
☐	☐	Yes -	Rod Perry
☐	☐	No -	Jeff Clermont
☐	☐	Yes -	John Burnham
☐	☐	No -	Stephanie Harrington
☐	☐	No -	Steve Dunn
☐	☐	Yes -	Stacy Foster
☐	☐	Yes -	Matt Foster
☐	☐	Yes -	Jennifer Nelson – Arrived 5:38 pm
☐	☐	Yes -	Atty. Matt Venhorst

3. Review of Statutory Charge
   Matt Venhorst
   One year – Provide report and detail of findings that caused the committee to come to that decision.
   What is the plan to implement? We provide a plan for implementation for how to implement the adopted findings if the referendum is affirmed.
   Study - Addition of Grades PK-6/Full Regionalization
   What happens to the capital structures of the individual towns?
   CABE cannot offer legal advice on the A/W or dissolution issues.
4. Approval of minutes
   a. March 13, 2017
      Moved – Sherry Smardon
      2nd – Rod Perry
      Aye – Matt Foster, Jennifer Nelson, Sherry Smardon, Rod Perry
      Nay – None
      Abstain – John Burnham, Stacy Foster

5. Open Discussion with the Region 11 Committee to Study Withdrawal/Dissolution and possible action on the following items:
   a. Current Status of Committees
      Meet jointly once per month and jointly once per month.
   b. Overlapping Criteria and Independent Study
   c. 2009 Study information update
   d. Addition to Operations Procedures of possible breakout for sub-committee work
   e. Discussion of educational options for further research

1. Governance
2. Form Sub-committee on what minimum standards we need to have for bringing in 7-8 to each elementary school.
3. Action items for Full Regionalization

Discussion ensued regarding sub-committee work.
Why did this committee settle on PK-6/Full Regionalization?

- Declining population
- Withdrawing 7-8 is not a feasible financial option
- Failed referendum in 2009
- Based on the tri-town survey
- Long-term commitment of regionalization vs. Cooperative agreements

Comparison of structures, cost to operate, function/capabilities of the four structures in the district.
Staff

- Teachers contracts
- Paraprofessional contracts
- Administration contracts
- Need enrollment to determine needs and potential realignment of grades
- Updated demographic study? DPH projections on census data

What does the model/governance/organization structure look like?

- Consequences of loss of the individual town Boards
- Legal
- Superintendent
- Principals
- Clerical Support Staff
- Special Education Director
- Financial Support Staff
- Office equipment contracts
- Consumable procurement
- Transportation
- Educational supply procurement
- Curriculum procurement/Vertical Teaming
- Technical Support/IT
- (Get each school's budgets to obtain the financial information related to the administration of that building.)
- Nurse/Medical Care? RN vs. EMT service?
- Food Service

Education

- Effect of an educational cohort or lack thereof
- Field Trips together for the students from PK-12
- Positive effects of combining students early
- Positive effect of providing a stable environment
- Talk about the positive educational outcomes the Region is providing and how that would potentially increase by vertical teaming and educational alignment from the elementary schools up through the high school

Professional development combined through all schools

Major concerns of the citizens of the area towns have with potential Add PK-6

Implementation plan should include recommendations regarding concerns of the citizens; such as, closing a school, regional board composition, etc.

Proposed Bill 6788

6. Future meeting time
    a. 1st meeting of the month Monday; 2nd will alternate Monday/Wednesday
    b. Monday April 17th @ 5:00 pm
    c. Monday April 24th @ 5:30 pm Joint with Dissolution
7. Presentations
8. Next Steps

    Bring the current and proposed elementary school budgets and the RD 11 budget to the next meeting.
9. Agenda for next meeting
10. Public Participation
11. Adjournment 7:15 pm

    Moved – Stacy Foster

    2nd – Sherry Smardon

    Aye – Matt Foster, Jennifer Nelson, Sherry Smardon, Rod Perry, John Burnham, Stacy Foster

    Nay – None

    Abstain – None